

Thursday 16 November 2023

**Winter vaccination programme** We have some important updates to share on the 'flu/COVID-19 vaccination programme:

## Staff vaccination:

- From Monday (20 November) ALL vaccination centres in Aberdeenshire, along with the Fiona Elcock Vaccination Centre in Elgin, and Aberdeen City Vaccination Centre (Bon Accord)\* will be offering drop-in vaccination for health & social care staff. Please remember to take your staff ID if you are dropping in, and bear in mind if clinics are especially busy you may have a wait or be asked to come back at another time. \*The clinics at Airyhall and Bridge of Don remain appointment only.
- Please remember all NHS staff, regardless of role, are eligible for the 'flu jab. NHS and social care workers who have direct patient/client contact are also eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination and these can be given at one appointment.
- We have updated the list of clinics available for vaccination and it is attached to the email used to send this brief. Please share with colleagues as appropriate.

## Vaccination in pregnancy:

- Anyone who is pregnant is eligible for the 'flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. They do not need to make an appointment; they can drop-in to any vaccination centre in Grampian. If you would like more information on vaccination in pregnancy, [we have produced this short video](#).

## Vaccination for inpatients – Aberdeen City hospitals:

- If your ward/service has inpatients who are eligible for 'flu and/or COVID-19 vaccination, they can receive this in hospital. This form should be used to refer inpatients at ARI, RACH, Royal Cornhill, and Woodend only: [Inpatient Winter Vaccine Referrals \(office.com\)](#). You can also access the form by scanning the QR code below:



**AI in healthcare** There's no avoiding the conversation about artificial intelligence; to add another question, how can we use it to help us in health & social care? 'Spending Time Where It Counts' is the title of an AI strategy for health & social care in the north of Scotland. It lays out in simple terms how we can build on existing successes with AI in the region and increase the adoption of robotics, process automation, machine learning and predictive analytics. The strategy has been drafted by a multidisciplinary group and has been endorsed by Chief Executives and Chief Officers from across the region. Now we need to know what you think. Are the recommendations about right? Should we be doing different things? [The strategy is available to read online here](#) and has been attached to the email used to send this brief for convenience. Once you've read the strategy, please let us have your valuable opinions via this form: [Spending time where it counts: Consultation \(office.com\)](#)

**Improving Migraine Management project** As part of the ongoing collaborative project between ourselves and The Migraine Trust, a new Turas learning page to support the management of migraine has been developed (requires Turas log-in): [Migraine management | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) It has been developed to help pharmacy teams to better support people with migraine but contains information relevant to all health care professionals. The page comprises:

- an eLearning Module
- recordings of a live training workshop
- an FAQ document
- links to NHS Grampian resources
- links to external resources such as The Migraine Trust website, National Headache Pathway etc.

Our webpages "What is headache?" and "What is migraine" have also been re-developed and can be found here: [Migraine \(nhsgrampian.org\)](#) or by scanning this QR code:



**Fraud prevention – protecting our property** As our #FraudWeek series continues we're looking at the insider risk to property. NHS Grampian property and assets are a valuable commodity and necessary in delivering patient care. When we lose these goods or services through fraud and error, our NHS is greatly impacted and not just financially. Learn more via this link: [Insider Threat - Property \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

**Little Acorns Christmas fayre** Calling all parents with children at Little Acorns! The nursery is holding a Christmas fayre on Friday 24 November (6.30-8pm), with an opportunity for the little ones to meet Santa himself. These must be booked, so please contact [laura.yeoman@nhs.scot](mailto:laura.yeoman@nhs.scot) to arrange.

**Tune of the day** For some reason, I keep coming back to Big Love by Fleetwood Mac when I've got the tunes on. [This acoustic version by Lindsey Buckingham](#) is a masterclass in guitar playing (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)