

Friday 19 January 2024

Measles on the rise As you may have seen, measles is back in the headlines, with concerns about the growing number of cases being reported in England and across Europe. Work is ongoing to minimise the risk in Scotland. This includes raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of measles and the MMR vaccine. Although this is typically given as part of routine childhood immunisations, it can be given at any age. Much more information on this is available on the NHS Inform website: [MMR against measles | NHS inform](#) and we'd encourage you to share this with colleagues, family, and friends.

Health and Social Care Workforce: Help Us to Tackle Racism survey The Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER) has been asked by Scottish Government to design and develop anti-racism resources for anyone working in health & social care in Scotland. To ensure these resources meet your needs, [CRER have designed this survey](#). It is aimed at capturing the experiences and understanding of racism, of people working at all levels.

No matter your ethnic background, pay band, or job title, everyone's views count. The survey is open now and will run until 9 February. It is anonymous and it should take no more than 15 minutes. Responses will be held and analysed by CRER and will only be used in the development of the resources. The survey data will be destroyed once the resources have been finalised. Staff who have left the health & social care sector in the last five years are also welcome to take part – simply complete the survey referring to your previous role(s). If you have any questions more information about the project is available on the CRER website: [Health and Social Care Anti-Racism Resources — CRER](#)

If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please email mimie@crer.org.uk

That was the week that was It's been another busy week, with lots of information shared. Here are your key items:

Monday 15 – change to default sharing option on Microsoft 365, reminder of ChemoCare upgrade

Tuesday 16 – week in review – winter pressures, Commitment to Culture resource pack

Wednesday 17 – winter vaccinations – staff clinics, Culture survey 2024

Thursday 18 – leadership changes in the Chief Executive Team, Safe Transfer of Patients at ARI

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STAR Award No STAR Award presentations to announce this week, but we are delighted to say all our Secret Santa raffle winners have been contacted and claimed their prize of a night for two at Gleneagles. To make a STAR award nomination, simply [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details of the person/team you want to nominate to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot.

Tune of the day Three requests today, two farewells and a celebration. Nimi Ogbeifun is working her final day with the North Foresterhill District Nursing team and has asked for [You Raise Me Up](#) by Josh Groban. Nimi says her colleagues are very special and supportive of each other and wants them to keep calm and keep smiling.

Also saying farewell – though not quite yet – is Margaret Mason (speech & language therapy assistant). Margaret plans to retire later this year and colleague Emily has asked for [Don't Go by Hothouse Flowers](#). Emily knows this probably won't change her mind but says it's what the whole team is thinking.

Finally, celebrations for Claire Chalmers (senior OT at RACH) who is marking 25 years with the NHS today. Her colleagues have asked for – what else? - [Celebration by Kool & The Gang](#).

Whatever you're up to this weekend, have a good one, and stay safe as the snow thaws. 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