

Monday 4 September 2023

Revised planned maintenance programme - Foresterhill From today, Estates are working to a revised planned maintenance programme, focusing on HAI compliance, and undertaken by the painters. The new plan involves a rolling, three-month schedule, which will see the Estates team visit each ward throughout the Foresterhill campus on a pre-determined date. Two full days will be allocated per visit. Confirmation of dates will be provided to the relevant Unit Operational Managers, Service Managers and Senior Charge Nurses, in due course. The works will revolve around touching up defective areas as opposed to extensive decoration works. This may have a temporary impact on the aesthetics of ward areas; however, the overall purpose of the works is to reduce the risk to staff, patients & visitors in terms of Healthcare Associated Infections. Requests for “freshening up” of areas should be logged as a [non-maintenance request via the Estates portal](#).

The new schedule is designed to ensure all areas of the complex are visited regularly and to reduce non-productive time by allowing improved communication further in advance of visits. This is a new process for the team so please bear with us as we try to embed, review and improve the new process.

Blood donation Did you know only 3% of people eligible to give blood in Scotland actually donate? A small group at ARI are working to arrange group donation, at the Aberdeen Donor Centre at Foresterhill. If you'd be interested in joining them, [please fill in this form](#) or scan the QR code below. If the Aberdeen centre isn't convenient for you, simply head to www.scotblood.co.uk and enter your postcode to find your closest community donation event.



Surveillance team reports – now on Illuminate All CDI/SAB and ECB SPC charts, which are usually made available to read every month on a shared drive, can now be found on Illuminate under Clinical Areas Quality Measures/NHS Grampian Surveillance of CDI, SAB and ECB. You can use the drop-down boxes to find your hospitals and wards, along with CDI and SAB posters which automatically update when the date range is updated. These should be printed out and displayed on your ward safety board every month. The long-term goal is to post the charts on the Intranet where they will be freely available to all. Until permanent communication can be set up, the Infection Prevention & Control Surveillance Nurses will continue to send out a monthly email.

Moving Forward Together – manual handling event Open to all NHS and HSCP staff, our one-day manual handling event will take place at the Ardoe House Hotel on Wednesday 1 November, 8.45am-4pm. This is a FREE event with refreshments and lunch provided. Booking is via Turas (requires log in): [Moving and handling study day | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Staff car parking – Foresterhill Health Campus [This survey will close this evening](#). At the time of writing there have been 2082 responses – thank you. Many of you have taken the opportunity to share your views in the free text box, which we're extremely grateful for. It will take some time to work through the responses, grouping them into themes; in the meantime, please be assured staff car parking on the site will continue as usual (i.e., you can continue to use the multi-storey car park, preferably on Level 6 and above). We will ensure any future change will be clearly communicated.

HEPMA – an apology The HEPMA dashboard update which should have accompanied Friday's brief is attached today. Our apologies for the oversight!

Annual service of thanksgiving & remembrance This service takes place each year in September; this year's event will be held this **Sunday (10 September) at 3pm**. It will take place at Aberdeen Fountainhall Church (previously Queen's Cross Church) and will be led by members of the Chaplaincy Team, assisted by other staff in NHS Grampian. This service is for anyone whose loved one has died in any of the hospitals or units in Grampian. It is a time of reflection and remembering with words and music and is open to those of all faiths and none. All welcome, and with thanks to the NHS Grampian Charity for their support of this event.

Pause for thought Few of us like to be the person to say the first 'hello', but most of us like to be greeted. What might happen if someone welcomed and greeted you? Who will you say 'hello' to now?

Tune of the day It's been a scorcher today; hopefully you've all been able to keep hydrated and even soak up a ray or two (safely, of course). The Isley Brothers and [Summer Breeze](#) is our tune of the day (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