

Thursday 23 March 2023

Public Emergency Alerts At the start of the week, we shared information with you about the new Public Emergency Alert system, which will be tested on Sunday 23 April. This takes the form of a text message, which will sound a siren when it arrives on your phone. These texts could be sent to anyone, anywhere in the UK. If you support patients or clients who are unable to contextualise the test e.g., due to dementia, other cognitive impairment, or some learning disabilities, you may be concerned the test will cause them to become unduly distressed. If you support individuals experiencing domestic violence, they may be concerned the alert will raise awareness of a secret or secondary phone. Refuge have put together [this short video which shows how the alerts can be disabled](#) on both Android and Apple phones.

Mental Health & Learning Disability Services – current pressures Yesterday we featured a piece about the pressures our Mental Health & Learning Disability Services are under at the moment. We wanted to expand on and look at how things are across our community MH&LD services. As highlighted Royal Cornhill Hospital has a very limited ability to admit people and those admitted have a very high level of acuity and need to remain in a hospital setting for longer. This in turn has a great impact on our community teams who are working exceptionally hard to keep people safe and well at home. As the acuity level increases of those admitted to hospital so does the level of those remaining under the care of our Community Teams. This can be very challenging as teams balance the needs of the individuals with the available resources. Often teams work closely with other agencies and work hard to ensure that everyone gets the care and support they need, however, this is an increasingly difficult task.

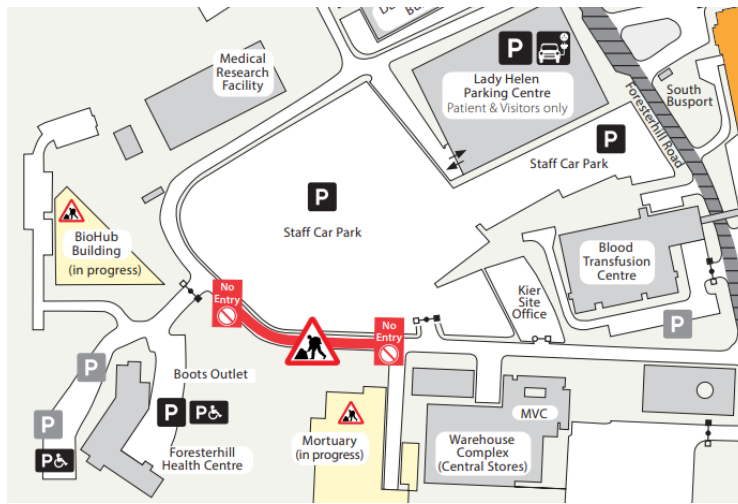
As with other areas of health & social care we lack staff across all our disciplines and as a result those who are here, doing the work every day, are facing an enormous ask and we would just like to put on record our thanks to all the teams who are working so very hard.

Upcoming Brew & a blether sessions The next Brew & a blether sessions will take place as follows:

- Tomorrow (24 March) 11am – 1pm, Project Wingman Legacy Room and Innovation Suite, DGH
- Tuesday 11 April, 2-4pm, ARI Orange Zone Cafe

Everyone working in health & social care is warmly invited to drop-in, speak to colleagues from Staffside, Chief Exec's team, We Care, and psychology, and enjoy a hot drink and a break.

Road closures – Foresterhill Site Due to essential works on the new mortuary site (between Central Stores and Foresterhill Health Centre) we will have to close the 'Loop Road' next weekend. The closure will take effect from 9pm on Friday 31 March and is schedule to run until 4pm on Sunday 2 April; please note these dates/times are dependent on all works progressing as planned. Please see map below, signage and traffic management will be in place, and be aware this is **separate** from the road closure on the East End Road, to take place on Saturday 1 April.



How much do you know about Counter Fraud services? The Finance Team, in partnership with NHS Counter Fraud Services, are looking to raise awareness on counter fraud services within NHS Grampian with a focus on where you can find key information. To aid in this, we are asking you to take part in a short survey to gauge awareness on counter fraud services and topics people would like to learn more about. This is a 10-question survey; it should take no more than 2 minutes to complete. Results will be used to help shape future training and awareness campaigns. [You can take part here](#), thank you in advance!

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Mattress pump servicing recall We are currently recalling the below pictured Devilbiss Mattress Pumps for essential maintenance/servicing. If you support patients or clients who use one of these pumps, please email steven.rogerson@nhs.scot with the serial number to check if the pump requires servicing and arrange a local swap out. If the patient/client advises the pump has a green label stating, "PCB updated" (also shown below), the servicing is up to date and no action is required.



Grampian Cancer Care Network – Professional Conference Registration is now open for this event, taking place on Thursday 27 April at Curl Aberdeen. This year's conference will have a keynote presentation on the work of the Less Survivable Cancers Pathway, developments in Lung & Ovarian Cancer Pathways, as well as presentations and table-top discussions on 'prehabilitation' and best supportive care. Our first conference in three years will also provide an opportunity to network with colleagues and local cancer support organisations. [Please follow this Eventbrite link](#) for full details of this event, the programme, and to purchase tickets:

Reminder – HCSW development sessions The Practice Education team will run their latest information sessions on HCSW Development and Education Framework and Competencies next Thursday (30 March), as follows:

- Manager Information Session: 9 -10am
- HCSW Information Session: 10.30 – 11.30am

These sessions are delivered via MS Teams. If you are interested and would like to attend, please email gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

Tune of the day Colleen Anderson, part of the sexual health service team at Aberdeen Health Village, makes today's request; she's asking for [Jimmy Somerville and Safe in these Arms](#) (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