

Thursday 20 June 2024

Value and sustainability – ePayslips Following agreement at GAPF earlier on today we will shortly commence a phased roll out of electronic payslips (known as ePayslips) across the organisation, from July. An ePayslip can only be accessed via a networked device; this is a national requirement of the functionality as opposed to an NHS Grampian decision.

Some the benefits of ePayslips for you and for the organisation are:

- Convenience of instant access to your payslip, P60 and P11D (if appropriate) and other information
- Availability - you will always be able to access your payslip
- Ability to save, download and/or email to a personal email account
- Affordability as time taken to physically process, sort and deliver payslips is reduced as well as printing, delivery, and postage costs for the organisation
- Increased safety of personal information
- Environmental and financial benefit to the organisation

The phased roll out will be by staff group with some exclusions applying. If you are already signed up to receive ePayslips, you do not need to take any action. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Datix downtime Please be aware Datix will be unavailable between 10am and 4pm on Tuesday 25 June. This is to allow the second part of a scheduled system update. Any adverse events which take place during this time should be recorded using the form attached to the email used to send this brief and added to Datix as soon as possible when it comes back online.

Long Covid – forthcoming Moray events There are two Long Covid events planned for Moray next month, as follows:

- Scottish Alliance are running a self-management session for staff on Thursday 25 July, 1-4pm, at Dr Gray's. This is aimed at professionals working with people with Long Covid. Places are limited, so please register your interest by emailing gram.adultslongcovid@nhs.scot by 11 July.
- The Long Covid practitioners are hosting a drop-in session on Friday 26 July at the Town Hall in Elgin, from 10.30am -12.30pm. This is open to patients and professionals alike. You will have the opportunity to meet the NHS Grampian team as well as other support services. This will be for adults, children and young people. Register your interest: gram.adultslongcovid@nhs.scot

Blood tests at secondary care hub – action required People are continuing to be referred for blood tests at the secondary care hub without a request on Trakcare, despite previous communication underlining the importance of this. From 1 July, it is the responsibility of clinicians requesting blood tests at the hub to ensure the correct requests are available to staff visible on Trakcare. If the correct request is not available, appointments will be cancelled. Patients will be advised to contact their hospital clinician or speciality to have this arranged and rebook their appointment once this has been done. If support is

required, please contact Andrea Dryburgh, Nurse Manager (andrea.dryburgh@nhs.scot) or Jennifer Fraser, Service Manager (jennifer.fraser2@nhs.scot)

Request for the return of red transport boxes to CDU The Central Decontamination Unit (CDU) at Foresterhill is currently experiencing a shortage of red transport boxes, of all sizes. These boxes are vital for the transportation of medical equipment. Can all areas please locate any that have been mislaid and return them to CDU without delay? Thanks in advance from the team.

Putting People First – testing Community Appointment Days We are having an open session on Teams to share good practice and our ideas for testing community appointment days in Grampian on 24 June, 10-11am. Not sure what a community appointment day is? [This article explains more](#). If you are interested in coming along, email heather.haylett-andrews@nhs.scot to sign up. Can't make the session but want to learn more? Contact Heather at the above address and ask to be added to the Grampian CAD Teams site.

Reminder – next meeting of the Culture Collaborative You are warmly invited to attend the next meeting of the Culture Collaborative, taking place next Thursday (27 June), 10-11.20am. This session will focus on the quality of our listening and provide taster sessions of Spaces for Listening. 'Spaces' is a lightly structured participative process in which everyone has an equal opportunity, in a confidential and voluntary space, to share their thoughts and feelings, and what is going on for them. Anyone working in health and social care can attend the Culture Collaborative. Just contact gram.culturematters@nhs.scot for the link to join this meeting, and to be added to the distribution list.

Realistic medicine – referral decision making The Realistic Medicine Team are commencing a values-based health and care project. Their aim is to explore referral decision making and use this to identify future improvement activity. As part of the project, they are looking to recruit professionals who refer patients to secondary care and/or vet referrals in Secondary Care. More information and a poster to promote the project [can be found on the intranet](#) (networked devices only). If anyone has any questions, please contact gram.realisticmedicine@nhs.scot.

Evaluation Clinics Clinic slots are now available for June and July. If you are planning a service change or project and looking for advice on any aspect of planning, implementing, writing up or issuing an evaluation, these clinics are for you. 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 or niki.couper2@phs.scot

Tune of the day Today's first request comes courtesy of my fellow Bridgerton fan, Helen Buggs, who has asked for Vitamin String Quartet's take on [Cheap Thrills](#) by Sia (I haven't finished Season 3 yet, so no spoilers!)

The Summer Solstice, the point at which the Earth's northern hemisphere is most tilted towards the sun, will take place at 9.51pm this evening. To mark the occasion, here is [Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In](#) by Fifth Dimension (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