

Friday 23 August 2024

**Reduced Working Week – FAQ update** Following yesterday's item, providing further guidance on implementing the Reduced Working Week, [the FAQ has been updated and is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

**Speak Up Week 2024 – webinar opportunities** As part of Speak Up Week 2024, the Independent National Whistleblowing Officer (INWO) is hosting 3 live Q&A style sessions on the following topics:

- Leadership & Speak Up Culture – Monday 30 September, 3.30-4.15pm
- Psychological Safety & Speaking Up – Wednesday 2 October, 11am-12noon
- Understanding the Experiences of Those Involved in the Whistleblowing Procedure – Thursday 3 October, 10.30-11.30am

[You can register for a place and/or submit a question via this link.](#)

**ARI Orange Zone cafe** A reminder that, due to staffing pressures, the Orange Zone Cafe in ARI will be **closed** next week. We apologise for any inconvenience; the nearby Aroma coffee cart is available for hot drinks and snacks; hot meals will be served in the Pink Zone cafe as normal.

## That was the week that was

Monday 19 – reporting verbal abuse on Datix, update on projects/services with non-recurring funding

Tuesday 20 – appropriate use of patient provisions/pantry stocks, invitation to the Grampian Gathering

Wednesday 21 – Agenda for Change 24/25 pay offer, drug and alcohol care team update

Thursday 22 – Ask Adam – Episode 4, further Reduced Working Week guidance

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**STAR Award** Huge congratulations to Emma Sharkey, a domestic assistant at Royal Cornhill, on receiving a STAR Award. Emma was nominated as she consistently goes above and beyond, has incredible attention to detail, and is a crucial part of the Ede Unit team. If you want to put forward a colleague or a team for a STAR award, you can either [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details of the person/team you want to nominate to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Today marks 20 years since the opening of Garthdee Medical Practice; GP Emma Breen has asked for [Everything Is Awesome](#) by Tegan and Sara, by way of celebration and thanks to the whole practice team.

Erin McChesney has also been in touch as this is her final day of a 2-year apprenticeship to become a fully qualified accuracy checking pharmacy technician. She wants to say huge thank you to the Aberdeen City pharmacotherapy team for the warm welcome, to everyone at Garthdee pharmacy for their encouragement, and finally, a mention to the pharmacy teams in Hospital at Home, ARI, and Cornhill for allowing placements in a hospital setting. Erin's asked for [Flashdance/What A Feeling](#) by Irene Cara.

Rachael Milroy of the ultrasound team in ARI finishes up for her maternity leave today. The whole team are wishing her the best and reminding her they expect lots of visits when the baby arrives. For Rachael, [Push It](#) by Salt-N-Pepa (Disclaimer, this video is not a replacement for listening to the midwife when your time comes)

As we move towards the weekend, and whatever your plans are (naturally to be very demure, very mindful), I hope you have a good one. The brief will be back on Monday (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)