

Friday 22 September 2023

Schools strike action As the parents and carers among you will be aware, there are three days of industrial action planned next week (26-28 September). Schools are providing information directly on closures/alternative arrangements; as with previous school strikes you should speak to your line manager to make alternative arrangements (e.g., shift swap, working at home, annual leave) if you are unable to come into work as a direct result of this action.

GAPF Development Day This event took place at Curl Aberdeen yesterday with a specific focus on being healthy and safe at work. Almost 100 people heard presentations on fatigue at work, psychological safety, and research on the prevention and management of violence & aggression in the workplace, followed by some rich and robust discussion. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, in particular the speakers, facilitators and small team of people who made the event possible.

Palliative care suite, Turriff Hospital A huge thank you from all the team at Turriff Community Hospital to Friends of Turriff Community Hospital and NHS Grampian Charity for the support and funding that they have provided for the development of our new Deveron Palliative Care suite.

The 'Turra Team' welcomed their first patient into the suite this week and the benefits were immediately apparent. The space has been designed so that families are given as much privacy as possible and so that they can remain with their loved one. There is also direct access to an outside space which will be a welcome addition for families.

That was the week that was Another busy week, here are the top items we shared:

Monday 18 – 'Gloves Off' - results of staff survey, falls prevention awareness week

Tuesday 19 – Tissue Viability learning event, locking of clinical waste eurobins, Armed Forces Talent programme

Wednesday 20 – Anti-Racism plan to launch at diversity festival, reminder of renewal dates for HCPC registrants

Thursday 21 – Pension updates – changes from 1 October, correct ordering of aliginate bags for laundry, staff vaccination – extra clinics at ARI

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STAR Award A shout out to Claire Scott (Medical Microbiology, ARI) for her recent STAR award win. Claire was nominated for ensuring quality standards in the lab are not only maintained but also improved and always evolving, whilst being a real team player, always looking for ways to coach and nurture the development of her colleagues. If you work with an individual or team deserving similar recognition, all you need to do is [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 Debbie McWilliam, part of the midwifery team at Dr Gray's Hospital, makes today's request, dedicated to all her brave (and mad!) colleagues who will line up to start The Beast Race at Knockburn Loch tomorrow. A 10k race, with 30 obstacles and the promise of a lot of mud...it's bound to be the [Greatest Day](#)

A second tune to round off the week and tide you over until we return on Tuesday; the mighty Wigan Casino, the church of Northern Soul, celebrates 50 years since the first all-nighter this weekend. Hit the dancefloor to The Salvadors and [Stick by me Baby](#) in tribute. Please, use talcum powder responsibly (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