

Monday 21 November 2022

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**New Mortuary to be developed** A new £30m mortuary is to be built for the north-east and Northern Isles. The new premises will provide dignity for the deceased, improved facilities for bereaved families, and support growth in the scope and nature of locally provided forensic and educational activity. Led by ourselves and Aberdeen City Council, the new facility at the Foresterhill Health Campus will be a comprehensive, multi-purpose mortuary serving the needs of NHS Grampian, University of Aberdeen, the Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service, Police Scotland, and Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Orkney, and Shetland Island Councils. The new two-storey mortuary facility is to be built adjacent to the greenfield site next to Foresterhill Health Centre and will be an integrated post-mortem examination facility and storage for the deceased that will offer mortuary services within a single facility to serve the population of the North-east of Scotland and Northern Isles. This new structure will also include teaching, learning, and training facilities on the upper floor, provide more privacy and dignity in the bereavement suites, and make the most of natural light opportunities in the clinical, circulation and office space areas. The design and construction will meet the ambitions of being a net zero carbon facility.

For more information on the mortuary project, [click here to watch a short video](#).

**School disruption - this Thursday** All local authorities in Grampian have now confirmed schools will close due to industrial action this Thursday (24 November). If you cannot put alternative childcare arrangements in place and your ability to attend work is therefore affected, 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.

**Royal Mail strike action** There will be walkouts at Royal Mail this Thursday & Friday. Please bear in mind that, while local mail teams will collect post as usual, there will be delays in collection and onward delivery by Royal Mail.

**Fitters Forum (Coils/Implants)** The Sexual Health Service are hosting a forum on Monday 5 December, open to you if you are interested in sexual and reproductive health. This includes holders of DFSRH, LOC IUT, LOC SDI and NHS Grampian certificate for implants in primary care, in the community, and on wards in acute, maternity and MH&LD services. This will take place between 6.30-8pm, and will be held online via Microsoft Teams, (you must be logged into Turas Learn for the link to work): [Sexual Health : Fitters Forum Update Event | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#).

Please send any enquiries, or questions in advance of the event, to [gram.srhrtraining@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.srhrtraining@nhs.scot), by Friday 2 December 2022.

**Antibiotic Guardians** For World Antibiotic Awareness Week everyone is encouraged to become an Antibiotic Guardian. Go to [www.antibioticguardian.com](http://www.antibioticguardian.com) and make your pledge on how you will protect antibiotics. To test your knowledge of how antibiotics should be used appropriately, challenge yourself to this 5min [Antibiotic Guardian quiz](#).

**Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team** The Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team (HSPCT) will soon be moving over to an electronic system for referral, more information to follow when this goes live.

**Pause for thought** Something to consider this Monday, courtesy of recent Guided Journaling sessions:

*How are you feeling at this point in your week? How can you bring joy to your life over the days ahead?*

**Tune of the day** Today's request goes out to all District Nurses in Grampian. They have been undertaking their workload tool over the last fortnight, for the first time since 2015/16. It's been a challenging couple of weeks for the team, not helped by the weather at the end of the last week. A huge well done to all involved, our tune for you is [Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now by Starship](#) (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)