

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Operating theatres at Dr Gray's Hospital to re-open Following extensive work to ensure air and water samples meet the highest standards required for all clinical areas, operating theatres 2 and 3 at Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin are set to re-open.

The theatres were closed following a significant leak from a drainage pipe at the hospital in August. Remedial works to fix areas affected by water damage were quickly undertaken, and two of the four operating theatres quickly re-opened. A comprehensive programme of sampling and addressing other estate and environmental issues in the other two theatres has progressed. Teams are now preparing to move back into the theatres and schedule operations.

Dr Gray's Hospital General Manager, Alasdair Pattinson, said: "This is the news our excellent teams have been waiting for and I'm sure everyone is really pleased we can now plan for the theatres to be operational once again. Colleagues who lead infection control and prevention work have done a lot of work alongside our estates staff and the wider team to clean the hospital's ventilation systems and a range of other important measures. Thank you to everyone for your commitment and dedication."

Near Me for Group Consultations Near Me can now offer dedicated waiting rooms designed specifically to enable group consultations with up to 60 participants at a time for up to 4 hours at a time. You can watch some of the NHS Grampian pathfinder services talk about the benefits of Near Me Group Consultations to their staff and patients, by clicking on the following links:

[Diabetes/Dietetics - Group Consultations](#)

[Neurology - Group Consultations](#)

[Maternity - Group Consultations](#)

More information on how to access Group Consultations [is available on the Near Me website](#), to discuss/request a group waiting area for your service email gram.nearme@nhs.scot

Neuro Rehab Pathway Review – co-production workshops via Microsoft Teams The first in a series of workshops on this topic took place today. Further workshops are planned (see dates below) and all are welcome.

- Tuesday 20 December 10am - 1pm - **Future Solutions**
- Wednesday 18 January 1pm-4pm - **Initial Implementation Plan**
- Tuesday 31 January 1pm-4pm – **Agreed Implementation Plan**

These co-production workshops will look at the review findings and begin to explore actions and improvements together to co-produce an Implementation Plan. To sign up to the workshops please [complete this form](#). Please forward on to anyone interested, or [contact gram.neurorehabreview@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.neurorehabreview@nhs.scot) if you have any queries.

Grampian Guidance - New Site The Grampian Guidance site needs to move onto a new platform to deliver guidance and information that helps with direct patient care. We have chosen to use SharePoint Online to host the site going forward. Moving to SharePoint Online should provide us with the following improvements:

- The site can be accessed from any computer (you will not need to be connected to NHS Grampian network)
- The site will be available to all staff, in all health boards, across NHS Scotland
- The search facility should be significantly more powerful
- Better display of documents
- Ability to access the site from a mobile device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop etc.)

We are looking at building the new site in the coming months with a proposed launch in mid-2023 (we are one of the first sites in NHS Scotland to move to SharePoint Online, so we have a lot of learning to do as we build the site and move the massive library of information that we currently curate). We would like to know what **you** think of Grampian Guidance. This information will help us build the best site to deliver vital content to help you do your job. We would greatly appreciate if you could take a few minutes [to complete this brief survey](#).

Festive arrangements – what are your service plans? Thank you to everyone who has already sent in information on their festive service plans. We'll be sharing this information early next week, so if you haven't had a chance to get in touch, do not delay. Just email the details to gram.communications@nhs.scot and we'll take care of the rest.

Queen's Nurses We are proud to say three outstanding nurses, working across north-east Scotland, have been awarded the historic Queen's Nurse title. Shirley Catto (Neurology Nurse Specialist, Seafield Hospital, Buckie), Nicola Dickie (Health Visitor/Team Leader, Links Medical Practice) and Laura Rothney (Senior Nurse Practitioner, Royal Cornhill Hospital) collected their awards from the Queen's Nurse Institute Scotland at an event in Edinburgh on Friday 2 December. Queen's Nursing in Scotland dates to the late 19th century, when nurses completed specific training which allowed them to work as district nurses. With the advent of national certificates for district nursing, the training ended, but the title was reintroduced in 2017, as a development programme for nurses.

Christmas hampers from CFINE Fruit and veg hampers are now available to order from CFINE (Community Food Initiatives North East), all profits are reinvested in the development work CFINE does to support local priority communities. [More information is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only)

We Care Wellbeing Wednesday

- SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) has launched a new campaign which aims to empower anyone to have open conversations with someone they think may be experiencing thoughts of suicide. If you're worried about someone, asking them about suicide could save their life, #AskThem. [Use this link to watch the campaign film](#) and find key resources to help guide practical conversations. For more information, email ask@samh.org.uk.
- [We Care | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) provide an array of resources which are available for all staff including bookable sessions on mental health and stress awareness. Also on Turas, NES has training and resources about suicide, including the Mental health Improvement and suicide prevention framework to download, [these are available here](#).

Tune of the day Thanks to Susan Godlington in the eHealth team for today's request; she's asked for [More Than A Feeling](#) by Boston (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