DailyBrief...

NHS Grampian

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iMatter 2023 – have you done yours? This year's iMatter questionnaire will close at 4pm on Monday 12 June. Our current response rate is 59%; we're asking everyone who hasn't had the opportunity to complete it so far to please take the 5 minutes or so required to input their answers. The more people who respond, the more meaningful the data will be.

iMatter generates team reports, which you can use to identify your successes and the areas you want to work on. In advance of those reports being published on 26 June we will be sharing information and guidance with managers via email, including details of our Action Planning Sessions for managers. Whether you are brand new to a management role or want to refresh your knowledge, you will be welcome to attend. You can find guidance and book your place at [iMatter Action Planning | Turas | Learn (nhs.scot)](#)

HEPMA (Hospital Electronic Prescribing & Medicines Administration) HEPMA needs YOU! The start of the HEPMA roll out through ARI is imminent and we need you to help identify who requires access so HEPMA user details can be built, and training requirements shared. Over 2,500 users now have access, but we know there are more of you out there! If you have received a request for staff information from the HEPMA team, please return it as soon as possible. Low levels of training and access could slow down the rollout. If you manage a team that is not ward based and think HEPMA access would be useful, please contact us on gram.hepma@nhs.scot.

Thanks to those of you who have already submitted details. Once teams have completed the mandatory eLearning, usernames and passwords are emailed out. The planned sequence and timeline for ARI can be found here: [Pages - HEPMA-Implementation (scot.nhs.uk)](#) however, please note, changes to sequence or timeline may happen at any time.

Datix surgeries – your questions answered When it comes to Datix, there is no such thing as a silly question. If you have queries about how to use the system for complaints and feedback, adverse events, or simply to run reports, the Datix team are offering two drop-in events:

- Tuesday 20 June, 1-3pm
- Thursday 20 July, 10am-12noon

Both events take place on Teams, and you are not required to stay for the full time; as soon as you have your answer you can leave the virtual room. [Booking is via Turas here](#).

Donning & doffing refreshers The Infection Prevention & Control team offer regular refreshers on the correct way to don and doff PPE. Upcoming dates as follows, all sessions start at 11am and are delivered on Teams:

- June – Tuesday 13, Thursday 29

- July – Wednesday 12, Tuesday 25

You can book a place on any session by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

Improving Migraine Management in Grampian Do you experience migraines? Would you like to help improve migraine management across NHS Grampian? An estimated 1 in 7 people in the UK experience migraines – approximately 85,000 people across Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City. We are working with The Migraine Trust to improve migraine awareness, diagnosis, and management locally. The focus of the project is to enable pharmacists and community pharmacy staff to offer improved support and management of migraine. We are looking for volunteers who experience or have experienced migraines to help shape this project. This will include a lunch time focus group session on Tuesday 27 June, on site at ARI, but there will also be other opportunities to help shape this project. If you would like to help with this, [please register your interest here](#).

It's Biomedical Science Day This annual event is a celebration of the scientific teams without whom it would be impossible for us to provide healthcare. Biomedical science is practiced in healthcare laboratories to identify, research, monitor, and treat diseases. As one of the broadest areas of modern science, it focuses on the complexity of the human body and underpins much of modern medicine.

Biomedical scientists and laboratory staff analyse fluids and tissue samples from patients, identifying diseases and providing reports that highlight the effectiveness of potential treatments. In the UK alone, healthcare laboratories are involved in over 70% of diagnoses in the NHS and handle hundreds of millions of patient samples every year.

Laboratory disciplines in ARI include Haematology, Biochemistry, Pathology, Immunology, Blood Transfusion, Microbiology, Virology and Genetics. Each discipline uses a variety of methods, both manual and automated, to analyse a range of specimens including blood, urine, tissue biopsies and swabs from all over NHS Grampian. [To find out more visit the IBMS website](#).

Tune of the day Thanks to Isla Bruce, one of our Biomedical Scientists for today's request: the very topical and totally catchy [Science is Real](#) by They Might Be Giants (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