

Tuesday 25 June 2024

Referrals to Long Covid practitioners The Long Covid Practitioners remain open to receiving referrals for both adults and children.

[The referral criteria for the adult service are available on Grampian Guidance via this link.](#) This has been updated with GP feedback, Lived Experience and National Guidance.

[The paediatric pathway is available on Grampian Guidance via this link.](#)

If you have any questions, please email gram.paedslongcovid@nhs.scot or gram.adultslongcovid@nhs.scot as appropriate. The Long Covid Team are on a fixed term contract until March 2025.

Our dedicated Long Covid page is available here: [Long COVID \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org/Long-COVID)

New national clinical management pathway for breast cancer A new Scottish Cancer Clinical Management Pathway has now been published for breast cancer and will be implemented over time by the NHS Grampian Breast Unit. This describes the pan-Scotland consensus on treatment options and supports equity of care across Scotland. It has been developed by clinicians from all three Scottish Cancer Networks and represents clinical consensus on best standard of care for cancer patients within NHS Scotland. Health professionals can find out more here: [Scottish Cancer Clinical Management Pathways | Right Decisions](#)

A separate website is under development aimed specifically at the needs of patients and carers: [Cancer Patient Information \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Pilot areas needed! The Quality Improvement & Assurance Team are working to create a leaflet for patients, families, and carers which gives information on the main ways to give feedback to NHS Grampian about their care and treatment. The leaflet is part of a project which aims to:

- Promote public and staff awareness of the benefits of patient, family and carer feedback
- Increase public and staff knowledge of the options available for patients, families and carers to give feedback
- Improve clarity, understanding and access to the patient, family and carer feedback options available, to enable an informed approach and choice.

The leaflet is currently in its first draft, and we are looking for teams to help test it in their area. Before testing with patients, families and carers we would be interested to hear your comments. As with any improvement project we expect there to be a few rounds of testing before we get a version we could move to the next stage of development with. If you'd like to find out more or are interested in helping – please contact kirsten.dickson@nhs.scot by email or Teams.

Environmental sustainability elearning NSS have launched a new environmental sustainability eLearning course, for all NHSScotland staff and available on Turas. It introduces sustainability concepts, topics and issues, and will develop understanding of:

- the effect the environment has on human health
- the environmental impacts of delivering healthcare services
- action that NHSScotland is taking to become more sustainable
- action we can take as individuals to contribute and make a difference

Further details, including a link to the course, are available here: [New environmental sustainability course launched for NHSScotland staff - NHS Sustainability Action : NHS Sustainability Action](#)

Upcoming Roadshows NHS Grampian Charity is excited to be visiting hospitals across the region to answer your questions about the charity and how to access funds. Our next roadshows will be on Tuesday 2 July at Fleming Hospital, Aberlour (9.30am - 12pm) and Stephen Hospital, Dufftown (1.30pm - 4pm). [Future roadshow dates are listed on the charity intranet page](#) (networked devices only)

Congrats to all the centres of excellence shortlisted applicants Our research and development (R&D) strategy 2024-29 has 'Shaping two new centres of UK-wide excellence while maintaining our eminence in existing areas' as one of its strategic goals. To foster new centres of excellence, the R&D department put out a call for expressions of interest to support this goal. We are pleased to announce the following nine ideas have been shortlisted for further support: (1) AI for Cancer Screening (Gerald Lip); (2) Health & Social Care Robotics (Stephen Baguley); (3) Healthy Ageing Interventions (Roy Soiza); (4) Kidney Diseases (Shona Methven); (5) Microbiome & Liver Diseases (Ashis Mukhopadhyya); (6) Mind-Brain Research (Priti Singh); (7) Musculoskeletal Disorders (Alan Johnstone); (8) Paediatric Translational Research (Jennifer Greenhowe); and (9) Patient-Centred Emergency Care (Callum Kaye). If you wish to collaborate or contribute to the development of any of these shortlisted ideas into detailed 30-page proposals, please email the primary applicant (in bracket) or the R&D team, by 31 July.

Tune of the day Forty years ago to the day, Prince released his sixth album – Purple Rain. Packed full of hits, including the infamous Darling Nikki, which so scandalised the Parents Music Resource Center that it led to the Parental Advisory stickers we see on albums today. My pick for today is [I Would Die 4 U](#) dedicated (though not literally) to everyone who has ever sent us a thumbs up, or a heart, when we email out the brief. We do see them, so thank you (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