

Thursday 27 July 2023

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Further to the update shared in Tuesday's brief, we have been reviewing the buildings – or parts of buildings – we are requesting detailed surveys of. The dental block at ARI has been added to the list; we are now seeking inspections in a total of 54 sites. An updated list is attached to the email used to send this brief for your reference. As a reminder, we are hosting two virtual drop-in events next week. These sessions will take place as follows (we will record them and make them available for anyone unable to attend):

- [Tuesday 1 August, 10-11am](#)
- [Thursday 3 August, 11am-12noon](#)

You do not need to register, simply click the link to attend the session of your choice. If you would prefer to submit a question in advance and/or have it asked anonymously, please email gram.communications@nhs.scot with the title 'RAAC question'. An FAQ, containing all the information we have at present, [is available to view here](#).

Plan for the Future, in your pocket The key points of our Plan for The Future have been captured in a pocket-sized version, now winging its way to all teams and services. Look out for yours! We all have a role to play in implementing the plan and having your own miniature copy will help you understand where you and your team or service fit in.

Retirement of ECCI System – action needed The ECCI system is marked for retirement imminently, so if you have not yet been contacted by eHealth regarding the switch to Dragon Medical Workflow Manager (digital dictation), please contact Linda Youngson linda.youngson2@nhs.scot as soon as possible. All current ECCI users must switch to Dragon as soon as possible to minimise disruption to continuity of clinical letters being sent to GP practices and clinical colleagues.

Vending machines A new contract for vending machines across our sites has been awarded; the new supplier will be a company called Abercrombie. The existing machines – provided and maintained by Selecta – will be removed no later than 31 August. It is possible some areas may be without machines for a brief period, during the changeover. We will ensure Retail Catering Machines are stocked within the Emergency Department at ARI and the staff spaces at Woodend and Dr Gray's Hospital, as these are our current out of hours service. Abercrombie have already been in touch with areas that currently have **no** provision and will commence with installing these machines from 14 August. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience or loss of service during the supplier change.

First Aid training - in-person session Due to changes in the staff team, it is not possible to offer in-person practical First Aid training at present. If you/your manager would like you to be considered for this training, [please visit our Intranet page](#) to learn how to apply. Courses will not be available to book until the replacement trainer is fully trained, and responses to applications may be delayed. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

GAPF development day Grampian Area Partnership Forum (GAPF) aims to promote and support Partnership working, with a focus on being Safe at Work as a basic right and essential to our health and wellbeing. They are hosting a development day on Thursday 21 September at Curl Aberdeen. The event will cover topics including fatigue at work and psychological safety. Whether you are already involved in Partnership working or have no previous experience, you will be warmly welcomed. Please contact gram.partnership@nhs.scot if you wish to attend or have any questions about the event.

Please remove old visiting posters Teams in all inpatient areas are kindly reminded to remove all out-of-date signage relating to visiting ahead of the relaunch of Welcome Wards in the coming months. Welcome Wards is all about person-centred care, without fixed visiting times, and we do not wish to cause confusion with any conflicting messaging. For more information and advice, please email gram.visiting@nhs.scot

Culture Collaborative Colleagues from across the NHS and the HSCPs are invited to attend the next Culture Collaborative session, next Monday (31 July) between 11am and 12.20pm. This is a forum open to all, irrespective of your role. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact gram.culturematters@nhs.scot. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tune of the day Today's choice is easy – if sad. Sinead O'Connor has died at the age of 56. Her version of Prince's [Nothing Compares 2 U](#) catapulted her to stardom, and she spent the rest of her life dealing with the challenges that brought. Fiercely outspoken and never afraid of making waves, she was banned from Saturday Night Live for life after ripping up a picture of the then Pope in protest; in a later interview she said the incident defined her career in a beautiful way: "There was no more mistaking this woman for a pop star" (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