

Tuesday 17 January 2023

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**Amber weather warning** A Met Office Amber weather warning for snow is in place across Grampian until midnight tonight. We all have a responsibility to make sure we have understood the content of the warning, and any impact it might have upon our duties, our safety, and the safety of colleagues, patients, and visitors. Should you have any concerns please contact your line manager in the first instance. Full details of the warnings can be found here: [UK weather warnings - Met Office](#). Ready Scotland has advice on preparing for and responding to adverse weather. Visit [www.ready.scot](http://www.ready.scot) to read more.

**TSB Emergency Flee Fund** Survivors of domestic abuse encounter many obstacles from leaving an abusive relationship. Economic control over finances can be a major factor. Without control over their money and resources needed to leave and live independently, many women stay with abusers for longer, experiencing more harm as a result. Women who experience economic abuse are five times more likely to experience physical abuse than those who don't. When women experience economic abuse in the context of coercive control, they are at increased risk of being killed. In recognition of this and that the cost-of-living crisis is making it harder to leave abusive relationships, TSB is offering an [emergency flee fund](#) for customers. The bank also offers safe spaces in branches and online and the ability to open an account without the normally required documentation.

**Enhancing Care - Healthcare Support Worker development day** If you are a Healthcare Support Worker with less than one year's experience, why not join the Practice Education team at a development day in the Suttie Centre on Tuesday 24 January. The event starts at 8.30am, finishes at 4pm, and offers you the chance to meet other HCSWs and build on your existing skills. To take part, ask your line manager to contact [gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot) to reserve your spaces

**Reminder – Staff Equalities Network** To start the year on the right foot, the NHS Grampian Staff Equalities Network is delighted to invite colleagues to join us for an opportunity to reflect on what we have learned and the work we have done to progress the anti-racism and anti-discrimination agenda in our organisation during 2021-22. At our meeting tomorrow (18 January, 2-3pm) we will be joined by Maria Jose Pavez, Project Coordinator and Policy Officer from our partner organisation Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC). If you would like further information or would like the link to join, please contact [gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot)

**Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Consultants National Learning & Sharing Network** The next event in this series will take place on Wednesday 25 January, 2.30-3.30pm, via MS Teams. Sandra Shields, Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Nurse Consultant at NHS GGC will be leading this session, which will focus on Power of Attorney and completing the 'Getting to Know Me' documentation. These sessions are of interest to Dementia Champions, Dementia Ambassadors, and Dementia Specialist Improvement Leads. The events are free of charge, [you can register by following this EventBrite link](#).

**The Scottish Quality and Safety Fellowship – Cohort 15** Applications are now open for the 15th cohort of the Fellowship programme. Over 13 successful years the Scottish Quality & Safety Fellowship has developed more than 350 Fellows from a variety of clinical backgrounds, enhancing their capacity for leadership in patient safety and quality improvement. Every year the programme evolves to help deliver change in a complex environment. The Fellowship has been developed in partnership with NHS Education for Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland, and NHSScotland Boards.

Selection will be by application and interview; an application pack, including the person specification, is [available to download here](#). Closing date for applications is 10am on Friday 24 March. Interviews will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams, in the week commencing 26 June. Informal enquiries about the Fellowship can be made to Matt Jobson on [matthew.jobson@nhs.scot](mailto:matthew.jobson@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Colleen Anderson makes today's selection, opting for [Heal the World](#) by Michael Jackson (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)