

Friday 22 November 2024

Weekend weather warnings At the time of writing, the Met Office has extended Yellow weather warnings into the weekend, across Grampian. These cover the risk posed by snow and ice, and the possibility of high winds courtesy of Storm Bert. There is an Amber warning for snow on Saturday for central Scotland, including Stirling, Perth & Kinross, Angus, and just edging into south Aberdeenshire.

Weather is, of course, changeable, so we'd encourage everyone to stay up to date with the Met Office forecasts and to familiarise themselves with the NHS Scotland [adverse weather arrangements](#). We'd also like to emphasise how grateful we are to the teams in Facilities & Estates who have worked hard to clear snow, grit roads and paths, and generally keep us moving. It is appreciated!

Norovirus vaccine trial Researchers at ARI are recruiting people to take part in a clinical trial to see if an investigational vaccine may be able to protect people 18 years of age or older against the symptoms caused by the norovirus stomach bug. The investigational vaccine will be compared to a placebo jab in this Phase 3 clinical trial. To find out more, please contact gram.vaccinetrial@nhs.scot

Moray Chief Officer appointment The Moray Integration Joint Board has appointed Judith Proctor as Chief Officer for Health & Social Care Moray. Judith, who has served as interim Chief Officer for the past five months, will take up the permanent role with immediate effect. Her appointment follows a robust recruitment and selection process carried out jointly by ourselves and Moray Council.

Managing access, attire, and the environment - ARI main theatre suite A new standard operating procedure has been developed to manage access, attire, and the environment in the main theatre suite in ARI. This will be phased in, from Monday (25 November), and aims to ensure the safety of all in this area, and the correct use of theatre scrubs and PPE. [The procedure can be read here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). Signage will be in place in the suite from Monday. Access to the suite by staff not allocated to theatres is discouraged; by February 2025 this area will be swipe card access only.

Community Appointment Day – drop-in session Our next community appointment day will take place on Wednesday (27 November) at Get Active @ Northfield. The focus of this event is chronic pain and there will be a drop-in session between 9am and 12pm. Anyone living with chronic pain is welcome to attend this session to get advice on everything from finance to mental health and wellbeing, to exercise and employability. Get Active @ Northfield is on Kettlehills Crescent in Aberdeen, free car parking is available.

Road restrictions – Foresterhill Work on the new mortuary and the Baird and ANCHOR projects will require the following restrictions at Foresterhill:

- From 7am tomorrow (Saturday) vehicles coming from Ashgrove Road West will only be able to use the loop road to access car parks, ONE BioHub, and Foresterhill Health Centre – there is no through access. Traffic from Westburn Road will be able to use the road as normal. These restrictions will apply until 4pm on Sunday.
- To allow for footpath improvements, there will be an additional one-way road system in place, from tomorrow (Saturday), outside Maggie's Aberdeen, leading to Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and the ARI Emergency Department. This will be in place for approximately two weeks.

Please follow all local signage; we apologise for any inconvenience.

Memorial service, ARI On behalf of colleagues at ARI, we have been asked to let you know about a memorial service for Shona Pirie, formerly senior charge nurse on Ward 216. Shona passed away at the start of November; she had spent more than 30 years with the NHS. The memorial service will take place in the ARI chapel at 2pm on Friday 6 December. All welcome.

That was the week that was:

Monday 18 – mental health bed base review, international fraud awareness week, director of public health annual report.

Tuesday 19 – treatment escalations plan update, mental health assessment toolkit for older adults.

Wednesday 20 – cancer 'prehabilitation' project survey, applications open for clinical AI fellowships.

Thursday 21 – update on reduced working week backfill requests, spotlight on our digital ambitions.

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STAR Award No presentations to share this week; as always, we'd encourage you to put forward a colleague or a team for a STAR award, [by completing the online nomination form](#), or emailing the details of the person/team you want to nominate to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot.

Tune of the day We're wishing a very happy 50th birthday to Barry Henderson, a store person in the catering team. I hear he's good friends with the only and only Ian Brown, so here is [F.E.A.R](#) to mark Barry's big day.

It's healthcare support workers day tomorrow; for all our great HCSWs, [Nobody Does It Better](#) by Carly Simon

As we've switched to mornings for the brief, it feels a little previous to include my usual well-wishes for the weekend at this stage. Let's take them as read, shall we? (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