

Thursday 23 May 2024

iMatter 2024 Since this year's questionnaire went live on Monday, 5470 of you have already completed it! Thank you so much for taking just 5 minutes to share your views, it really does matter. Not shared your views yet? Don't worry, you have until 4pm on Monday 10 June to do so.

Thanks also to colleagues who have shared their views and experiences of the iMatter process with us. What we have heard loud and clear is that what happens in your team, with your team reports makes the biggest difference to your day-to-day experience. We are using this to shape how the support for managers to action plan, with you, will look this year.

Financial position – what a waste! Yesterday we asked you how much it costs us to process black bag waste. The answer, which may surprise you, is **£150** per tonne. Multiply that out across all our sites and the costs soon mount up. In comparison, processing recycling waste costs around **£40** per tonne. Clearly, we should be doing everything we can to recycle suitable waste and support patients and visitors to do the same. We should also do more to reduce the waste we produce. For example, the disposable coffee cups provided by Aroma cannot be recycled. Bringing you own cup reduces waste and is better for your pocket, as you will get a small discount.

While we are speaking about waste management....

New Blue & Purple lidded WIVA bins on Pecos We now have two new 60 Litre WIVA bins available to order on Pecos. A purple lidded bin - order code 282135 - should be used for disposal of bulky waste and PPE used to administer Cyto medications and treatments.

The blue lidded bin - order code 282128 - can be used for disposal of medicinal (non-Cyto) packaging. Please note the blue lid is a solid lid without the circle clip-top, which is currently on our yellow lids, so has no temporary closure option.

These new colour coded lids will make it a lot easier to segregate these waste streams from others using the current yellow lids and will ensure correct disposal methods of our wastes.

Hospital electronic prescribing and medicines administration (HEPMA) update Work to make HEPMA available in community hospitals will get underway on 3 June. If you support a community hospital and have a role around the Prescribing and Administration Record (PAR), which HEPMA will replace, please complete appropriate eLearning via Turas as this is mandatory for HEPMA access.

SWAN Secure Web Access (SWAN SWA) remote access Due to essential maintenance the SWAN Secure Web Access service will experience a brief interruption during the following dates/times:

Tuesday 28 May 2024, 8-10pm
Tuesday 4 June 2024, 8-10pm

There will also be an additional maintenance window between 9am-2pm on Saturday 1 June, which shouldn't impact use of SWAN SWA but may affect the resilience of the system. We would encourage you to seek alternate remote access solutions (e.g., an NHSG laptop) to ensure you have a stable connection. Remote access from an NHS Grampian device e.g., using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop will **not** be affected by this maintenance.

Culture Collaborative The next session of the Culture Collaborative will take place on Wednesday 29 May, 11.10am-12.30pm. Driven by our values of Caring, Listening, Improving, this session will focus on 'How do we create brave spaces? Dr Deborah Baldie (Lead Nurse for Research and Practice Development) will lead the session. This forum is open to all, regardless of your role. Don't have it in your diary yet? Please contact gram.culturematters@nhs.scot for the link to join this meeting, and to be added to the distribution list to find out more about the monthly meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminder - ECC Aroma – extended opening hours trial The Aroma based in the Emergency Care Centre is trialling extended opening hours at weekends, remaining open until 7.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Footfall and sales are being carefully monitored to see if a permanent change is justified.

Dementia Awareness Week A reminder this annual event gets underway on Monday and there's lots happening:

- A brand-new page has been launched on Hi-Net to provide a one-stop shop for allied health professionals. It's packed full of useful resources, and you can take a look here: [Dementia Information – Hi-Net Grampian \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/dementia-information)
- The NHS Scotland dementia consultant group will hold one of their regular webinars on Wednesday 29 May. This will take place between 2.30-3.30pm, [you can register using this link](#).
- Also on Wednesday 29 May, allied health professionals, including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and dietitians, will be on hand at the Aberdeen Vaccination and Wellbeing Hub (opposite Costa, Bon Accord). You can drop in any time between 10am and 1pm, to get their advice and practical tips.
- On Thursday 30 May, there will be an afternoon information session, open to anyone who supports people with dementia (and their families) as part of their job. This will take place online, between 1-4.50pm. [You can register for this event via this link](#).

Free Voter ID Voters in Scotland will be required to show ID at polling stations for the UK general election on Thursday 4 July. If you do not have a suitable form of ID you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. There is more information available on the Electoral Commission website: [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](#). That link also contains information about postal and proxy voting. Please note, the location defaults to England, simply select Scotland to see the rules which apply here.

Tune of the day It's International Synthesizer Day and since Giorgio Moroder is the King of the Synth, it has to be [Electric Dreams](#), featuring Phil Oakey. I am very sentimental about this song because it was one of the first tunes we ever played in this brief, way back in April 2021. I didn't know it at the time, but it marked beginning of this feature. One of these days I will get around to compiling a playlist of all our tunes...(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