

Friday 7 May 2024

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**Agenda for Change 2023 deal/Band 5 nursing review** As highlighted in the brief on Wednesday, we have received further information about the move to a consistent process for reviewing Band 5 nursing posts, with the potential to regrade to Band 6. The national portal for this will open on **Monday 17 June**. There remains a considerable amount of work to do to implement this process, and there will be further national meetings next week. We will keep you informed of developments, but we want to reassure you there is no closing date for this review at present, therefore there is no immediate pressure to have review requests ready for 17 June.

**Diabetes awareness** The diabetes specialist nurse team will be running two information stalls in Aberdeen next week – ARI rotunda on 12 June, Aberdeen Health Village on 13 June – to mark diabetes week. Come along and have a chat, or to get advice and answers to your questions. For more on diabetes week, visit the Diabetes UK website: [Diabetes Week 2024](#)

**Putting carers on the map** Millions of people across the UK care, unpaid, for a friend or family member, who due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or addiction, cannot cope without their support. This week is a UK wide awareness campaign seeking to increase visibility for carers with decision makers, services, employers, communities, and businesses. Carers week gets underway on Monday, we'll have more in the brief next week. You can find out about local events in support of this campaign via the Carers Week website: [Activities | Carers Week](#)

**Bike for a bite offer** As part of Bike Week (10-16 June), Public Health, in partnership with Aroma Cafes, are organising another 'Bike for a Bite' event. Send in evidence of cycling to work during bike week and you can claim a voucher for a free regular hot drink and a piece of fruit. Full details and terms & conditions here: [My Healthy Workplace - Bike for Bite](#). Email [gram.activetravel@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.activetravel@nhs.scot) for more information or to submit your photo.

**STAR Award** Two presentations to share this week; the High Dependency Unit team at RACH received their award, in recognition of great teamwork and exceptional dedication. Fiona Robertson, now retired chief nurse for Moray, was presented with a STAR award, highlighting her professional and 'can-do' attitude. Congratulations to Fiona and to the RACH HDU team. 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](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

## That was the week that was

Monday 3 – change to COVID testing guidance, staff physiotherapy self-help guide, information on registering to vote

Tuesday 4 – update on revised AfC profiles for Band 2/3 nursing clinical support workers, shared learning events, clean up with WARP-IT

Wednesday 5 – update on AfC deal (non-pay elements), financial position and agency spending, AHP survey on student practice education

Thursday 6 – support/domestic teams – service update, whooping cough – what you need to know

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**Thanks to our volunteers** As Volunteers Week draws to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers & charity partners for their dedication to supporting patients, clients, carers, visitors, and staff across our hospitals and in the community.

This year we are recognising an incredible combined **818 years' service** from our NHS Grampian volunteers alone – an incredible achievement. Whether you've been with us for a few weeks, months, or years we appreciate every one of you in the variety of roles you undertake. In whatever way you help others, in whatever location – THANK YOU for the gift of your time.

**Tune of the day** Apparently Taylor Swift is in Edinburgh this weekend? First I've heard of it! (I jest...) For Fiona and Alex McKenzie, Laura Reid, Stefan Young and his pharmacy colleagues, and anyone else heading to Murrayfield tonight, tomorrow, or Sunday, [please enjoy Style](#) (of course it's Taylor's version).

Even if you aren't shaking it off this weekend, I hope you still manage to have a good one. As always, to those of you working through, take care and have a safe shift. 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)