

Friday 23 June 2023

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**Industrial Action update** We are aware many of you have questions about industrial action and what this might mean for you, including picketing and picket lines, potential impacts on continuous service, and the rates of pay for medical colleagues in the event they are asked to work differently. We intend to share a completed FAQ document early next week.

In addition to BMA Scotland, the Hospital Consultants & Specialists Association (HCSA) have also been balloting their members. The HCSA have notified us of their intention for Doctors in Training members to take industrial action from 7am on 12 July until 6.59am on 15 July.

**3G switch off – action required** EE have sent the following text message to mobile devices which will be affected by the switch off of the 3G network in December 2023. "This is a message from the NHS Grampian Telecoms Team. Your device or SIM card will stop working by the end of 2023 with the switch off of the 3G network. Please send the following details to [gram.siptrunk@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.siptrunk@nhs.scot). Mobile number, full name, department, location and current make and model of phone". If you have any queries, please contact the Telecoms Team on 01224 550777.

**HEPMA Bed Management** Accurate admission, transfer and discharge information in Trak will be key to implementing HEPMA successfully in your ward. Bed Management Rapid Refresh training is available – details are available [via the training calendar](#).

**That was the week that was** As always on a Friday, here are the highlights from this week's briefs:

Monday 19 – Bed Base review, opportunities in innovation

Tuesday 20 – eESS support action plan, new board member appointed, CMO annual report

Wednesday 21 – NHS at 75 – call for your stories, Waiting Well project marks first anniversary

Thursday 22 – Episode 20 of Ask Caroline, iMatter update, Long COVID – what are we doing?

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**STAR Award** We are waiting for news of confirmed presentations, so no winners to announce this week. If you work with somebody – or somebodies – who you feel deserves a STAR Award, then you can [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**NHSG Grampian participates in the Intercompany Row** Last Saturday (17 June) NHS Grampian took part in Aberdeen Boat Club's Intercompany row. We must've been one of the few teams where the entire team was from the one organisation, including the cox. The team did not make the final stages but had great fun and represented NHS Grampian in great fashion:



Please note the scrubs are **not** official uniform but purchased for this occasion only. Participation was funded by NHS Grampian Charity via the Sports Committee.

**Tune of the day** It's Friday – thank Crunchie for that! Today's request comes from Leona Lowe, part of the rowing team who took part in the Intercompany Row. They were asked to pick a tune for the event, but didn't get to hear it played, so to make it up to them, here's [Stayin' Alive by Bee Gees](#). Personally, I'm using this to get my weekend strut on.

Whatever you're up to this weekend, take care. To those on shift, stay safe. 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)