

Wednesday 26 June 2024

Agenda for Change – reduced working week The FAQ about the reduction in the working week for Agenda for Change staff has been updated. Version 3 is attached to the email used to send this brief. New or amended questions are clearly marked, which we hope makes it easier for you to use this document.

Review of clinical nurse specialist roles A small working group is continuing to lead on this review locally. Since our last update in May, the focus has been on reviewing Band 6 and Band 7 job descriptions and this work is nearing completion. If you want more information about the local review group, Jacqueline Annand and Vicky Bone are members on behalf of the CNS Forum. You can contact either of them on this or on any matters relating to the CNS forum.

Preceptorship programme awareness sessions for AHPs We are running awareness sessions for allied health professionals supporting newly qualified practitioners to raise awareness and understanding of the NQP Preceptorship programme. The awareness sessions are suitable for any AHPs supporting a newly qualified practitioner e.g. line manager, practice supervisor, Flying Start facilitator. The sessions are running on:

- Thursday 27 June, 9.30-10.15am
- Wednesday 17 July, 1.30-2.45pm
- Monday 22 July, 11-11.45am

[You can join any of the above sessions using this link.](#)

Dementia consultant webinar The NHS Scotland dementia consultant group will hold their next webinar on Wednesday 31 July. 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.](#)

The ‘State of Caring’ 2024 survey This annual survey provides a UK wide snapshot of the experience of unpaid carers. If you are an unpaid carer, or you know someone who is, please share the details of this survey with them. Please note, it may take 20-30 minutes to complete. Even if you are unable to finish, the questions you do answer will provide useful information to Carers UK, to enable them to advocate on behalf of carers. [The survey is available via this link](#) and is open until 11 August.

Scotland's Health Awards Nominations are now open for 'Scotland's Health Awards', a new partnership between Scottish Government and The Scotsman newspaper. While the name is different, what hasn't changed is the mission of the event: to celebrate the very best individuals and teams working in the NHS in Scotland. There are 16 categories available, and nominations will close on Sunday 18 August. The awards will be handed out at an event in Edinburgh on 7 November. Nominations can be made here: [Scotland Health Awards 2024 \(nationalworldevents.com\)](https://nationalworldevents.com) Please note you will need to create an account to nominate.

Wellbeing, culture, and development Wednesday

- **Coaching Skills for Managers programme** is open for applications with cohorts starting monthly between September and November 2024. If you are a manager keen to develop and use coaching skills as a way of leading your team, apply by 9 August 2024 and make sure to get your manager's support. [This poster has more information and the link to application form.](#)

To get in touch with anyone in the wellbeing, culture, and development team, just email gram.wcd@nhs.scot

Aberdeenshire wellbeing A reminder for our colleagues in the 'Shire; regular Wellbeing Wednesday messages are shared as part of the partnership's workforce plan. You can find out more about partnership wellbeing initiatives through the Aberdeenshire health and social care [partnership page on the intranet](#) (networked devices only). Here you will find a dedicated wellbeing section with regular updates, where you can take inspiration and find out how other 'Shire teams are incorporating wellbeing into their working day and improving team and individual resilience. If you have your own wellbeing successes to share to other colleagues do get in touch by contacting chris.coldwell2@nhs.scot

Ticket offer – Sunshine on Leith at HMT Aberdeen Performing Arts and The Lyric Musical Society are offering £10 tickets for Sunshine on Leith, running at His Majesty's from tonight until Saturday 29 June. All you need to do is add the code 500MILES at checkout; [you can book your tickets via this link.](#)

Tune of the day Dr Ann Gold leaves NHS Grampian today, after almost 26 years of service. Colleagues Wendy and Sam have been in touch to say this: "Ann has been the driving force behind our diabetes service for several years, having been our Clinical Lead for Diabetes, Lead for the Young Adult service. She has championed the role of Psychology within Diabetes Care and supported the eating disorders team. Ann has worked nationally with the DVLA and with the Scottish Diabetes Group for Type 1 diabetes care and national approach to Psychology in Diabetes. We wish Ann all the best for the exciting plans she has for her retirement including trips in her campervan, hillwalking, volunteering, crafts, playing her violin and spending time with her daughters Amy and Jenna." For Ann, [Gold by Spandau Ballet](#) (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