

Thursday 28 July 2022

Deployed? We want to hear from you You will be aware many of the policies and procedures introduced in response to COVID-19 have been withdrawn or concluded over recent months. We are now considering the deactivation of 'The Management of the Workforce during and after Major Incidents including Pandemic' Policy. A provision of the Policy currently enacted is the deployment of staff. We are aware a number of you are currently deployed, due to our COVID-19 response, to roles outwith your usual teams, or your usual role within your existing department, or at another location within NHS Grampian. We want to ensure we are aware of everyone deployed therefore, if you are currently deployed, as a direct response to the pandemic, please get in touch with Diane Annand (Staff Governance Manager) by emailing diane.annand@nhs.scot with the following information below. You must also copy in your substantive line manager.

- Name
- Substantive post and department
- Deployed role and department
- Date when your deployment began and expected end date if known.

Drug related deaths [The latest figures on drug related deaths](#) were published today and show a continuing high number of deaths across Scotland. Behind those figures are real people and their deaths are a tragedy for them, their families and friends, and the wider community.

Illicit benzodiazepines continue to be a significant factor locally as well as cocaine. Most deaths involved opioid base substances. Naloxone is a medicine designed to temporarily reverse an opioid overdose. It is available to "take away and carry" from lots of places. If you, or anyone you know, is at risk of an opioid overdose you should have a kit. They are free and easy to use, and a nasal spray version is available.

Naloxone kits are available to take home from Community Pharmacies. [Naloxone kits can also be ordered online](#) or over the phone (08080 101011) from Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs. These are posted to you in plain packaging.

[Alcohol & Drugs Action](#) services are open seven days a week. Freephone 0333 3 448 355 or (01224) 594700 or 07927192706.

If you are affected by any of these issues and looking for help and support this is also available from Alcohol and Drugs Action and Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs, who also run a bereavement counselling service. If you live in Moray, you can contact Arrows on 01343 610 500

If you are interested in your team being able to distribute naloxone to patients, friends and families please get in touch with simon.rayner@nhs.scot

Internet Access / Web Hosted Application Access A national change has been scheduled to take place THIS Saturday (30 July), between 00:00 and 06:00 which will impact on internet access and web hosted applications. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact timings of the outage, but we are expecting a brief period of interruption, no longer than 15 minutes at the following times: 00:00, 01:30 and 03:00.

The systems affected by this change are as follows:

- Internet Access (Access to internal SharePoint (e.g., Intranet) will be unaffected)
- SWAN Secure Web Access (Remote Access from non-NHSG devices)
- Badgernet (this will be switched over to local failover therefore can be used as normal)
- Microsoft365 (Email, Teams, SharePoint Online, Office Web Applications)
- Endoscopy Management System (EMS)
- Vision360
- Vision Community Nursing
- EMIS Web

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this outage may cause. If you have any queries ahead of the outage, please contact the IT Service Desk where your query will be passed to the relevant support team.

Missing orders? Everyday hundreds of orders arrive in the main warehouse at Foresterhill for distribution across our hospitals and other buildings. If you have an order that should have arrived and hasn't, please contact Procurement Customer Services on Ext 52023 or gram.logscustserv@nhs.scot They will help with finding the order or reordering.

M&S Food – ARI Following a successful trial, we can confirm M&S Food is permanently extending its opening hours. The store will open 7am-10pm, Monday-Saturday, and 7.30am-10pm on Sundays.

Beyond Surgery: Robotic assistance in the NHS workplace The Innovation HUB and the National Robotarium warmly invite anyone interested to this face-to-face event at the Suttie Centre on Tuesday 23 August. NHS Grampian teams will present a series of challenge areas from day-to-day work pressures across NHS systems to an audience of healthcare, industry, and academic partners. More information and event registration [is available here](#).

Endowment Fund – response to staff survey A big thank you to everyone who answered the questions posed by the Endowment Fund trustees last month. A survey report, with planned next steps [is available to read here](#) (Intranet link, networked devices only) In the meantime, if you have any questions for the Endowments team, please feel free to get in touch with us at gram.charities@nhs.scot

STAR Awards – official retirement memento We are delighted to announce a formal NHS Grampian memento package is available for individuals retiring from the organisation. The pack includes a personalised certificate, an enamel badge, and a crystal paperweight. Individuals can request their own pack at retirement, or they can be requested for a local presentation. Full details, including a link to the request form, [are available on the STAR Awards Intranet page](#) (networked devices only).

Tune of the day The Commonwealth Games will formally begin in Birmingham later, so I've gone for a Brummie band today, specifically Fuzzbox. 10-year-old me was obsessed with this all-female group who enjoyed a criminally brief moment in the spotlight. [Pink Sunshine](#) is still an absolute tune to this day (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