

Monday 11 December 2023

**Staff drop-in sessions - Safe Transfer of Patients in ARI project** Virtual drop-in sessions for staff are taking place each day this week between 1-2pm. The aim of these is to hear your thoughts and any concerns you may have regarding this project (sometimes known as 30/30). You do not need to attend the whole session, just drop in as/when you can anytime between 1-2pm - it is important we hear your views and any concerns you may have. These sessions will be via Teams, and you can request the joining link via [gram.pipdirector@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pipdirector@nhs.scot) If you are unable to attend or would like to pre-submit a question, please send this to [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)

We are continuing to work-up the project FAQ, using information from these sessions, and will share this later in the week.

**Vaccination for inpatients – Aberdeen City hospitals** If your ward/service has inpatients who are eligible for 'flu and/or COVID-19 vaccination, they can receive this in hospital. This form should be used to refer inpatients at ARI, RACH, Royal Cornhill, and Woodend only: [Inpatient Winter Vaccine Referrals \(office.com\)](https://office.com). You can also access the form by scanning the QR code below:



**Vaccination for staff – walk-in clinic at ARI** If you work in health or social care and have still to get your 'flu or COVID-19 jabs, there is a walk-in clinic tomorrow (Tuesday) at eye outpatients (Yellow Zone) between 9.30am-4pm. Not sure what you're eligible for? Check out the NHS Inform website: [Winter vaccines | NHS inform](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcareprofessionals/vaccines)

**Data security - don't use unapproved apps or services** Unapproved apps or online services **must never** be used to share patient or business confidential data between colleagues or to communicate with patients. This includes services like WhatsApp, FaceTime, Facebook or Facebook Messenger, Slack, Induction Switch, personal (i.e. non-NHS) email or text messaging services etc. The NHS side of the communication must always be via NHS systems like Teams, Near Me, NHS email etc. If you've got any questions, please contact [gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot)

**COTAG support - standard operating procedure** COTAG provide emergency support to the NHS, HSCPs, local authorities etc, in times of extreme weather or civil emergency by providing 4X4 vehicle response. Their help should only be requested once all usual business continuity measures have been exhausted. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been updated; please note the HSCPs in City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray now have their own agreements with COTAG and they should follow their local policy. [The NHS Grampian SOP is available to view here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

**Unscheduled care programme – update session** Ambulatory care at Dr Gray’s, the Safe Transfer of Patients project, and winter communications will all be under discussion on Wednesday, at the next unscheduled care programme update session. This takes place on Teams, between 12-1pm; to request an invite please contact [gram.uucteam@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.uucteam@nhs.scot)

**Shared Learning Event - help us to improve in 2024** Whether you’ve attended Shared Learning Events or not, the team are keen to get your views. [This short survey is open until Friday](#); alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.



**Datix surgeries – your questions answered** The final Datix surgeries for 2023 take place tomorrow (12 November), 1-2pm, and 2-3pm. These events take place on Teams, and you are not required to stay for the full time; as soon as you have your answer you can leave the virtual room. [Booking is via Turas](#) (requires log-in).

**NoSCAR NMAHP Research Seminar Series** The next seminar, on "Celebrating NMAHP Research in NHS Grampian", will be held via MS Teams tomorrow (12 December) from 1.30-2.30pm. No need to book, [just follow this link](#).

**Chaplaincy carol service** A carol service will be held in the Chapel in ARI (Level 2 Pink Zone) on this Sunday (17 December) at 3pm. All staff, students, patients, and visitors will be made welcome. As in recent years a recorded service will also be available to view on the NHS Grampian YouTube channel from 3pm on Sunday. For further information please contact the chaplaincy team on x53316 or email [gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot)

**Pause for thought** At this time of year many people are thinking about giving. If your gift was to ‘give up’ rather than give, what might you consider giving up? And if you were to ‘give in’ to something what would that be?

**Tune of the day** Sometimes it pays to be obvious. [Rainy Days and Mondays](#) is our tune of the day (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)