

Monday 30 October 2023

Staff car parking - Foresterhill Health Campus Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on car parking options for this site, and for your patience while we collated the results. The attached was presented to GAPF at their October meeting. Following this, we wanted to let you know what the next steps will be:

- There will be NO changes to the current arrangements before 1 April 2024. Winter is a challenging time in the health service, we want you to have certainty about the car parking arrangements. This means you will be able to use the multi-storey car park, from Level 6 and above, when coming to work. Please bear in mind we need to ensure patients can get parked too, therefore the lower levels must be kept clear for their use.
- We will be pursuing a permanent change to the conditions of use of the multi-storey car park. This is being done in consultation with the funders of the facility.
- The results of the survey, along with your individual feedback, made it clear you do not believe a permit system is the right option for the site. As such, we will not be taking those options any further at this time.
- We do need to make sure staff car parking is being protected for staff. We will be further investigating a vehicle registration scheme and the use of numberplate recognition.
- Your feedback has highlighted there is a lot we could be doing to better manage access to and from the site. You mentioned the shuttle bus service, more facilities for cyclists, and the relatively limited public transport options. Over the coming months, we will be developing a plan to improve access. This will involve discussions with bus companies and the organisations we share the site with. This plan will be a key part of any request to change the conditions of use of the multi-storey car park.

We hope this update is helpful; we will continue to share progress reports in the coming months.

Reminder - eESS scheduled downtime The eESS system, including Manager Self-service, will be unavailable from **this** Thursday (2 November) until the morning of Tuesday 7 November. This update is scheduled to provide necessary updates to the system and where possible, consideration has been given to minimise the impact on essential users.

Please ensure all transactions relating to the November payroll run are completed and authorised on Manager Self Service no later than 1pm on Wednesday (1 November)

If you have any queries surrounding the scheduled downtime, please contact Alice Black, eESS System Manager.

Patient Christmas Presents Each year NHS Grampian Charity (formerly Endowment Funds) invites staff to apply for funding to buy a small Christmas gift for patients who will be spending the festive period in hospital without their loved ones. You can apply for up to £10 per patient, and all applications must be

approved, and an approval number issued, before any purchases are made. The charity is not able to reimburse anyone who purchase items without an approval number.

The deadline to submit applications for Christmas gifts is **Friday 17 November**, to allow charity staff time to process and issue approvals in time for Christmas. We are unfortunately unable to process any Christmas present applications received after this date. Visit the charity's intranet site to download the relevant application forms: [Pages - default \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

Prestigious award for Grampian surgeon Congratulations to Professor James N'Dow who has been awarded the St Peter's medal, by the British Association of Urological Surgeons, to recognise his work in moving the speciality forward.

James said: "I'm very grateful to have received this. It came as a bit of a surprise, I never worked thinking I'd win this award, it's not something that was on my radar. I never understood what having imposter syndrome meant – but at 57-years-old I realise how incredible this is.

"It's a great recognition of all the work that goes in from all urology staff at NHS Grampian and those involved with UCAN. I do everything with others, I don't work on my own. I very much hope they all take as much pride as I do in this award."

SWAN Secure Web Access (SWAN SWA) Remote Access Due to essential maintenance the SWAN Secure Web Access service will be unavailable intermittently during the following dates/times:

- Wednesday 1st November 18:00-22:00
- Thursday 2nd November 18:00-22:00
- Wednesday 8th November 18:00-22:00

During these times the use of SWAN Secure Web Access will be limited therefore if you require access to NHS Grampian systems during these times an alternative means of access should be considered.

This maintenance is essential to perform mandatory updates that maintains the stability and security of the environment.

Please note that this maintenance work does not impact on remote access from NHS Grampian devices (e.g using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop).

Pause for thought The heavy rain brings debris down from the hills and the river water is dark and silty. In time it will clear, there is nothing we can do to hurry it. When your river clears, will it be the same as before or will there be changes? What benefits do the debris and silt bring?

Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that on this day in 1993 the late, great, Meat Loaf sat aloft the UK singles chart with, what would be his only British number one song, [I Would Do Anything For Love \(But I Won't Do That\)](#) - so it's our song today. Academics have for years quarrelled about what Mr Loaf wouldn't do for love, but they need not, it's very obviously in the lyrics i.e. "I'll never stop dreaming of you every night of my life... I won't do that" or "I'll never lie to you and that's a fact... I won't do that". Feel informed folks. (GC)

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