

Friday 2 December 2022

School disruption – industrial action Due to industrial action by members of the SSTA and NASUWT unions next Thursday (8 December) there will be disruption to secondary school provision across Grampian, as follows:

- Aberdeen City – all secondary schools will be closed to pupils in S1-4. Parents and carers will be contacted directly by their school.
- Moray – all secondary schools will be closed to pupils in S1-3, with varying arrangements put in place for pupils in S4-6. Parents and carers will be contacted directly by their school.
- Aberdeenshire – aiming to keep all secondary schools open, however partial closures are possible. Parents and carers will be contacted directly by their school with further information.

As you'll be aware, if this disruption affects your ability to attend work, it is important you have an urgent conversation with your line manager to discuss the use of annual leave, parental leave, TOIL, working at home, or rearranging shifts as appropriate.

Winter vaccinations – ARI drop-in clinic There will be a vaccination clinic on Level 3, Yellow Zone, ARI on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 December, between 9.30am - 4pm. These clinics will be drop-in – no appointments needed – but at busy times you may be asked to come back later. Please use the stairs to Level 3 (opposite M&S on the concourse) leaving the lifts available for patients attending the Eye Clinic.

Reminder - Joint Wound Formulary event, Thainstone Centre, 7 December If you have booked a place and are no longer able to attend, please cancel your ticket on Eventbrite as soon as possible. There is a waiting list of staff who would like to attend but have been unable to book due to the popularity of this event.

Mental Health and Learning Disability Services Quality Event 2022 Mental Health and Learning Disability Services held their 8th Annual Quality Event earlier this week; the event highlighted 32 posters which highlighted best practice, innovations and developments across several services within mental health and learning disabilities. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- **First Prize** - Corgarff Rehabilitation Resource Facility - Vicki A Jones, Specialist Occupational Therapist and Corgarff Staff Team.
- **Second Prize** - The role of the community learning disability healthcare support worker - Michael McFarlane, Loren Cameron and Denise Sweeny, HCSWs Aberdeenshire HSCP.
- **Third Prize** - Scottish Health Check for people with a learning disability - learning disability inpatient service pilot - Kerry Anderson Learning Disability Nurse Consultant.

Long Service Awards It has been a year since the Long Service Awards resumed and – except for staff who started between 1988-1992 – all eligible colleagues should now have received their awards. If you have not yet received your award, and your service began in 1966-1987, or 1993-1997, please get in touch via gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot To find out more about the Long Service Awards, [you can visit their intranet page here](#).

That was the week that was Time for your usual Friday run through of the key items shared this week; [briefs are available to view online here](#):

Monday 28 - Referral guidance for Maternity & Neonatal Psychological Interventions and Community Perinatal Mental Health Team, reminder of Christmas decorations Risk Control Notice

Tuesday 29 – Update on financial position, progress of the Winter 22/23 'flu season

Wednesday 30 – Data on current COVID-19 infections, new opportunity to join NMAHP bank

Thursday 1 – Reminder of current NHS Scotland Agenda for Change pay proposal, eESS update and new process for sending change/termination forms

STAR Award We doff our caps to Clare Matheson, FY2 Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus, and most recent winner of a STAR award. The team describe Clare as positive, upbeat, and helpful and felt she had to be nominated. If you work with a star who deserves a STAR, [you can use the online form](#) or send their details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot

Secret Santa draw A reminder the Secret Santa draw is open until 11.59pm on Sunday 18 December. We have 38 vouchers for an overnight stay for two people at Gleneagles to give away. The draw is open to NHS Grampian employees with a substantive contract; [full T&Cs and entry information here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only) or scan the QR code below if you're reading a printed copy of the brief:



Tune of the day Our tune today is dedicated to you, if you are kicking up your heels for a festive night out this weekend. Enjoy [The Nolans](#) – and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

Whatever your weekend plans, I hope you have some time to do something just for you. The brief will return 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