

Thursday 2 May 2024

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**iMatter 2024 – the story so far** We're just over a week into team confirmation for iMatter 2024 and we're pleased to say a whopping 63% of teams have been confirmed. Bragging rights go to Aberdeenshire HSCP, with the largest number of teams have confirmed; an amazing 76% of their teams. Thank you to all managers who have acted already, so far it is the most successful team confirmation in 9 years.

Confirming your team ensures your team voice will be heard. Information has been emailed to all managers; search your inbox for iMatter to find the system prompt. Please don't put it off, if you need help making changes we need to know by 13 May. Teams must be confirmed no later than 5pm on 17 May 5pm.

[A reminder you can find information and help videos on Turas here](#) (this will take you to the Turas log in page. Once signed in, the information resource will appear). Get in touch at [gram.imatter@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.imatter@nhs.scot).

**Email advice from Information Commissioner** The UK's Information Commissioner is urging all healthcare providers to be aware of the risks of sending group emails. This follows several incidents in organisations providing support to people with HIV.

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) is recommending healthcare providers **do not** send group emails, even using 'BCC', following cases where the 'CC' field was used by mistake. People were identified as having conditions or vulnerabilities because they were receiving support or information.

If you're emailing a group about something sensitive and potentially disclosive, for example information around mental or sexual health support, or support for a specific condition like HIV, consider whether it's appropriate to send that via email. Remember families may share email accounts and devices.

If it is appropriate to send an email, send the information to people individually (one sender-one recipient). Do not send a group email, even if it is 'BCC'.

**Digital pause** Effective immediately, we are pausing the purchase of, or development of, any new digital solutions unless they:

- prevent patient harm
- will lead to significant cash savings in this financial year
- are part of a national project we are obliged to take part in

This pause, which will run until 31 October, will allow the digital team to review all activity over the last two years. They want to ensure we are getting value for money from all current digital packages e.g., Office 365. If further training is required, this will be supported. The team also want to review all current

requests – whether approved or awaiting review – to see if they are viable given the board's savings target.

A 'Digital Board' is being developed and will launch later this year. It will have responsibility for approving and prioritising development and purchase of digital solutions across NHS Grampian. We'll have more on the work of the digital board in future briefs. During the pause, colleagues in procurement will not be able to process any requests for new digital solutions.

We know this will have an impact on many of you, and the projects you are working on. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any questions or comments, please contact [gram.chiefdigitalofficer@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.chiefdigitalofficer@nhs.scot)

**International Day of the Midwife (IDM) this Sunday** This year's IDM theme is 'Midwives: A vital climate solution'. This recognises midwives are a vital solution in adapting health systems to climate change, and lowering carbon emissions overall. Midwives deliver safe and environmentally sustainable health services, help communities adapt to climate change, and are first responders during climate disasters. A big thank you to our infant breastfeeding coordinator, Yasmin Roberts, who's taken the time to explain in this video a bit more about how her team's work contributes to "a healthier planet with healthier families" on #IDM2024: [Infant feeding coordinator Yasmin Roberts on International Day of the Midwife 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

There is a national campaign encouraging all of us to mark International Day of the Midwife – and International Nurses Day on Sunday 12 May – by taking part in a local parkrun. You can run, jog, or walk 5K in these free events, or volunteer. Parkruns take place every Saturday at 9.30am and there are lots of parkruns across Grampian. You can find your nearest event and register to take part or volunteer here: [home | parkrun UK](#)

**ICYMI - inpatient electronic patient record (IP EPR) - update** Following feedback, the digital ward programme will be introducing changes to the TrakCare IP EPR. These will take effect from next Tuesday (7 May). Support will be available to all users throughout the transition. Please contact ext 54444 and a member of the team will be in touch. The video and guides linked below have more information

[Video IP Record Update](#)

[Training Guides IP EPR Guide](#)

[IP EPR Quick Guide](#)

For any other queries, please contact [gram.epr@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.epr@nhs.scot)

**Paediatric MTC education session** The next event in this series will take place next Thursday (9 May) between 12-1pm. The topic this time is organ donation. To request the joining link, please email [gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Sarah McLarty, lead podiatrist in Moray, makes today's request. She's off to see Take That this weekend and she's warning her hard-working colleagues there will be lots to tell next week (if she has any voice left!). Sarah's asked for [Said It All](#)

I'm sneaking in an extra request for Dawn McBain. She asked for [On Her Majesty's Secret Service](#) by Propellerheads more than a week ago and asked me to keep it for a nice day. As one has (finally) turned up, please enjoy! (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)