

Friday 17 March 2023

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**NHS Grampian Endowment Fund Applications** We would like to remind you the Endowment Fund will be pausing the processing of new applications from 25 March for three weeks. This is to allow work for the financial year end to take place. Applications received on or before Friday 24 March will be processed as normal. Applications received between 25 March and 16 April will be processed after 17 April. If you have any questions regarding timescales or would like to discuss an application, please contact [gram.charities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.charities@nhs.scot). Thank you for your support and understanding.

**CAMHS garden** Congratulations to the CAMHS team, [as plans for a therapeutic garden](#) at their City Hospital base have been the subject of a motion in the Scottish Parliament this week. Local MSP Tess White submitted the motion, which has received cross-party support. The motion can be viewed here: [S6M-08211 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

**Climate Week - lunchtime talks** To mark Climate Week North-East, beginning on Monday 27 March, the University of Aberdeen Medical School have arranged a series of lunchtime talks. All taking place between 12-1pm at the Suttie Centre, they will look at various aspects of sustainable healthcare. Full [details on the programme and how to book are available here](#).

**RGU telephone changes** As of next Tuesday (21 March), the RGU telephony service is changing.

To contact RGU by staff by telephone, please call 01224 262000 and either speak or type in the name of the person you wish to speak to or select an option so you can speak to an operator who will transfer them to the member of staff,

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dial 01224 263250 (RGU School of Health Sciences reception) and leave your message with the Receptionist/Administrator who will send the message to the relevant member of staff via MSTEams. Staff extension numbers you may have a record of will no longer work. Email addresses have not changed, and staff can be contacted by email as usual.

**That was the week that was** It's your usual Friday round-up of the items shared this week:

Monday 13 – when not to use valved FFP3 masks, Digital Health & Care Leadership programme

Tuesday 14 – reminder of dress policy, introduction of new medical locum agency request form

Wednesday 15 – Moray maternity services community feedback report, Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team launches e-referrals

Thursday 16 – Episode 17 of 'Ask Caroline', changes to Scottish Fire & Rescue Service response to automated alarms

All briefs are available to read online here: [NHSG Staff Daily Briefs \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org)

**STAR Award** A huge 'well done' to Diane Morrison, Community Immunisation Nurse and recent recipient of a STAR Award. Diane was nominated for her work in developing an informative baby immunisation booklet to ensure new team members got off to a good start. You can nominate a colleague or team for a STAR Award [by filling in the online form](#) or by emailing the details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** It's St Patrick's Day, so we can only round off the working week with an Irish artist. There are more than a few to choose from, I'm plumped for Hozier's powerful [Take Me To Church](#). I'm dedicating this one to everybody working in mental health services, both inpatient and community settings, right across Grampian.

Whatever you are up this weekend (I'm crossing my fingers for an Irish grand slam) I hope you can take some time just for you. For those of you on shift, take care and stay safe. 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)