

Friday 28 June 2024

To flush, or not to flush? The Facilities & Estates Team have a finite budget to maintain and improve our buildings. We are keen to focus our limited resources on planned maintenance, essential repairs and improvements. We ask everyone to help us by **not** putting any inappropriate items into sinks, toilets and sluices. We have found build ups of **wipes, paper towels, and even incontinence pads** in our pipework which can cause blockages, leaks, and burst pipes. This has a resulting impact on patients with interruptions to services, coupled with the need to direct funds to avoidable repairs.

Healthcare workers vigil Please note there will be no Friday vigils in the ARI Medical Lecture Theatre until further notice. Thank you to everybody who attended these events for their participation.

STAR Award A tip of the hat to Chloe Jackson, who was presented with a STAR award earlier this week. This recognised her hard work and contribution to marking International Nurses Day, despite it being her first event as a new graduate nurse. 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 24 – iMatter team reports issued, whooping cough vaccination for healthcare workers

Tuesday 25 – referrals to Long Covid practitioners, pilot areas sought to test new feedback leaflet

Wednesday 26 – update to reduced working week FAQ, the ‘State of Caring’ 2024 survey

Thursday 27 – Ask Adam – episode 3, reminder of tobacco policy, on-call changes for spiritual care

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Tune of the day We’re keeping it in the family today; HR officer Daniel Cowper makes a request for his mum – and community nurse – Wendy, who is retiring after 21 years of service. Today is Wendy’s last working day and Daniel reckons it’s goodbye tension, hello pension! Joking aside, he has asked us to wish his amazing mum all the very best and has requested [Don’t Stop Me Now](#).

Someone else who can’t be stopped is Samantha Smith, a PA in specialist mental health, as she undertakes a charity skydive this weekend. All the team at Royal Cornhill want to say good luck and have requested Tom Petty’s [Free Fallin’](#).

It is pay day, for which we can all be truly thankful. It is also the day Moray schools break up; City and ‘Shire parents, just one more week to go. Whether you’re keeping up with the football or mainlining Glastonbury coverage, I wish you an enjoyable weekend. As always, for those working through, have a safe shift. The brief will return 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