

Monday 27 November 2023

Annual Leave - it's yours to take We need to ensure everyone (except those on maternity leave or other long-term absence) uses their full annual leave allocation for 2023/24. First and foremost, this is vital for individual and team wellbeing. It has the added benefit of helping our financial position because we do not have to recognise the cost of untaken annual leave at the end of the financial year. Please make sure you have all your leave for 2023/24 either already booked or with plans to take it before 31 March 2024.

Healthcare chaplains to host service of reflection Members of the chaplaincy team will host a short service of reflection, to acknowledge the ongoing situation in the Middle East. This will be a non-denominational service, for those of all faiths and none, taking place in the Chapel at ARI (Pink Zone, Level 2) this Friday (1 December) at 11.30am. All are welcome. For more information, contact Gillian Douglas, Lead Chaplain on ext 53166 or email gillian.douglas@nhs.scot

Adult Liaison Psychiatry – change to referral process From next Monday (4 December) **for referrals for Liaison Psychiatry consultations for inpatients in hospitals in Aberdeen aged 18-64** the department of psychological medicine is moving from email referral system to TrakCare via Order Comms, in the Consultation Requests tab. The referral should be attached to the patient's current IP episode. From the Consultation Request screen, type Liaison Psychiatry IP Referral in the Item field, if it's not already listed on the screen for selection and complete the form.

Colleagues are asked to move to the new system promptly, however the team will continue to accept email form referrals until 22 December. This **does not** change the current referral process for urgent referrals (via tel. 52882), toxicology referrals, outpatient referrals or referrals to older adult liaison. Please see intranet page (networked devices only): [Pages - MakeReferral \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) for referral guidelines

Reminder – disruption to SWAN Secure Web Access (SWAN SWA) Remote Access The SWAN Secure Web Access service will be unavailable intermittently on Wednesday (29 November) between 6-10pm. If you require access to NHS Grampian systems during these times an alternative means of access should be identified. This maintenance work does not impact on remote access from NHS Grampian devices (e.g., using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop).

Fitter's Forum (Coils/Implants) Update training The next Fitter's Forum (Coils/Implants) update training course is due to take place on Monday 4 December between 6.30 - 8pm on Teams. The training course is aimed at the multi-agency team involved in sexual and reproductive health, in particular, current implant and intrauterine contraceptive fitters. You can book via Turas: [Sexual Health : Fitters Forum Update Event | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) Please direct any enquiries for this training course to gram.srhttraining@nhs.scot.

Scottish Coaching and Leading for Improvement Programme (ScLIP) Applications for the Scottish Coaching and Leading for Improvement Programme (ScLIP) are now open! We have been allocated 9 places, in Cohort 38, which will focus on Excellence in Care, starting on 29 August 2024. There's lots more information about the programme and links to the full application pack here: [Recruitment | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#). The application window will close at 10 am on 2 February 2024. Informal enquiries can be directed to Jill Ferbrache (jill.ferbrache@nhs.scot) or Louise Black (louise.black2@nhs.scot)

AHP Dementia Webinar: Music Therapy, Care Home Teams and Dementia AHPs are invited to join the conversation with music therapy colleagues on the impact of using music therapeutically in care home teams; supporting relationships and wellbeing for people with dementia. The webinar takes place on Wednesday 13 December, 3.30-4.30pm. You can register via this link: [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](#)

Child Health Commissioner's newsletter The latest newsletter from Tracy Davis, our Child Health Commissioner, is available to read via this link: [Child Health Commissioner's Newsletter \(office.com\)](#)

Pause for thought A gift, an inconvenience, or something else, what might a delay mean for you right now? If that delay persisted, what could be gained?

Rosie named a Queen's Nurse As you might have spotted on our social media accounts over the weekend, our own Rosie Crighton is one of 24 nurses and midwives across Scotland to be named a Queen's Nurse. Rosie, a health visitor, school nurse team leader, and part-time operational lead nurse, was given the prestigious award following completion of a nine-month development programme. This is organised by Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland and recognises extraordinary nurses working in a range of community settings. Congratulations to Rosie!

Tune of the day Caroline Garness (Spynie dental in Elgin) wore her Muse t-shirt with pride for T-Shirt Day last week; she's requested [Knights of Cydonia](#). Meanwhile, Lorraine Sandison (videoconferencing support desk analyst) gently – but correctly – reprimanded me for missing the 32nd anniversary of Freddie Mercury's death on Friday. A man who could sing the phonebook and make it sound like a thing of beauty. Lorraine's asked for the always moving [Love of my Life](#) (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