

Friday 24 May 2024

Pre-election period guidance - please read There will be a UK General Election on Thursday 4 July. In the run up to this election (the pre-election period) there is clear guidance for NHS boards to ensure we conduct our business appropriately. The attached letter specifically lists the guidance for us within the NHS. More general guidance is available here: [UK General Election 2024: guidance for civil servants - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

The pre-election period begins at 0.01 Saturday 25 May and will run until the election is concluded.

Network congestion - action required As per the global email issued earlier, we are being asked to stop using video during Teams meetings between 7-10am, Monday-Fridays. This is because the network is experiencing a great deal of congestion at those times, slowing down critical systems.

This is a short-term measure, with work underway to increase the connection to the Scottish Wide Area Network. Your support is appreciated.

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Scotland nurse of the year awards It was a very successful night for NHS Grampian at the annual RCN Scotland nurse of the year awards last night:

- Dr Debbie Baldie – lead nurse for research and development – was named a joint winner of the ‘Inspiring Excellence – Nursing Innovation and Research’ award.
- The SANDRA team – which supports practice nurses with diabetes revalidation and appraisal – won the ‘Learning in Practice’ award
- The Queen’s Nurses learning disability team – which includes our very own Kerry Anderson – picked up the ‘Learning Disability Nursing’ award
- Chloe Jackson was named ‘Nursing Student of the Year’. Now a new graduate nurse, we are proud to say Chloe is part of our theatres team at ARI.

We are so happy for all the teams and individuals recognised at last night’s event. We know we have the best of people working in Grampian and to have that recognised at a national level is wonderful.

Moray maternity collaborative newsletter The latest issue of the Moray maternity collaborative newsletter is out now and [available to read on the Birth in Grampian website](#). Meet the new recruits to the maternity team at Dr Gray’s Hospital and find out how the team got on promoting the Wish You Worked Here campaign at the Royal College of Midwives conference in Liverpool.

STAR Award Congratulations to Mo Allan, radiographer at Fraserburgh Hospital and winner of a STAR award. Mo is described as someone who treats everyone with dignity and respect. She collaborates closely with MIU staff and explains unusual fractures clearly. An inspiration to students, she always helps them enthusiastically. Well done, Mo!

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

That was the week that was

Monday 20 – UK Infected Blood Inquiry report published, HEPMA downtime – your questions answered

Tuesday 21 – Terminology Tuesday – putting your audience first, one number for Grampian vaccinations contact centre

Wednesday 22 – update on Agenda for Change non-pay elements, End PJ Paralysis

Thursday 23 – iMatter 2024 – progress report, Swan SWA remote access downtime

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Grampian Meaningful Activities Networking (GMAN) festival As part of the Grampian Wellbeing Festival, we are hosting the Grampian Meaningful Activities Network (GMAN) festival next Friday (31 May) between 10am – 4pm at the Town House in Aberdeen. GMAN is a Grampian wide partnership with representation from Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, & Moray.

This event is for anyone involved in developing, supporting, and delivering meaningful activity with older adults. There will be an opportunity to meet and network with people in this area. The theme of the day is the 5 ways of wellbeing - Be Active, Take Notice, Give, Keep Learning, Connect. We have some exciting speakers and stall providers lined up for what will be a fun, interactive day for all attendees and a great opportunity to share ideas to take back to the workplace.

If you would like to attend, please email saborthwick@aberdeencity.gov.uk to confirm your place. We hope you will accept our invitation and join us for what promises to be an exciting and enlightening event.

Tune of the day You might think you're seeing double today...first up we have a request dedicated to Simon Winstanley (payroll) from his fiancée Rachel (Hospital@Night team) as Simon hits the big 4-0. Rachel has asked for [Thunderstruck](#) by AC/DC.

Next, we have a request *from* Simon, who wants to mark his birthday with [If I Could Turn Back Time](#). Ending the week as we started it – with Cher – feels very apt to me!

If you're one of our Pride volunteers tomorrow, I will see you there. If you're on shift over the weekend, have a good and safe 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