

Friday 21 October 2022

International Infection Prevention Week We end our journey through the NIPCM for International Infection Prevention Week [with the Appendices and Resources](#). This streamlined section provides the reader with quick access to up-to-date information and valuable resources on everything Infection Prevention related. We hope taking the NIPCM chapter by chapter this week has been useful and interesting.

Orange Zone café, ARI Unfortunately, due to ongoing staff shortages, the Orange Zone café will be closed all next week. We apologise for any inconvenience; all other food & drink outlets in the hospital will be open as usual.

Performance Appraisal for Managers and Reviewers New courses on Performance Appraisal skills are [now available to book on Turas Learn](#) (requires sign-in) A short video on how to navigate Turas Appraisal is also available on the same page. Please contact the Learning and Development team gram.learningdevelopment@nhs.scot with any queries.

Commendation for diabetes nursing programme Congratulations to the Diabetes Specialist Nursing Team following their commendation at the Quality in Care Diabetes Awards 2022 for the SANDRA programme. It was noted the number of experienced Practice Nurses intending to leave the profession within the next five years would leave a shortage of trained professionals to undertake the care of people living with diabetes. The SANDRA (Supporting prActice Nurses in Diabetes Care, Revalidation and Appraisal) programme was developed to ensure healthcare professionals had the knowledge, practical skills and training required to ensure high quality healthcare was delivered for patients, offering preceptorship, education and time to develop skillsets. Well done to all involved!

That was the week that was If you've not had the opportunity to read every brief this week, here's a reminder of the key items. [All briefs are available to view online](#):

Monday 17 – NHS G finalists at Scottish Health Awards, start of International Infection Prevention Week

Tuesday 18 – Information on human trafficking and what staff should look out for, development opportunities for HCSWs

Wednesday 19 – Support available from healthcare chaplains, update on Royal Mail strike dates

Thursday 20 – Call Before You Convey second test of change, consultation on new carers strategy for Aberdeen City

STAR Award Huge congratulations to Phyllis McLachlan (Community Nursing Equipment Support Officer) and Diane Catto (Senior HCSW, Max Fax), both recent recipients of a STAR Award. You can nominate a colleague or team by [filling in the online nomination form](#) or by emailing their details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot

NHS Grampian Football Club In partnership with the Endowment Fund, a football open night has been set up exclusively for NHS Grampian staff. It is hosted at Goals Aberdeen: (what3words: ///admire.accent.rail or Google Maps: <https://bit.ly/3yW3gnf>) every Wednesday between 7.30-8.30pm.

It is open to all NHS Grampian staff and sessions are free of charge. If you would like to get involved, or pop down for a taster session with the team, please contact myself via email: henry.evans@nhs.scot or send me a message on Microsoft Teams.

Tune of the day Thanks to Hannah Copeland, part of the Medical Secretaries team at Dr Gray's Hospital, for today's request. It's a Friday two-for-one special, as the team are losing two much loved colleagues. Sue Simpson retires today, while Sue Copeland (also Hannah's mum) leaves at the end of the month. I'm told the departure of the 'Two Sues' feels like the end of an era! For Sue Simpson we're playing [Do Anything You Wanna Do](#) by Eddie & The Hotrods, for Sue Copeland we've got one of her favourites – [Young Blood](#) by Sophie Ellis-Bextor.

If you're in Moray, the October holidays are ending, while City and 'Shire are at the halfway point. Whatever your plans for the weekend, I hope you get some time just for you. If you're heading off on leave, I wish you rest and recuperation. 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