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**Laundry Services** As part of the installation of a new hydraulic press in the laundry, a beam was inadvertently disturbed which produced an isolated asbestos incident. A small number of staff and contractors were in the unit at the time and have been identified and supported.

We are working swiftly to monitor air quality, identify any further/ongoing risk and to get the laundry back up and running in a safe and controlled manner. The room has been isolated and no laundry products have been affected.

This incident will have a knock-on effect to how quickly laundry will be dealt with for at least a few weeks. There are several safe things that staff in clinical settings can do to help:

- Where possible, wear your uniform and not scrubs where appropriate.
- Change beds only when needed, but ensure linen is changed within a 7 day window.
- Use any extra stored linen or pods you may have on the wards.
- And lastly, and most importantly, be respectful of the laundry staff at all times. Everyone is doing their best.

**Industrial Action – System Update** You will be aware of last week's news that industrial action by junior doctors has been suspended to allow consultation on a new pay offer. As a result, this morning the Chief Executive Team took the decision to step down the formal Gold, Silver, Bronze reporting structures that had been put in place for the time being, recognising this needs to be kept under review as negotiations continue.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the significant amount of planning that was undertaken ahead of time and all affected staff for their ongoing flexibility. As we reinstate activity, shift patterns and rotas should revert, wherever possible, to those scheduled prior to the industrial action and Consultants who may have been providing resident cover no longer need to do so. Please discuss this with your line manager if you have any questions.

**European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care - Registration Now Open for Autumn 2023 -** ECEPC is a highly respected qualification in palliative care founded and coordinated by Princess Alice Hospice. The nine-week course is offered to healthcare professionals new to palliative care, who have direct access to end of life patients.

Applications are now open for the Autumn Course which runs from 11 September to 15 November 2023. For further information visit: [European Certificate in Essential Palliative Care \(ECEPC\) - Princess Alice Hospice \(pah.org.uk\)](https://www.pah.org.uk). To register for a place at the Roxburghe House, Aberdeen Site, please complete the attached form and return to [gram.mcn@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.mcn@nhs.scot) by Friday, August 25. Please note places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis therefore it is important to submit your application as soon as you can to secure your place.

**Calling all nurses and midwives with research interest** Are you a nurse or midwife who is research active, engaged or interested? Do you want to increase your understanding of research methods and build skills in critically appraising research? The RGU School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedic Practice hold a monthly journal club and are extending an invite to any interested practitioner. If you would like to join their next session then the details are below. just click on the link to attend - no need to register for this free event!

- Who? Dr Janyne Afseth
- When? Tomorrow (12 July), 12noon
- What? SHIFTing artificial intelligence to be responsible in healthcare: A systematic review
- How? [Click this link to join the meeting](#)

**Scottish Health Awards – who will you nominate?** The Scottish Health Awards recognise the best of the best across Scotland, with a total of sixteen categories. More information on the categories, and how to nominate, [is available on the event website](#). Nominations close on 13 August; the awards ceremony will take place in Edinburgh, in November.

**Pause for thought** It's natural that we perform differently at different times. That's life – we're humans, not robots! What makes you a little less productive, less confident, less creative, less sure? How do others support you, and you others, in those times?

**Tune of the day** You don't need use to tell you that on this day in 1987, Heart started a three-week run at number one in the US with their cover of i-Ten's [Alone](#). The song reached three in the UK. (GC)

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)