

Tuesday 15 November 2022

**Vaccination milestone for Aberdeenshire** Huge congratulations to all the vaccinators working in Aberdeenshire; as of today, they have vaccinated 100,000 people against 'flu. Across Grampian, the Winter 22/23 programme is now edging close to the 200,000 vaccinated mark. All NHS staff are eligible for a free 'flu vaccination, and if your job brings you into direct contact with patients/clients you can also get a COVID-19 booster. All clinics in Aberdeenshire (Banchory, Stonehaven, Macduff, Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Inverurie, and Huntly), along with Fiona Elcock Vaccination Centre (Elgin), and Aberdeen City Vaccination Centre are open for health & social care staff walk-ins. Getting vaccinated will protect you, your colleagues, and the people we care for.

**Royal Mail strikes** There will be two days of industrial action at Royal Mail next week – 24 & 25 November. Our local mail teams will collect post as usual, but services should be aware there will be a delay in collection and delivery by Royal Mail. [More information is available here.](#)

**PPE Donning & Doffing refreshers** The Infection Prevention & Control team continue to offer this training to health & social care staff. It's a fantastic opportunity to keep your skills sharp; dates below, all sessions begin at 11am and last 1 hour:

November - Tuesday 22

December – Thursday 1, Tuesday 6, Thursday 15, Tuesday 20

To book your place, email [gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot)

**International Fraud Awareness Week** This year's event focuses on bribery and corruption; what it is, how to recognise the signs, the consequences and what to do if you suspect bribery and corruption in NHS Scotland. Our colleagues at National Services Scotland have put together [this helpful guide](#) (intranet link, networked devices only) with more information on resources and training.

**Reminder - Staff Equalities Network - Should you bring your 'authentic-self' to work each day?** Come along to the Staff Equalities Network tomorrow at 2pm as we dig a little deeper into this idea and discuss what role 'authenticity' has in helping NHS Grampian achieve our aim of becoming a more inclusive organisation. If you would like to come along and be part of the discussion, contact [gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot) for the Teams link – everyone is welcome!

**Short workshops with GHAT** Grampian Hospital Art Trust have commissioned 6 artists from diverse backgrounds to deliver Creative Mobile Unit sessions for NHS Grampian staff. Sessions are delivered via Teams and tailored to have a short duration of between 15-20 minutes. There are 8 spaces available in each session to ensure everyone gets the most out of the workshop. Materials will be provided in advance. We have 2 sessions by Yvette Bathgate which you can book. [Visit the GHAT website](#) for information about the sessions, times, dates, and how to book. These sessions are funded by Creative Scotland and the NHS Grampian Endowment Fund.

**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](#); that link will take you to the Staff Scrapbook section of the intranet. This has lots of information on offers and discounts available to NHS Grampian staff, as well as details about the activities of the sports committee.

**Ticket offer – P&J Live** Jason Manford will appear at P&J Live this Saturday (19 November); a limited number of tickets are available for £10 (plus booking fee) [by clicking this link](#). As usual, these offers are first come, first served. NHS Grampian does not benefit from – or take any responsibility for – these offers, we simply share them with you.

**Tune of the day** So. Have you seen it yet? I am referring to the John Lewis Christmas advert, released last week, which sees the retailer work closely with Who Cares? Scotland and Action for Children. A [cover version of All the Small Things](#) soundtracks the advert – Joanne Grant has asked for both it and [the Blink-182 original](#); the choice is yours! (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)