

Friday 25 October 2024

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**Pioneering brain surgery carried out in Aberdeen** We begin by highlighting the pioneering work of ARI neurosurgeon Anastasios Giamouriadis, who has adapted an already existing technique to remove brain tumours via an eyebrow incision. This procedure, thought to be a world first, is far less invasive than a traditional craniotomy. It results in much less scarring and a significantly reduced recovery time. You can read more here: [Brain surgeon's world-first sees tumour patients return to normal life in days](#) We'd like to say a particular thank you to Doreen Adams, who has undergone this procedure and very kindly gave up her time to speak to local and national press earlier this week.

**Vandalism at Foresterhill** You may be aware of an incident of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in and around the multi-storey car park last night. We can confirm the incident was captured on CCTV and we are liaising with Police Scotland. Our thanks to the security team for their speedy action last night; they will be increasing patrols around the car park tonight and over the weekend to provide additional assurance.

**Small research grants programmes** NHS Grampian Charity is holding a virtual information session for those interested in applying for its Small Research Grants programme. The programme awards grants of up to £20,000 for pilot or preliminary research projects which will impact on health or social care. The information session will take place via Teams on Thursday 7 November at 3pm. Please visit the charity website to find out more about the programme or to register for the information session: [Small Research Grants Programme < NHS Grampian Charities](#)

**Final call - walking workplaces** In partnership with Paths for All (Scotland's national walking charity) we are taking part in the Walking Workplaces programme. Over the next six months there will be various activities promoting walking culture and community. This will include at least one step count challenge. To maximise the good from this project we would appreciate it [if you could complete this questionnaire](#). The questionnaire will **close** on 31 October, so time is running out. If you would like more information about Walking Workplaces, or have any queries, please email: [gram.activetravel@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.activetravel@nhs.scot)

## That was the week that was

Monday 21 – requesting backfill support/Reduced Working Week, launch of drop-in IT support in ARI

Tuesday 22 – Hidden Figures – is your data still available?, community appointment days – sharing learning

Wednesday 23 – finance Q&A sessions, training in treatment escalation planning

Thursday 24 – Chair's report from annual review, new process for digital requests

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**STAR Award** After a bit of a quiet spell, we are pleased to be able to share two STAR Award presentations this week. Margaret McConnell, as domestic assistant with critical care in ARI received her award in recognition of her hard work, dedication, and the sensitivity with which she handles often difficult situations. A team STAR award has been given to the ENT nurse and healthcare support worker team at Woodend. They were nominated in thanks for their support of trainees and their willingness to ensure students learn as much as possible. You can put forward a colleague or a team for a STAR award at any time, [by completing the online nomination form](#), or emailing the details of the person/team you want to nominate to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot).

**Tune of the day** Earlier this month we played a tune for Hazel Yeudall, a senior charge nurse at RACH, who was heading to South Africa to represent Scotland in the World Cup Masters Hockey. The Scotland squad finished in a very creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place overall; before each match the squad sang Shania Twain's [Man! I Feel Like A Woman](#), so it's going on to mark Hazel's return to work.

Squeezing in a second request for Anjolaoluwa Olaniyi, a student mental health nurse, who has had [Can't Stop The Feeling](#) stuck in her head for days.

The weekend draws ever nearer. I hope you have a good one, whatever your plans. Mind and put your clocks back. 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)