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Culture Matters survey If you took part in phase 1 of the Culture Matters survey, local reports have now been sent to your manager/supervisor/team leader. You should take the time in your teams to understand what the results mean for you and what your action plans will be as a result. There's lots of advice available [on the Culture Matters intranet page](#).

There will be an opportunity for the rest of us working in Grampian to participate in phase 2 of the survey later this year. Snapshots of the results of phase 1 are being finalised and will be shared widely in the coming days.

Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Surveillance Mandatory Surgical Site (SSI) Surveillance was paused due to COVID-19 but will resume for caesarean section, planned colorectal, and vascular and hip arthroplasty from October. The Infection Prevention & Control team need your help to get ready for this.

When taking a wound swab/sample: (this should be applied to EVERY possible SSI)

- Please document fully and accurately on OrderComms/ICE – don't just write '?Infection' - what does this mean?
- Tell us the site: left leg, abdominal wound etc. – some surgeries have more than 1 site!
- Complete the tick boxes with the clinical symptoms – don't just say 'discharge'. If you see discharge, is it serous/purulent?
- Is the infection superficial/deep/organ space?
- Is your patient on antibiotics? Are they on the correct one? Tell us which one.
- Contact us if it's hard to explain – tick boxes don't always cover every patient or circumstance.

Incomplete documentation means the IPC team have to contact teams individually to gather further information, when both your time and theirs could be better used.

- Contribute to your CPD requirements: Complete the e-learning module on Turas – Recognising Surgical Site Infections – It's in the Infection Prevention and Control Zone/SIPCEP Intermediate layer within Turas Learn.

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NHS Scotland Event 2022 This annual event is back, in-person, and coming to Aberdeen for the first time ever. Colleagues from across the NHS will gather at P&J Live on 21 & 22 June. The programme is [available to view here](#) and we're encouraging as many of you to register for the event as possible. It is free of charge for NHS, H&SCP, and local authority staff – [you can register here](#).

Changing room/locker room availability We are working to understand what changing room/locker rooms facilities there are, in hospitals, for staff use. Initially, our focus is on Foresterhill Health Campus – specifically ARI/AMH/RACH - but this work will be broadened to other sites. Alongside understanding what facilities are available, and what may be required, we are also working to identify possible sources of funding. We would be really grateful [if you could take a minute to complete this short form](#) – thank you!

Transforming the role of care home nurses – Have your say! Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership has been asked to feedback to the Scottish Government on how the role of care home nurses changed during the pandemic and what can be done to improve this vital role. Please take part in [this survey which should take only 5 – 10 mins max to complete](#). The survey closes next Monday (23 May).

Grampian Pride 2022 On International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, it's worth reminding you we will once again be participating in the Grampian Pride Parade. The procession along Union Street in Aberdeen will take place on Saturday 28 May. If you work in health or social care, you are warmly invited to join us! Friends and family are also welcome on the day. To help us keep track of who is joining #TeamNHSG [please complete this form](#).

NoSCAR Spring workshop The North-East Scotland Centre for Applied Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Health Professions Research are hosting a workshop on Wednesday 25 May, between 2-4pm. Any nurse, midwife, or AHP in Grampian with an interest in research and evidence-based practice is invited to help co-produce events/sessions/support mechanisms to further develop the research culture and support the implementation of evidence-based practice within NHS Grampian. A flyer with joining information [is available on the intranet](#) (networked devices only).

Tickets for Good As you know, we share information about ticket discounts for NHS staff via this brief and also the Your Space section of the intranet. We have received information about a website – Tickets for Good - which provides access to a range of discounted tickets for events across the UK. If you are interested in signing up and receiving updates from them, [you can do so here](#). This website isn't affiliated with NHS Grampian, and we cannot guarantee any of the offers will be of interest to you. We'll continue to share local discounts and offers as we receive them.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Speaking of tickets, we're delighted to let you know that Sanita Klavina (Domestic Supervisor) and Marite Noste (Domestic Assistant) are the lucky winners of the tickets to attend a Platinum Jubilee celebration concert in London next month. Congratulations to them both, we hope you have a wonderful time!

Tune of the day Thanks to Sian Lindsey (Specialist Radiographer) for today's suggestion – it's a tall tale about a Cadillac, courtesy of Johnny Cash – [One Piece At A Time](#) (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