

Monday 29 May 2023

Pension consultations – have your say The Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) has launched a consultation on two important topics – Member Contribution Rates and Implementing the 2015 Remedy. Both consultations run until 15 August. A summary of the main points of each consultation is attached to the email used to send out this brief, [or on the intranet here](#), as preferred. The full consultation and supporting documents are available here [NHS Scotland pension schemes' consultations | SPPA](#)

Improving collaboration with local authorities For many of us, our roles involve close working with colleagues across Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray councils. Work has been taking place both locally and national to improving the sharing of information across Teams and Outlook. As such, you can now view free/busy availability of colleagues in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. When arranging a meeting with local council staff you can now use the scheduling assistant to view free/busy time. You can also video call and message your colleagues in these local authority organisations directly. To utilise these features, you must know the email address of the person you wish to communicate with or add to a meeting.

We continue to work with Moray Council colleagues to share calendar free/busy times, and we will update you when this becomes available. Please see below links to some guides which you may find helpful:

Meeting availability

- [View the availability of external users in Outlook Desktop](#)
- [View the availability of external users in Outlook for the Web](#)
- [View the availability of external users in Teams Calendar](#)

Sharing calendars

- [Share your calendar in Outlook Desktop](#)
- [Share your calendar in Outlook on the Web](#)

Dementia Awareness Week – launch of national strategy A New Dementia Strategy for Scotland will be launched on Wednesday (31 May) at 10.35am. [You can watch the event by registering here](#).

Resuscitation – new training opportunity The resus department are offering a new course on management of the deteriorating patient. This course has been developed by the resuscitation department for both registered and non-registered practitioners working in acute and non-acute areas. This course is designed for those individuals who feel they need more than BLS to support where they work but are not required to attend an ILS course. This course will enable staff to manage an acutely unwell or deteriorating patient up to and including the point of cardiac arrest. There are no pre-requisites for this course. Simply search for 'Deteriorating Patient (resus dept)' on Turas or email the team at gram.resustraining@nhs.scot for more info.

Pause for thought When we look at the same things as others do, it's easy to assume that we all see the same. What do you notice that no-one else sees? What do you notice now?

Grampian Pride A huge thank you to everyone who joined the NHS Grampian team at Grampian Pride on Saturday. We had our best turn out yet, the sun shone, and Union Street was once again a riot of colour and noise. Thanks also to the teams who marked the occasion in their workplaces. There are plenty of photos on the NHS Grampian social media accounts, here's a taster:



Tune of the day Today's request goes out to Alison Nicol, from Jackie and all the gang in the Central Purple HV Team. Alison is their admin supremo and is retiring after working for the NHS since 1996. The team will miss you a lot, but they send you off with lots of love and best wishes. I hear Alison is partial to a bit of Dolly, so here's [9 to 5](#) – not something you have to worry about anymore! (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