

Monday 6 November 2023

#MedSafetyWeek This week is the eighth annual Med Safety Week. It is a social media campaign from the Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) which aims to raise awareness of how adverse drug reactions (ADRs) can be reported through its [Yellow Card](#) reporting scheme. This year the focus is 'Who Can Report?' The MHRA is asking for healthcare professionals to 'Please support the promotion of this important public health message – share, like and repost the [MHRA social media posts](#) between 6 - 12 November. Every report helps the MHRA identify and respond to safety issues.' The latest MedWatch Newsletter [MedWatch Nov23](#) has more information.

Find out more about the paediatric pain service There will be a Paediatric MTC [Information Session](#) focusing on the pain service on Friday 10th November from 12noon to 1pm via Teams. To find out more, email gram.nosntc@nhs.scot

Criminal exploitation - how to recognise it and what can I do? The Scottish Government recently published guidance for professionals on Criminal Exploitation. Criminal Exploitation is where an individual or group uses a power imbalance to coerce someone into criminal activity. The multiagency partners involved in Adult Support & Protection in Grampian [have created this 7 Minute Briefing](#) (intranet link) which is also attached to the email used to send this brief. This document has been created to give a summary on how Criminal Exploitation links with adults who are more vulnerable and may need support under Adult Support and Protection arrangements. If you have any queries or want more information, they can contact gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot for advice and support.

Arrangements during protected learning time (PLT) for GP practices The GMED service will be providing cover during upcoming PLT for GP practices. PLT will take place on the following dates:

- Moray - 15 November, 1.30-6pm
- Aberdeenshire - 21 November, 1.30-6pm
- Aberdeen City - 29 November, 1.30-6pm

In each area, the practices which have chosen to take PLT will be closed, and GMED will provide cover, with the first point of contact being 01224 555 400. This number will **only** be operational on the above dates; after 6pm, patients should call NHS 24 on 111 as normal.

Practices may only close for the times specified and on the relevant date for their area. All practices choosing to take PLT must ensure the above number is shared with their patient population, via waiting room posters, telephone messaging, their website, and any social media accounts.

For those practices not taking part in PLT it will be business as usual.

Dental treatment/training opportunity Aberdeen Dental Outreach Centre is currently inviting unregistered patients for treatment within student teaching clinics. Student treatment, provided within NHS Grampian dental clinics, is free of charge, and is supervised by fully qualified and experienced dentists. If you are over 18 years of age, are not currently registered with a dentist, and are able to

attend appointments during working hours, further information can be obtained by calling Argyll Dental Practice on 01224 551581/ext 51581 or emailing gram.argylldental@nhs.scot An assessment is carried out prior to a patient being accepted to the student clinic to ensure student teaching requirements are matched to patient treatment needs.

Moray Maternity Collaborative – newsletter Issue 2 of this newsletter is now available and attached to the email used to send out this brief.

Clinical Board – The Forum for Everyone The Clinical Board was created in 2020 as part of a whole system response to the pandemic to enable learning and recovery. Since then, Clinical Board continues to grow and adapt and now boasts a strong clinical network across Grampian with around 300 members. It takes place on a fortnightly basis via MS Teams.

Who can attend? We welcome and facilitate multi-professional and multiagency groups for structured and rigorous discussion with real time data, and continue to strive for our goals of engagement, information and support throughout our system.

If you are interested in attending Clinical Board, please email gram.clinicalboard@nhs.scot It is thanks to the continued support and engagement of our varied membership that makes the Clinical Board so worthwhile and means we are able to share information and perspectives in a positive space. We would welcome anyone who wishes to attend, and if you know anyone who may be interested, please pass this information on.

Shared Learning Events 2023 The next Shared Learning Event is taking place virtually on Wednesday 15 November 12:00- 13:00 via MS Teams. The theme this month is Civility and we are very lucky to welcome Dr Laura Clark and Dr Fiona Thomson to talk to us about this important topic.

Everyone is welcome to this monthly forum held to share knowledge and learning across our system. Typical topics for discussion include clinical and adverse events, complaints, Ombudsman cases and quality improvement projects and audits. Access to past recordings can be found on the Quality Improvement and Assurance Team web pages: [Pages - TheSharedLearningEvent \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://pages.scot.nhs.uk/TheSharedLearningEvent)

If you have not attended before or would be interested in presenting at a future event, please contact gram.qiat@nhs.scot for further information.

Managed Clinical Networks conference - palliative & end of life care The palliative and end of life care network will host their annual event at the Beach Ballroom on Thursday 23 November. This is an all-day event, with both plenary sessions and smaller workshops. The event costs £35 per person, [registration is via this Eventbrite link](#), where you can also see the full programme. For any queries please contact gram.mcn@nhs.scot

Pause for thought Our technology upgrades itself regularly – new features and capabilities, some more useful than others. If you were able to upgrade yourself at the touch of a button, what new feature or capability would you add, and what from a previous version of you would you bring back?

Tune of the day We've made it to Monday after another busy weekend for health and social care teams across Grampian. Here's one to put a smile on your face and help you shake it on down into Tuesday: [Shake](#), by Otis Redding (KJ).

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