

Wednesday 26 February 2025

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**Evaluation of Special Rules for Terminal Illness (SRTI) in the delivery of devolved disability benefits'** The Scottish Government has commissioned an independent research company to gather feedback from registered medics and nurses, to understand how changes to Special Rules for Terminal Illness (SRTI) have been experienced and understood by clinicians. This will help them to assess whether the introduction of SRTI is meeting its policy commitments. They want to hear from those who have direct experience of completing BASRiS forms or the DWP equivalent (SR1 or DS1500 forms) as well as those who are eligible to do so i.e., they have been involved in the diagnosis and/or medical care of individuals with a terminal illness. [This information sheet has been prepared for interested parties](#) (networked devices only).

**Dementia consultant webinar** The NHS Scotland dementia consultant group will hold their next webinar on Wednesday 26 March. This is aimed at anyone with an interest in dementia care, including dementia ambassadors, champions, and specialist improvement leads. The topic for this session is Lewy Body Dementia. The webinar will take place between 2.30-3.30pm, [you can register using this link](#).

**Change of Telephone Number for City Adult Community Learning Disabilities Team** Effective from today, the main number for contacting this service, based at the Len Ironside Centre in Mastrick, has changed to 01224 070073. To support with the transition, anyone contacting the old number over the next month will be greeted with a message informing them of the change, requesting that they hang up and redial the new number. Please ensure you update any local contact lists.

**Season of COVID remembrance March 2025** We are approaching the 5th anniversary of the first COVID-19 lockdown in the UK. Recognising the ongoing impact of the pandemic, the Spiritual Care Team want to offer staff time and space to remember and to reflect on what we have been through, where we are now, and how we can look forward to the future in hope.

Throughout March, there will be spaces and activities available 24/7 in the chapels at Dr. Gray's, ARI, RACH, RCH, AMH, Woodend and Roxburghe House and in ARI's Sandpiper Sanctuary. These will offer the opportunity to decorate and place a heart on a tree, and to write your own story, expressing whatever you need to express.

Members of the Spiritual Care Team will be available to offer a listening ear at the ARI chapel every Friday in March, 10am-12noon, and at the Dr. Gray's chapel every Wednesday in March, 10am-12noon.

A short online time for reflection, of images, music and words, will be available in March – the link will be shared when it is live.

There will also be an in-person Act of Remembrance on Monday 24th March, 2pm, in the ARI Chapel and the Dr. Gray's Chapel. These are open to past and present NHSG Staff members of all faiths and none.

## Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- **Management Development Programme** Are you now, or do you aspire to become, a manager? Boost your knowledge, skills, and confidence with this course providing invaluable development and support for managers. Review the latest policies and management topics while practicing skills in a safe environment. Starting 7 April and running for 10 weeks, applications close 24 March 2025. Apply now on Turas [here](#).
- **New Menstrual Health & Menopause eLearning module - 6 March** To coincide with Endometriosis Awareness Month and International Women's Day in March 2025, NES are thrilled to announce the launch of a women's health education resource, combining webinars and eLearning modules on TURAS Learn. For more information, [please click here](#).
- **Spaces for Listening- March Dates** The new Spaces for Listening Dates are now live, for dates and how to book on [please click here](#)

To contact Wellbeing, Culture and Development, please email [gram.wcd@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.wcd@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Members of the Maxillofacial Outpatient Department Team have been in touching wanting to wish "much loved and valued Senior Healthcare Support Worker" Diane Catto, a pre-emptive Happy Birthday. They tell us Diane is heading off to Las Vegas to celebrate an unspecified "big birthday"... we'll assume that means 21... and to mark the occasion here's Elvis Presley's [Viva Las Vegas](#) – enjoy your day Diane.

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)