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**iMatter - Reports Updated** If you are a manager on the iMatter system, you will have received an email from the system provider WEBROPOL notifying you that your team report has been updated from now. This change to reporting does not affect the EEI (Employee Engagement Index) calculations or the responses to questions presented in each report. It affects the table called the EEI threshold table at the bottom of each report. If you printed or distributed your team report last week, please log back into the system and use the update reports for any team discussion. To explain more we have provided 2 slides with the information you need as a manager; these have been attached to the email used to send this brief

**Better understanding the infection risks within our settings** An online 5-Factor Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Risk Assessment Tool has been developed and tested by colleagues across several areas. This is for all inpatient healthcare settings and is now ready to be rolled out across Grampian. It will be hugely helpful to staff in sharing and visualising infection risks within your area of responsibility. In addition, this will provide oversight for the Board and for colleagues involved in managing and developing our built environment.

The tool should be accessed by senior charge nurses/midwives or delegated to team members on an annual basis. It asks for a few simple details before advising if risk assessments are required to be completed. The 5-factor HAI risk assessment tool aims to contribute to a reduction in the risk of healthcare associated infections. It covers ventilation, bed spacing, single room capacity, water safety, and access to facilities.

Understanding where we have areas which have a higher number of risks can help us with decision making, such as prioritising where improvement works can be undertaken, and which control measures will work most effectively. For example, a room with no ventilation and multiple beds would present a greater risk of infection.

We all have a responsibility for ensuring healthcare associated infection risks remain as low as reasonably practicable. For further advice and support, speak to your Infection Prevention and Control Nurse (IPCN), check out the IPC Intranet pages or access the [National Infection Control Manual](#) (also known as the NIPCM and available as a desktop short cut on all NHS Grampian devices)

[Please access the 5-factor HAI risk assessment tool here](#); you will have to request access the first time you use the tool. The first annual submission of this tool should be completed by 31 August 2023.

**Tap water is our best option.** This week we will be focusing on drinking water in a series of Daily Brief updates, and how we can ensure our working practices are both safe and sustainable. There has been an increased demand for bottled water, over recent years across all sites, and this is something we need to work together to change as it is financially and environmentally unsustainable. We are proud to provide a supply of safe drinking water to staff, patients and visitors. This provision is governed within the [NHS Grampian Protocol for the Provision of Drinking Water Including Ice](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

This document helps to ensure safe, accessible water is provided to patients, visitors and staff. We test for water safety in high-risk areas routinely which provides levels of assurance on water safety. In addition, we have removed some tanks, made more direct feeds and added insulation to improve cold water temperatures.

How can we work together for positive change? More tomorrow!

**NHS at 75 – an invitation from the chair** Alison Evison will be leading a short wellbeing walk around the Foresterhill Health Campus to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS on Wednesday. You are warmly invited to join her at the Suttie Centre Garden at 11.30am. The walk will go ahead whatever the weather, so coats may be required. The route followed will be a small circle, along Blackbird Walk, finishing back at the Suttie Centre and estimated to take 30 minutes. All welcome!

**Child Health Commissioner’s newsletter** The latest newsletter from Tracy Davis, our Child Health Commissioner, is available to read via this link: [Child Health Commissioner's Newsletter \(office.com\)](#)

**Aberdeen City – new pre-school immunisation contact number** Effective immediately, appointments for pre-school immunisations in Aberdeen City should be made by calling 01224 219540. Please share this number with patients/clients as appropriate.

**Pause for thought** Sometimes there is a gap between what we are expected to do, and what may need to be done. Sometimes we feel this as a tension in our integrity or sense of authentic action. What is the right thing for you to do, right now?

**Tune of the day** Today’s request goes out to Dr Ama Williams at Ardach Health Centre, recognising nearly £300 raised for Moray Food Plus, courtesy of their regular ‘Tasty Thursday’ events. Sarah and the team have asked for [If I knew you were comin’, I’d have baked a cake](#) by Eileen Barton (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)