

Friday 28 April 2023

**Open University BSc (Hons) in Nursing – information session** Are you a healthcare support worker interested in gaining a nursing qualification via the Open University? Their next information session on this part-time programme will take place on Tuesday 9 May, 6.30-7.30pm. This will take place on Teams; no need to book, [just follow this link](#) or scan the QR code below if you are reading a printed copy of the brief:



**Respiratory MCN Professional Conference** This event takes place at Aberdeen's Beach Ballroom on Wednesday 17 May. Details, programme and registration are available on our Eventbrite page by following this link: [Grampian Respiratory MCN Professional Conference 2023 Tickets, Wed 17 May 2023 at 08:45 | Eventbrite](#) Please contact [gram.mcn@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.mcn@nhs.scot) if you have any further queries.

**CAMHS garden designer shares her insights** As our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) works to develop a new garden space at its Links Unit base in Aberdeen, local garden designer Heather Dale explains why it's a project she couldn't turn down.

"Making sure children and young people who face complex emotional and behavioural difficulties have all the support they need to thrive is something that's close to my heart. When I began to speak to staff about developing the garden, their stories really made an impression on me," she said.

Donations are still needed for the garden project, which Heather has designed and the CAMHS team is garnering community support for. It will provide a safe space for talking therapy, reflection, play, and sensory enjoyment for patients and their families, as well as a wellbeing space for staff. [Read the full story](#) and find out more.

**That was the week that was** What better way to round the week, than with a run through of the key items we have shared? [All briefs are available to view on the NHS Grampian website here.](#)

Monday 24 – reminder of the new password policy, events planned for Demystifying Death week

Tuesday 25 – removal of IP EPR icon in TrakCare, guide to donations of medical equipment

Wednesday 26 – support to complete iMatter team confirmation, change to header on SMS messages sent by NHS Scotland

Thursday 27 -

**STAR Award** Congratulations to Yvonne Wright, chief nurse, who has been presented with her STAR Award.

Yvonne was nominated for “her sunshine, for her sense of fun, for her diligence, for her trustworthiness, for her promotion of safety and quality and, above all, for her camaraderie and being a fantastic role model for nurses”.

It's easy to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award; simply [complete the online nomination form](#) or email their details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Feedback Friday** It's always good to end the week on a high so here's a little reminder of how our services make a difference every day. This comment is one of many positive reflections shared via Care Opinion this week and is about the Coronary Care Unit.

“The care I received in the CCU was better than anybody could imagine and made a horrendous experience bearable and treated me and my family with dignity and compassion. Kept me and my family well informed of what was happening. To all the staff but especially the nurses of CCU thank you so much for everything.”

**Tune of the day** Two teams have been in touch with us today as they say goodbye to colleagues – so we've a tune for each!

The Operational HR Team wishes Ashley Catto, HR Manager a well-deserved retirement. Ashley will be known to many after a long career with the NHS. The team told her to “cherish every moment and revel in this new stage of life”. They wish her well with [Take it Easy](#) by the Eagles.

Elsewhere, Michelle MacIndoe is leaving her role as an ultrasound specialist, to start a new life in Houston, with her wonderful family. She will be sorely missed by her ultrasound family and the radiology team.

Her colleagues requested [Texas Sun](#), by Khruangbin & Leon Bridges, “to remind her to remember all of us here in the freezing cold, while she is enjoying the sun and warm weather in Houston”. They added: “Don't be a stranger and good luck with your new adventure.

**Next Daily Brief** As Monday 1 May is a Public Holiday, we won't be issuing a brief; we'll be back on Tuesday.

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)