

Monday 4 November 2024

Bed Base Review project – Stage 2 During December 2023 and January 2024, the Bed Base Review project opened 32 additional, permanent, fully staffed beds in ARI; 18 beds in Ward 303 as part of the respiratory pathway and 14 beds in Ward 304 as part of the frailty pathway. Since then, we have been assessing the impact of this additional capacity, and of other system changes. This was summarised in a paper to the [September board meeting](#).

The board accepted the recommendations in the paper and the project team are now working on a plan to utilise the space within ARI which will be vacated when the ANCHOR Centre and The Baird Family Hospital become operational. Stage 2 of the Bed Base Review project is now being set up which will begin with an assessment of these areas and a plan for how to utilise the space most effectively. Further updates will be issued via this brief, and any queries should be directed to gram.programmesteam@nhs.scot

Christmas IPC guidance Updated guidance is now available via the [Safe Management of the Care Environment page on the intranet](#) (networked devices only) to enable staff, patients and visitors to enjoy the festive spirit without compromising patient and staff safety. This includes pointers on displaying Christmas trees, electrical decorations, important reminders and enjoying Christmas treats.

First Aid training – update Staffing changes in the occupational health service (OHS) have left the team unable to deliver First Aid training at present. We know there is a backlog of those of you who need to complete both the online modules and practical training. OHS are working hard to restart training in **January 2025**, prioritising those areas without clinical staff. Further updates will follow and the OHS team thank you for your ongoing patience.

Prioritisation of estates work requests Our maintenance team is currently prioritising preventative maintenance and essential repairs, in line with stopping all non-essential expenditure. Essential repairs are those considered as needed to avoid a high-risk to the delivery of patient care, or to the health and safety of our staff. Requests for minor works (changes and improvements to work areas etc.) will not currently be accepted unless they are assessed as meeting the ‘essential’ criteria by the appropriate service. We would appreciate your understanding during this challenging period and will review this position in the next financial year.

One-way system – RACH To enable works for the Baird and ANCHOR project, a one-way system – northbound **only** – will be effective outside RACH from Wednesday (6 November). You can see a map of area here: [baird-rach-one-way-road-system-october24.pdf](#) Please follow all local traffic signage.

National Pathology Week Today marks the start of National Pathology Week. This annual celebration of pathology highlights the important contribution laboratories and pathologists make to healthcare.

Laboratory tests form a critical part of diagnosing, preventing, monitoring and treating illness with over 70% of medical decisions being based on laboratory results. It's no wonder this year's theme is 'Pathology is Vital!' The following link provides more information about the contribution our wonderful staff and services make to the patient journey - [RCPATH-60th-anniversary-flyer.pdf](#)

MedWatch eNews – new edition available [The latest issue of the MedWatch eNews is now available.](#) It focuses on #MedSafetyWeek which got underway today and is a worldwide social media campaign to raise awareness of reporting adverse drug reactions to medicines regulatory bodies (MHRA in the UK). This year's theme is 'the importance of using medicines in the right way to prevent side effects, and to report side effects when they do occur'.

Inspiring NMAHPs award 2024 Nominations for this year's Inspiring NMAHPs award will close on **Wednesday (6 November)**. There are three ways to nominate an inspiring nurse, midwife, or allied health professional:

- [Complete the online nomination form](#)
- Send your 250-word statement about your nominee, along with your name, job title, ward/location, and contact details AND the same details for your nominee to gram.inspiring.nmahpaward@nhs.scot
- Scan this QR code if you are reading a printed version of the brief:



Datix for skin damage reporting Nurses and midwives are being asked to [complete a survey](#) on using Datix as a reporting system for pressure ulcers and moisture associated skin damage. The survey will close on 15 November.

Clinical supervision NES has launched a [new Clinical Supervision Framework for nursing and midwifery](#) which focuses on three elements of supervision. It builds on existing work and gives us a guide to delivering and receiving supervision. In Grampian, we are in the process of updating our clinical supervision lists to make accessibility to supervisors easier. View this [short animation about supervision](#). If you wish to learn more about clinical supervision, please speak to your line manager or julia.wells@nhs.scot If you wish to become a supervisor, please undertake the modules on TURAS via the link above and then contact claire.begg@nhs.scot

Tune of the day

After 2.5 years as SCN at Muirton Ward, Seafield Hospital, Glen Erksine is becoming a member of the semi-retired community. He would like to say goodbye to all those at Muirton and wish them all the very best for the future. Here is Baz Luhrmann's [Everybody's Free To Wear Sunscreen](#) for Glen.

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