

Friday 13 May 2022

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**Platinum Party at the Palace Jubilee Concert – 2 FREE Tickets available for NHSG staff** As a member of NHS Charities Together, the NHS Grampian Endowment Fund has been offered a pair of tickets to attend a concert at Buckingham Palace to mark the Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4 June from 8-10.30pm. We are holding a ballot to allocate these tickets, so if you would like to attend, please contact [gram.charities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.charities@nhs.scot) by 5pm on Monday 16 May with your names and NHSG email addresses. **Please note, both tickets must be used by NHS staff and the winners are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation.**

The evening will bring together the world's biggest entertainers, in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen becoming the first British monarch to reign for seventy years. With state-of-the-art technology and a stunning stage design in front of this iconic Royal Residence, the event will feature an incredible range of musical highlights from global pop stars to rock royalty to opera singers with a full, live orchestra. Stars from film, TV and the stage will also tell the story and celebrate some of the most significant cultural moments from The Queen's reign.

**COVID-19 update** The weekly Office of National Statistics published today continue to show a reduction in the number of people with the virus in Scotland – now 1 in 35 compared to 1 in 30 in the week before. Continuing this positive picture, [our video update](#) highlights new admissions to hospital in Grampian have plateaued at low levels and COVID-19 occupancy continues to reduce – now at 82 compared to 120 two weeks ago. It may not always feel like it for those of you on the ground, but nationally hospital service pressure due to COVID-19 appears to be reducing and virus-related calls to NHS24 continue to fall.

**That was the week that was** Here is a round up of some of the key items shared this week. As always, [all briefs are available to read here](#).

Monday 9 May – Mental Health Awareness week, launch of new Safe & Clean Care Audit Tool, registration opens for NHS Scotland event in Aberdeen.

Tuesday 10 May – Single use plastic ban, appeal for stories for a book focusing on the pandemic.

Wednesday 11 May – Toolbox to support reflection by clinical teams, Realistic Medicine blog, lifting of booking restrictions for free swimming sessions for NHS Grampian staff at RGU pool.

Thursday 12 May – Message from Chief Executive, new Staffside Chair elected, update to Standard Operating Procedure for respiratory and non-respiratory pathway allocation, testing, and reporting

**Digitally Enabled Workforce – research interviews** The Digitally Enabled Workforce team, within NHS Education for Scotland (NES), are working to support the development of digital skills and capabilities across the whole of Scotland's health and social care workforce. As part of this, they are working to develop a single, easy to use, platform to host learning resources. They will be carrying out research interviews from next Monday (16 May). If you would like to be involved, [more information is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

**Corporate Games** Congratulations to NHS Grampian's Touch Rugby team who came a glorious 2nd in last night's Corporate Games Competition at Aberdeen Sports Village. They played against Subsea 7 and Centurion in the group stages, scored a big win over the hosts, Aberdeen Sports Village, in the knockout stage, unfortunately losing 2-0 to Xodus Group in the final. It was great to see so many professions coming together to form the team, including Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health, and Payroll.



Back Row: Tanya Johnston, Jo Hall, Lisa Lawrie, Siobhan Cowie

Front Row: Struan McDonald, Craig Marr, Matthew Tait, Simon Winstanley

There are still places left for most remaining events in the Corporate Games, including diving, table tennis, football, and swimming; for more information, please email [gram.sports@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.sports@nhs.scot)

**STAR Award** We have four STAR award recipients to share today, congratulations to all the following teams:

- Ward 303/304 Surge ward
- Team 4 & 8 ICU
- Pharmacy Aseptic Services
- Occupational Health Team

If you want to nominate a team or an individual colleague for a STAR award, you can do so by [completing the online form](#) or by emailing [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Long Service Awards** If you have questions about Long Service Awards or are just looking for more information, [why not visit the dedicated intranet page?](#)

**Tune of the day** Kirsty Whyte (OT, Peterhead Community Hospital) rounds off the week by requesting [Wuthering Heights by Kate Bush](#). Kirsty heads off on maternity leave today and is dedicating this to all her colleagues.

Thanks also to Wendy Lyon (Timmermarket) for reminding me that it is Eurovision weekend! I'll be there at 8pm on Saturday night, snacks at the ready, for a hardcore evening of camp performances and the endlessly fascinating voting session. The UK hasn't racked up a win since [Love Shine A Light](#) by Katrina and The Waves in 1997; let's see how this year's competition unfolds. Whatever your weekend holds, I hope it's a good one and you get some down time. The brief will return on Monday (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)