

Friday 29 July 2022

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**Smarter Working – where next?** As an organisation, NHS Grampian has recommended those of us who can work at home, should work at home until 31 July 2022. This does **not** mean we are all expected to return to offices from Monday 1 August. Working at home is still supported by the organisation, while we continue the move towards hybrid working, allowing us to mix working at home and in an office. Early adopters in Workforce and Public Health are trialling different approaches and we will continue to share their feedback. In the meantime, please keep having conversations in your teams/departments about what hybrid working could look for you and arrange (if you haven't already) a 1 to 1 meeting with your manager, to discuss your preferences and what might be possible for your service. If you have any questions, please contact [gram.smarterworking@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.smarterworking@nhs.scot); we'll share more on Smarter Working next week.

**Dr McKinlay's Retirement Symposium** You'll be aware we don't routinely feature retirement events in this brief. However, when the event comes with CPD points, we can make an exception. You are warmly invited to attend a symposium at the Suttie Centre on Friday 9 September, to mark Alastair McKinlay's retirement. Topics covered will include the treatment of Hepatitis C, 40 years of advances in endoscopy, and developments in weight loss procedures. To attend, please contact Alana Hendry ([alana.hendry@nhs.scot](mailto:alana.hendry@nhs.scot)).

**That was the week that was** A quick run-through of items included this week; all briefs are available to [read online here](#).

Monday 25 – reminder of smoke-free sites, CTAC clinics in Aberdeen, skin surveillance responsible person training.

Tuesday 26 – update on provision of free period products, survey on suggested anti-racism posters.

Wednesday 27 – National Treatment Centre update, NMAHP welcome event.

Thursday 28 – deployment update, reaction to latest drug related deaths figures.

**STAR Award** It's a warm 'well done' to Sandi Powell, Learning & Development Facilitator and Team Leader, and most recent winner of a STAR award. If you work with somebody – or somebodies – who deserves recognition, then [complete the online nomination form](#) or send their details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** I'm rounding off the week with a two for one special, as two noteworthy events take place today. Firstly, the final episode of Neighbours will be shown on Channel 5 tonight. For a teatime soap, it's had a remarkable strike rate when it comes to developing pop stars, so much so I've been able [to create a short playlist](#). However, the tune I've gone for is the theme to *the* wedding of the 80s, watched by 20 million people – [Suddenly by Angry Anderson](#). Scott & Charlene 4ever!

Secondly – and closer to home – the preschool children at Little Acorns nursery graduated today. Dr Louise Smith (a nursery parent) got in touch to express her thanks to all the nursery team and to dedicate [You're my Best Friend by Queen](#) to all of them

Whatever you are doing this weekend, I wish you time to unwind, time to reflect, and time just for you. Enjoy, and 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)