

Friday 3 February 2023

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**Chair's blog** The Grampian NHS Board met yesterday (2 February); board Chair Alison Evison has [written this blog to bring you all up to date with what was discussed](#).

**System pressures – your feedback** Thank you to those who filled in our short Mentimeter poll and gave feedback on the pieces we have shared on system pressures. We're pleased to say most of you did feel more informed after reading. However, some didn't, and some of you would be keen to see more data as well. We'll keep working on all of this.

As highlighted yesterday, we are testing a new way for you, as health & social care staff, to feedback on what is happening with you on the ground. It's also an opportunity for you make suggestions on things could be improved. We cannot promise we can make every change or resolve every concern, but we will do our best.

You can get in touch with us via [gram.systempressurefeedback@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.systempressurefeedback@nhs.scot) or [by filling in this form](#).

**Staff vaccinations** In case you missed it, the Mobile Information Bus will be at Dr Gray's Hospital on Monday (6 February), 11am-4pm, offering drop-in staff 'flu and/or COVID-19 vaccinations. No appointments necessary, all staff welcome.

**Pressure ulcer care survey** If you are involved in pressure ulcer care, the Tissue Viability team would greatly appreciate [completion of this short survey](#) to help with a Quality Improvement Project underway

**Foresterhill Medical Library - ground floor redevelopment** We are delighted to announce the redevelopment of the ground floor in the Medical Library is now complete. You will now find a modern and bright flexible collaborative learning / study space with a variety of furniture to support individual and group study. In addition, a brand new 43-seater computer classroom has been created which can be used anytime it has not been booked for teaching; computers can be booked by emailing [roombooking@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:roombooking@abdn.ac.uk) We are looking forward to welcoming staff and students to this new space and hope you enjoy using it!

**That was the week that was** What did we tell you, and when? Here's a quick recap:

Monday 30 – focus on Cath labs, home energy saving advice sessions for staff

Tuesday 31 – Dr Gray's Hospital Plan for the Future, focus on Aberdeen City Hospital@Home

Wednesday 1 – cyber security update and advice, update on Emergency Department performance

Thursday 2 – opportunity for you to feedback on system pressures, reminder of patient meals procedure

All briefs are available on the NHS Grampian website, under Working With Us/HR Portal.

**STAR Award** No award presentations to announce this week, but if you want to nominate an individual or team you work with for a STAR Award, [simply complete the online form](#) or send an email with their details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Staff football match** Tomorrow (Saturday 4 February) sees a football face-off between Dr Gray's Hospital and Aberdeen NHS Grampian staff, in what will hopefully become a regular event. The game kicks off at 1pm, at the Gleaner Arena (next to Elgin City FC), free entry and all welcome!

**Tune of the day** Nicky MacBeath from the Endowments team rounds off the working week, by noting it is 64 years today since a plane crash claimed the lives of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and 'The Big Bopper', an event immortalised in American Pie as 'the day the music died'. To see us into the weekend, we have [La Bamba](#) (Ritchie Valens), [Everyday](#) (Buddy Holly), and [Chantilly Lace](#) (The Big Bopper)

So how has your week been? Good/bad/indifferent? From where I sit, it feels like maybe (maybe) things are getting a little bit better, I hope you can say the same, even if only in a small way. Take care, enjoy the weekend, and the brief will return 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)