

Friday 13 October 2023

**Celebrating AHPs Day** “We are once again joining other allied healthcare professionals to celebrate AHPs Day tomorrow. As with previous years, albeit this year it falls on a Saturday, we want to celebrate, appreciate and recognise the extraordinary work of the AHP workforce.

“This year offers us the opportunity to continue to recognise the impact of AHPs but also to acknowledge the importance of supporting the health and wellbeing of not only ourselves, our colleagues and teams, but those we provide services to. It’s also a great opportunity to celebrate those AHPs who provide services across seven days and not just Monday to Friday!

“Please can I extend my thanks to all the AHPs working across Grampian and invite them to celebrate and share what a positive impact AHPs make to people’s lives.”

Professor Susan Carr, Director, Allied Health Professions & Public Protection

**RACH play service award** Huge congratulations to our colleagues in the RACH play team, who this week were named Runners Up in Starlight’s health play award. Starlight is a national charity which supports play in children’s hospitals and hospices, and advocates for the power of play for young patients.

Heather Beattie, play service manager, said: "The team are over the moon to have been nominated for this award. It has taken many years to build the Play Service at Royal Aberdeen Childrens Hospital. Play is now more widely recognised as being an essential part of the care we provide at the hospital and this award will help highlight the contribution the team makes to the hospital but also remind everyone about the importance of having Play Services provided by a qualified team of staff. Play is often one of the most important parts of the patient’s stay, play can help patients and their families through treatment, illness, and their hospital experience and help them deal with the challenges this can bring. Thank you so much to the people who nominated us for this award!"



**#TeamShire newsletter** Sent out with today's Daily Brief is the October edition of the refreshed #TeamShire newsletter – we hope you enjoy reading it as much as the team enjoyed writing it! There is so much incredible work happening each and every day across Aberdeenshire and the team behind the #TeamShire newsletter want to hear all about it. So, if you have any stories you would like to share please get in touch by emailing [integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) We can't wait to hear from you!

**That was the week that was** What did we share this week, and when? Here's your Friday whistlestop tour:

Monday 9 – domestic abuse disclosure scheme, new transfusion record coming to Grampian, latest edition of Moray Health & Care News

Tuesday 10 – World Mental Health Day – sources of support, new NHS Scotland work/life balance policies coming soon

Wednesday 11 – Mental health & wellbeing policy, Bed Base Review FAQ update, new materials to support person-centred visiting

Thursday 12 – upgrade to maternity bereavement suite at DGH, next meeting of Staff Equalities Network – focus on British Sign Language

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**STAR Award** No presentations to announce this week; if you want to make a STAR Award nomination, simply [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details of the person/team you want to nominate to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Today's tune goes out to Sheena Western who is retiring from her post as ward assistant on 305/306 (acute stroke unit) at ARI. Sheena has been part of the team there for 10 years and will be much missed by all her colleagues. [Bat Out of Hell](#) by Meat Loaf is dedicated to Sheena and it is, of course, the full album version (what do you think I am, an amateur?)

Happy Friday, one and all! Here's hoping for a much drier weekend; if you are on shift, we hope you have a good one. The brief will be back 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)