

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Board Major Incident Plan The Civil Contingencies unit have reviewed and revised the NHS Grampian Board Level Major Incident Plan. The new document – Version 4.0 - is shorter and designed to take the reader to specific topics with embedded links to documentation required to navigate a Major Incident Response at Board level. One significant update is the revision of the critical incident definition within the escalation process. This is designed to recognise increased pressure creating disruption and the loss of ability to deliver critical services. This change is due to be formally published in a revised version of the National Incident Response Framework. The board plan corresponds with the existing Major Incident Plans for ARI and Dr Gray's and [can be accessed on the intranet via this link](#) (networked devices only) or via Departments>Civil Contingencies>Documents and Resources>MIP Approved Version 4.0 Finalised. If you have any queries, please contact the Civil Contingencies team via gram.cct@nhs.scot

Drug/Vaccine Fridges All managers in clinical areas with drug/vaccine fridges are reminded of the requirement to ensure everyone involved in the day-to-day use and monitoring of drug/vaccine fridges is complying with the [Policy For Handling Vaccines And Refrigerated Pharmaceutical Products For All Staff Working In NHS Grampian](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). This includes daily temperature recordings and monthly checks; failure to carry these out risks products not working as they should. Senior Charge Nurses/Managers should ensure Appendix 1 of the policy [Example Refrigerator – Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) For Refrigerated Pharmaceutical Products](#) is completed for any area of their responsibility (ward/clinic) with a drug/vaccine fridge by **31 December**. The purpose of this SOP is to detail the local department or ward process and the staff responsible for undertaking each task.

SCNs/managers should also ensure everyone working in areas with drug/vaccine fridges completes the Turas eLearning module [Management of medicines refrigerators | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) Nurse Managers will be asked for assurance the SOP has been completed and eLearning undertaken by 12 January 2024.

Allied Health Professionals - supervision & training opportunity Scotland's position statement on supervision for Allied Health Professionals (2018) states all AHP practitioners, irrespective of their level of practice or experience, should have access to, and be prepared to make constructive use of supervision. We are excited to offer AHPs the opportunity to attend AHP Support and Supervision Skills level 3 training. This would be of interest to AHPs new to being a practice supervisor, as well as those who wish to further develop their skills as a practice supervisor.

Use the following link to book one session from the four dates available: [AHP Support and Supervision Skills Session 3 | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) (requires log-in to Turas) Please note there is a requirement to watch sessions 1 and 2 prior to the interactive session. Link is on booking site. Resources for session are on booking site. Queries? Contact gram.AHPpracticeeducation@nhs.scot

World AIDS Day 2023- Get tested and know your status World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. This year we are marking World AIDS Day by getting out on the road and offering free and confidential testing for HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C across Grampian.

It is estimated 7% of people living with HIV in Scotland don't know they have it. Most people with HIV don't have any symptoms and people can live with the virus for many years before it eventually affects their immune system. However, the virus is very easy to manage, provided you know your status. People with living with HIV who are taking treatment as prescribed have a normal, healthy lifespan.

The testing team will be out and about at the following locations from Monday 27 November onwards; please share these dates with patients/clients as appropriate:

Date	Time	Place
27/11/23	10am-3pm	Robert Gordon University-Riverside Building
28/11/23	10am-3pm	Plainstones, Elgin High Street
29/11/23	10am-3pm	Asda Car Park, Huntly
30/11/23	10.30am-3pm	Asda Car Park, Peterhead
1/12/23	10am-3pm	St Nicholas Street, outside M&S, Aberdeen

For more information, support, and information on where else to get tested visit:

- NHS Grampian Sexual Health Service: www.grampiansexualhealthservices.com
- Local patient forum and peer support service - Our Positive Voice (Grampian): <https://ourpositivevoice.org>
- Information leaflet about Blood Borne Viruses: [BBV Leaflet - E-Version final.pdf \(grampiansexualhealthservices.com\)](#)

Datix User Accounts - Introduction of New Application Process Over the last six months, the Datix team have successfully trialled and implemented a new process for individuals who require a Datix account and training, as well as for those who need updates to their permissions. This streamlined new form not only simplifies the process for the user but also reduces the approval steps for authorisation.

[Further information on the new process to be followed is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only) with the guide also attached to the email used to send this brief for convenience. Effective immediately, requests for Datix accounts, training, or updates made using the old forms will not be processed.

STAR Awards – supported by M&S Our thanks to the team at M&S Simply Food in ARI, as they are supplying some extra treats for all STAR Award winners in December. Three individuals and one team will benefit, and it's up to you to tell us who they are. Simply [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details of the person/team you want to nominate to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot

We Care Wellbeing Wednesday

- **RACH Christmas Food Drive** To support the RACH emergency foodbank provision, We Care are encouraging donations to their Christmas food drive. If you would like to get involved, there are donation boxes in each department of RACH – please ensure your donations are sealed, in-date, non-perishable, and the packaging is undamaged. The team would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the food cupboard.
- **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training** Scottish Action for Mental Health has released their December training in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). Registration is via this link: mhandsplearning.publichealthscotland.scot/course_registration.aspx?id=8a3cc980-d9a3-44d9-b7a5-9fe51b9bb550. Places on this course locally continue to be in very high demand so, if you book on and then discover you can't attend, please ensure you cancel your place so it can be reallocated. Also, if you wish to book on more than one person you can, however please go through the link each time rather than using the 'back' button as otherwise it does not register properly.

Tune of the day Hannah Davidson (medical secretary, CAMHS) is in charge today, asking for the School of Rock classic [Teacher's Pet](#). Not only is it 20 years since the film was released, but tonight the talented youngsters of Harlequin take to the Tivoli stage in a local production, running until Saturday. The very best of luck to all of them! (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