

Tuesday 19 November 2024

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**Finance Q&A sessions** Thanks to everyone who attended our first finance Q&A session yesterday afternoon. As well as a presentation from director of finance, Alex Stephen, we covered a range of topics including postage costs, and our role as an anchor organisation and the impact our spending decisions can have. There are two further sessions this week – details below – please email [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot) to request the joining details. If you aren't able to attend, don't worry. All sessions are being recorded and will be shared via the brief.

- Tomorrow (Wednesday) - 10-11am
- Thursday 21 November - 12.30-1.30pm

**Treatment Escalation Plans (TEPs) update** We are making good progress in embedding TEPs for inpatients; currently, around 10% of patients have a TEP recorded on Trakcare, double the rate from last year. We want to encourage everyone to keep building on this. There are lots of tools available to support realistic conversations to inform TEPs:

- A toolkit of resources is available to support TEP implementation. To request access to this, follow [this link](#).
- There is a refreshed Shared Decision-Making module available on Turas here (log-in required): [Shared Decision Making elearning module | Turas | Learn](#). While valuable for TEPs, it offers insights for all patient interactions and wide sharing of this is encouraged.
- We're also piloting simulated conversation training for clinicians. To express interest, please register here: [Shared Decision Making in Treatment Escalation Planning Conversations: Simulation Training](#)

To find out more about this work, please contact Katy Styles [gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot).

**Mental health assessment toolkit – older adults** Attention all wards! Have you ever had an older adult who has become unsettled? Not sure what to do? The older adult liaison psychiatry team have the tool kit for you. The mental health assessment toolkit is a “grab bag” of information to arm you with information to help you deal with a crisis situation on the ward. The toolkit has been developed to support you, whether it be information on approach guidance or contact details for the appropriate team, it is all contained within one document. [You can find this document on Grampian Guidance here](#); physical copies will be provided to all wards in due course. The team are very happy to come and discuss this with you, as needed.

**International fraud awareness week** On day two of this campaign, [the focus is on procurement fraud](#). This can include things like submitting false invoices, or awarding contracts to friends or relatives' businesses. Procurement fraud can do real damage; if 1% of the annual procurement budget is lost to fraud or error that's equal to a **year's** supply of PPE consumables.

**Datix and pressure ulcers – report, reflect, react** It is pressure ulcer awareness week; to ensure all incidents are considered, reviewed, and any lessons learned shared with the wider multidisciplinary team (MDT) we have launched a campaign: Report, Reflect, React.

There are several events taking place this week, all related to pressure ulcer prevention and management and all highlighting the crucial role that Datix has in this process. Datix allows us to improve the care provided, but also strengthen professional relationships between MDT members, and has proven to increase staff satisfaction. [You can see the programme of events here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). You may also be interested in this short video: [Datix and pressure ulcers – report, reflect, react](#)

**Evaluation Clinics** Clinic slots are now available for November and December. These clinics will support you through any aspect of project/service change planning, implementing, writing up or issuing an evaluation. Booking is via this link: [Grampian Evaluation Network- Evaluation Clinic's \(office365.com\)](#). If you have any queries or if the clinic date is not convenient, please contact [CLEask@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:CLEask@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or [niki.couper2@phs.scot](mailto:niki.couper2@phs.scot)

**ICYMI - dementia consultant webinar** A reminder that next Tuesday (26 November) the NHS Scotland dementia consultant group will hold their next webinar. It's on an especially relevant topic for us in Grampian: 'Aberdeen Brain Health Service & Clinic – one year on'. These webinars are aimed at anyone with an interest in dementia care, including dementia ambassadors, champions, and specialist improvement leads. The webinar will take place between 2.30-3.30pm, [you can register using this link](#).

**Tune of the day** Aislinn Low (health records) makes today's request, asking for [One Man Band](#) by Leo Sayer.

I'm throwing in an extra one today, playing [Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy](#) by Elton John for Scotland skipper Andy Robertson. Nothing like leaving it to the last minute, eh? (EP)

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)