

Friday 24 November 2023

Christmas/New Year pay arrangements Information was issued via Global email earlier today on arrangements for pay for those working across the festive public holidays. [It is also on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only). You are encouraged to read it carefully and understand how it will apply to you/your team.

SWAN Secure Web Access (SWAN SWA) Remote Access Due to further essential maintenance, the SWAN Secure Web Access service will be unavailable intermittently on Wednesday 29 November between 6-10pm. During this time, the use of SWAN Secure Web Access will be limited; if you require access to NHS Grampian systems during these times an alternative means of access should be identified. This maintenance is essential to complete mandatory updates to maintain the stability and security of the environment. **This maintenance work does not impact on remote access from NHS Grampian devices (e.g., using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop).**

Art & Medicine Exhibition During the medical humanities/student selected component, third year medical students are encouraged to consider medicine, healthcare, and illness from an alternative perspective. You are warmly invited to view the work of the 30 students who chose to do this through an artistic eye at the Art & Medicine Exhibition next Thursday & Friday (30 November/1 December) in the Suttie Centre. The exhibition will be open 12-5pm on Thursday, 9am-4pm on Friday.

Christmas radio requests Grampian Hospital Radio volunteers are preparing their Christmas and New Year schedules, and they are inviting you to record a Christmas and/or New Year message and choose a tune to be broadcast on the station. The message can be anything, it may be to acknowledge the patients, your colleagues, or just one big thank you. If you are interested contact John at vicechairman@ghr.org.uk. Grampian Hospital Radio can be heard via the bedside entertainment system (free on Channel 1), via the GHR App or online via the website: [Grampian Hospital Radio](#)

That was the week that was It's Friday, so let's canter through the key items shared through the week:

Monday 20 - change of leadership in City HSCP/Medicine & Unscheduled Care portfolio, GAPF fund for staff wellbeing

Tuesday 21 - week in review 'long read', RAAC update, guidance on Christmas decorations from infection prevention & control

Wednesday 22 – Board major incident plan – revised & updated, drug & vaccine fridges policy reminder

Thursday 23 – Neurodiversity Empowerment Group – meeting next week, reminder of new national transfusion record

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STAR Award Well done to **Xanthe Williams**, deputy radiology IT systems manager, on the presentation of her STAR Award! Xanthe was nominated for always being helpful and approachable, having an enthusiasm for learning, and being tremendously knowledgeable. Congratulations also to the team on **Brodie Ward** at Royal Cornhill who received their STAR Award this week, recognising their unwavering commitment to excellence. If you would like 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. Our thanks again to the team at M&S Simply Food in ARI, who are provided some extra goodies for December STAR award winners.

Tune of the day I hope those of you who are able have been representing your favourites artists this #TShirtDay (Metallica here, in case you were wondering). Stephen Mitchell, a speech & language therapist at Royal Cornhill looked out his Icicle Works t-shirt; [You Must Be Prepared to Dream](#), by band lead singer Ian McNabb is Stephen's request.

Elsewhere, thanks to Tanya for getting in touch on behalf of the team in Orthopaedic Rehab and the Links Unit at Woodend. Much loved colleague Lisa finishes up today, and the gang have asked for the Spice Girls and [Goodbye](#) to mark the occasion

Whatever kind of week it has been for you, it's almost over, and that's worth celebrating. Enjoy your weekends, whatever you are up to. If you're on shift, take care. The brief will be back 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