

Monday 15 May 2023

Datix – keep it anonymous It is important adverse events, data incidents, etc. are captured in Datix promptly, so they can be addressed. However, when completing a Datix please only include the narrative about what has happened – **not patient or colleague names or identifiers**. The approver/investigator will access that information separately and directly.

Stop binnin' the linen This is a new nationwide campaign, to encourage all of us not to automatically bin items of NHS linen which are torn, stained, or otherwise damaged, but instead to send them back to laundries for **Review**, after which they will be **Rewashed**, **Repaired**, **Recycled**, or **Replenished**. Please ensure all linen is returned to the Linen Services team, so they can make sure it is all properly accounted for and/or disposed of.



The poster features a woman in blue scrubs on the left. On the right, the NHS Scotland logo is at the top, followed by text: "Throughout NHS Scotland over 1 million items are laundered every week. It is widely acknowledged that a large proportion of these items are incorrectly discarded and put into bins, resulting in the goods ending up in landfill or incineration. This is costly, wasteful and bad for the environment." Below this is the headline "Stop Binnin' the Linen!" with a trash bin icon. A "What to do" section states: "It is important therefore to return any items which are torn, stained, misshapen or clearly unfit for purpose to the laundry for review, so the items can either be rewashed, repaired, recycled or replenished." A "Thank you!" section follows: "By not binnin' the linen and returning to the laundry instead you will be helping to keep more linen in circulation. This will allow more expenditure to go on patient care and make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint." At the bottom, five icons represent the actions: Review, Rewash, Repair, Recycle, and Replenish, with the MIP logo on the left.

Chaplaincy support appointments - coming soon! From Friday 2 June, a chaplain will be available, by appointment, to offer staff support. Appointments will be available each Friday at 9, 10, and 11am in the Quiet Room, ARI Chapel, Pink Zone, Level 2. These 50-minute appointments offer a safe, confidential space where you can share what is going on for you. Chaplains continue to be available to support staff outwith these times, across NHS Grampian. Further details will be shared via this brief in the coming weeks.

Donning & doffing refreshers The Infection Prevention & Control team offer regular refreshers on the correct way to don and doff PPE. Upcoming dates as follows, all sessions start at 11am and are delivered on Teams:

- May – Wednesday 17, Tuesday 30
- June – Tuesday 13, Thursday 29
- July – Wednesday 12, Tuesday 25

You can book a place on any session by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

Dr Gray's space utilisation, quality, and functional suitability review There was a significant amount of staff engagement across Dr Gray's Hospital, throughout 2022, contributing to the developed of a hospital Plan for the Future document. Following this, the Property & Asset Development team were asked to undertake a 'space utilisation, quality and functional suitability' review. This was to show Dr Gray's present status in relation to current health service standards for each department.

This work has concluded, [and the report is available to read here](#). An Infrastructure Sub-Group will now be set up to consider the report findings and develop plans based upon its recommendations and the future requirements of the hospital.

Business Continuity Awareness Week This annual campaign kicked off today, offering free access to professionals and organisations across all industry sectors to a wide range of resources covering Business Continuity & Resilience. The theme for 2023 is "Embracing the challenge of Resilience" and each day of the campaign will be dedicated to a specific topic. Here's the schedule for the rest of the week, the links will take direct to the relevant resources and webinars.

- 16 May: [Supply Chain Resilience](#)
- 17 May: [Operational Resilience](#)
- 18 May: [Personal Resilience](#)
- 19 May: [Organizational Resilience](#)

NHS Scotland Event – registration open The NHS Scotland Event will take place in Glasgow on 19 June. The event has adopted a slimmed down format this year, running for one day only, and without the usual exhibition hall and poster event. However, it still promises to be a great opportunity to hear from the most senior leaders in health & social care, and to network with colleagues from across the country. [Registration is open now via the event website](#).

Rescue: Extreme Medics – tonight! The documentary series, focusing on the work of Scotland's Major Trauma Network and including the team in Aberdeen, returns to Channel 4 tonight. You can catch the episodes weekly at 9pm.

Grampian Pride Don't miss being part of the NHS Grampian delegation taking part in Grampian Pride 2023 on Saturday 27 May! You have until Wednesday morning [to complete this short form](#); thanks to everyone who has already registered.

Pause for thought The birds are busy building their nests - it takes them many journeys and a long time, but they are very determined. What are you building and from where does your energy and perseverance come?

Tune of the day I'm still basking in Eurovision this Monday, so enjoy [Cha Cha Cha](#), Finland's entry this year and what felt like the tune of the night for those of watching, even if they were pipped to the post by Sweden (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