

Friday 2 June 2023

Chair's blog The board of NHS Grampian met yesterday (1 June); as usual, our Chair Alison Evison has written a short blog to bring you all up to date on what was discussed. [To read it, click here.](#)

Managing Quality in Complex Systems - a development programme for staff responsible for service delivery We have been given 2 places for this new and exciting course, developed and provided by NES, specifically designed for management roles and managers/leads responsible for operational planning and service delivery. Our successful candidates will be in a position in NHS Grampian to influence and support planning and implementation of organisation and system-wide transformation initiatives. The course will start September/October 2023 and run over a 6-month period. If you think this is for you then please note your interest by emailing gram.qiat@nhs.scot by close of business **Tuesday 6 June 2023.**

Phlebotomy team – DGH – change of contact From next Tuesday (6 June), the Phlebotomy Team at Dr Gray's will be using an ASCOM phone – ext. 67198. This replaces bleep 584. As a reminder, they can be contacted in the afternoons to support with clinical skills, such as cannulating, bladder scanning, ECGs etc.

Dietitians Week – RACH As highlighted yesterday Dietitians Week begins on Monday. The paediatric dietitians will have an information stand on the ground floor of RACH throughout the week, with pictures of the team and different themes each day. To learn more about dietitians, food hacks and why they are proud to work in dietetics come and visit the stand!

That was the week that was Here's what you might have missed in this week's brief:

Monday 29 – details of two pension consultations, ability to view calendars for Aberdeen City/Aberdeenshire colleagues

Tuesday 30 – Smarter Working update, relaunch of Cycle2Work scheme

Wednesday 31 – Caroline 'In Conversation', details of next Shared Learning event

Thursday 1 – iMatter update, Royal Cornhill ward refurbishments

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STAR Award Congratulations to Frances Ferguson, clinical pharmacist and surgical team lead, and recent recipient of a STAR award. You can nominate a colleague or team by emailing the details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot or by [completing the online nomination form.](#)

Volunteering – your stories Our next window on volunteering comes from John Graham; a nurse manager, a presenter on Grampian Hospital Radio, and Vice Chair of the organisation to boot.

Grampian Hospital Radio has been broadcasting since 1981, broadcasting 24 hours a day 7 days a week. You can listen via Hospedia on Channel 1, on our GHR App, on your smart speaker, or via our website: [Grampian Hospital Radio](#) We are currently looking for volunteers for music request collecting around the wards or presenting. [There's more information on the GHR website.](#)

“It can be difficult for friends and family to visit, particularly if home is quite a distance away from Aberdeen. If tuning in to us as the local station helps things feel a little better for even a short spell, that's something positive.” Brenda Massie, Request Show Presenter Saturday 7-9pm

Tune of the day We round off the working week with [The Sun Has Got His Hat On](#), as requested by Gillian Douglas and Cate Adams in the Chaplaincy team. This well-known tune features in Me and My Girl, which Gillian and Cate are off to see at The Tivoli tonight.

Whether your weekend features theatre trips or an action-packed Girlguiding fun day (me!) I hope you enjoy it. For those working, have a safe shift. 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