

Thursday 26 October 2023

Introduction to Sexual Health training The next Introduction to Sexual Health training course is due to take place on Friday 3 November, between 9am and 12pm on Teams and you can find details on the registration [via the intranet Learning Zone \(networked devices only\)](#). Places are still available, so if you wish to attend and receive training on sexual health assessment and contraception counselling you will be very welcome. The course is aimed at health care professionals working in both primary and secondary care settings such as practice nurses, ANPs, midwives, paramedics, pharmacists, GPs, physician associates and trainees. Questions? Get in touch via gram.srhtraining@nhs.scot.

HEPMA – weekend downtime The clocks go back this weekend and there is planned downtime for the HEPMA system. Please refer to the attached flowchart below for further information.

SWAN Secure Web Access (SWAN SWA) Remote Access Due to essential maintenance the SWAN Secure Web Access service will be unavailable intermittently during the following dates/times:

- Wednesday 1 November, 6-10pm
- Thursday 2 November, 6-10pm
- Wednesday 8 November, 6-10pm

During these times the use of SWAN Secure Web Access will be limited therefore if you require access to NHS Grampian systems an alternative means of access should be considered. Please note this maintenance work does not impact on remote access from NHS Grampian devices (e.g., using AOVPN or Direct Access on a laptop).

Think COULD wins national award Congratulations to the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland learning disability nurses – including our own Kerry Anderson – for scooping a top prize at the Nursing Times Awards. The group of eight nurses from across the country worked on [Think COULD, a short animation](#) to help those working in the justice system provide the right support to people with learning disabilities. The judges described the video as “... a real gamechanger in raising awareness about the needs of people with a learning disability. In addition, it supports awareness about what learning disability is and the impact it might have on a person's understanding and behaviour.”

Supported route to HNC in Healthcare Practice Are you an experienced healthcare support worker, interested in taking the first steps towards a new career as a Registered Nurse? An HNC in Healthcare Practice can equip you with the skills you need to undertake a nursing degree. We have several information sessions coming up, all on Teams, so come along and find out more. Dates below, email matthew.pye@nhs.scot to request an invite:

- Friday 17 November – 2pm
- Tuesday 21 November – 2pm
- Tuesday 28 November – 2pm

- Thursday 7 December – 2pm
- Wednesday 13 December – 2pm

Working with Harvey's Gang to support young patients Earlier this year we told you about our work with Harvey's Gang to offer tours of the haematology labs to young patients, to help them understand the treatment they are receiving. We're delighted to say our first tour has now taken place, with 8-year-old Aurora Farren, along with her parents, visiting the lab. Check out our social media accounts for more on their visit.

Any clinical member of staff can nominate a patient - they must be under 16 - with a long-term condition for a tour of the labs with their parent or carer. For more information and to request an application form, please email gram.hghaematologylab@nhs.scot

Book Blether – after dark At the request of regular Book Blether participants, the next session will take place 'out of hours', next Thursday (2 November) at 7pm. Email cornhill.library@nhs.scot for a joining link and connect with colleagues for a chat about what you have been reading. These sessions are about creating inspiration and appetite for reading and reading more - all colleagues across health and social care are very welcome.

Tune of the day One of the most obvious signs of a shift in the seasons (apart from, you know, the Weather) are the honks made by gaggles of geese as they arrive for their winter break. Proving there's no link too tenuous for me, [One Day I'll Fly Away](#) is our tune of the day (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