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Social Security Scotland Disability Payments Since 2021, Social Security Scotland have requested medical information for disability payments, previously known as Disability Living Allowances, directly from health boards. You – we - are obliged to comply with these requests. If you receive a request for information in support of a disability payment, it will come from the Social Security Scotland system, Objective Connect. You input the relevant information into that system. You will also receive an email from Information Governance to let you know that you have a request and to share guidance and training. If you have any questions, please contact Information Governance - gram.dpo@nhs.scot

Management of Hazardous Substances – training now on Turas We all have responsibility to make safety at work a priority for ourselves, our colleagues, patients, visitors, and for the organisation. One risk to safety is hazardous substances. A hazardous substance can be anything from cleaning fluids to medical gases. They are legally managed under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (CoSHH) regulations. To support the management of hazardous substances, the organisation must assess and manage these risks, and provide suitable training. We're pleased to say CoSHH training is now available on Turas, making it much easier for you to complete it. The training is split into three modules:

Module 1: covers important information and signposting to the available tools to support staff with Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (CoSHH) and provides staff and managers with an overview of what CoSHH is, what CoSHH does and does not cover, why CoSHH is important and the responsibilities CoSHH places on organisations and individuals.

Module 2: This module is to provide staff and managers with an overview of how to identify hazardous substances, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), how hazardous substances are assessed, Workplace Exposure Limits (WEL), carcinogens, mutagens and biological agents, and control measures.

Module 3: This module covers the final information and training to become an Editor on Sypol to support the management of Hazardous Substances under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (CoSHH) Regulations and provides staff with the information and training for those who wish to become an Editor on the Sypol System.

[You can find the modules on Turas here](#) (requires log-in) or simply search 'Sypol' when you next log into the platform.

Corporate Travel While the ability to meet up in-person once again is something many of us are enjoying, please remember to travel responsibly. Attending a meeting or conference in-person should only be done if there is no hybrid/virtual option, to ensure we limit our travel costs, and our carbon footprint. If there is no alternative to attending in-person, please use public transport wherever possible. This should be booked via the General Office; there's more information on their intranet page: [Pages - StaffTravel \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) (networked devices only).

Culture Collaborative Colleagues from across NHS Grampian and the HSCPs are invited to attend the next Culture Collaborative session on 31 August, 3 - 4.20pm. The Culture Collaborative will take a slightly different approach at this session and attendees will be asked to decide what is important to explore together in the session by considering the following question: How is the organisational culture evolving in NHS Grampian? This is a forum which is open to all irrespective of your role. If you are interested in attending, please contact gram.culturematters@nhs.scot. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ministerial Taskforce on Nursing & Midwifery A national taskforce, looking at all aspects of nursing and midwifery in Scotland, was set up earlier this year. As part of their work, they are looking for as many current nurses and midwives as possible to complete a short 'pulse' survey. This covers a range of topics, including how we better attract more people into these professions. The survey will run until Monday 18 September [and is available here](#). Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views.

NHS Grampian Charity newsletter The first issue of the new-look NHS Grampian Charity newsletter is [now available to read online here](#) and is packed full of charity news and updates. Keep your eye on the Daily Brief in the coming weeks for more exciting news from the charity, including dates of upcoming visits to hospitals across the region, and updates to the funding application process.

Ticket offer The team at P&J Live are offering half-price tickets to the upcoming 'Legend – The music of Bob Marley' show. The event takes place on Saturday 16 September, [tickets are available via this link](#). As always, a reminder we do not benefit from these offers, and we are not responsible for them.

Tune of the day It's a somewhat self-centred request today; one of my communications comrades, Gary Cruden, is heading off on holiday. Gary's happiest on the water (must be something to do with being a Broch loon) so as he sets sail on a cruise, what else but [Cruisin' by Smokey Robinson](#)? (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