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Standard Operating Procedure – Respiratory & non-respiratory pathway allocation, testing, and reporting A new Standard Operating Procedure has been developed, incorporating the latest guidance on respiratory and non-respiratory pathways of care. It has been attached to the email used to send out this brief. Please use this document going forward.

Single Use Plastic Ban From 1 June 2022, Scotland will be the first UK nation to ban some of the most environmentally damaging single-use plastic items. This means that it will be an offence to manufacture and supply these items in our services. [A full list of the items to be banned – and therefore removed from Pecos for purchase – is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). If you currently have any of the listed items in stock, please use them **before 1 June**. Otherwise, all plastic items can go into dry mixed recycling bins, and polystyrene items can go into general waste bins. Information on replacement items will follow.

COVID-19's impact on people with disabilities – survey closes this week In Grampian, we want to understand the impact COVID-19 and the associated lockdowns had on people with disabilities locally; [a questionnaire has been prepared by the NHS Grampian Disability Group](#). We are encouraging anyone with a disability (or their carers if appropriate) to complete the questionnaire. This questionnaire is also available in other formats and languages, upon request. Please contact 01224 551116 or 01224 552245 or email gram.communications@nhs.scot The survey will close **this Friday** (13 May).

Date for your diary The annual dementia awareness week will take place 30 May – 5 June. The theme this year is 'Prevent, Care, Cure'. [Why not create your own personal brain health plan?](#) That link will take you to a short quiz, supported by Alzheimer Scotland, with your answers used to create a bespoke plan to support your brain health.

Memories from the Frontline A former nurse and vaccinator turned author is in the process of writing a new book, looking at the experiences of staff on the frontline during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. Kairen Griffiths, who worked in the NHS for more than 40 years, hopes to publish the book in Spring 2023.

She said: "I plan to write a book entitled "Memories from the Frontline" which will include 'stories' from all disciplines of NHS Grampian staff who have worked throughout the pandemic. I see this book as being a valuable historical documentation of the pandemic for future generations and I hope you will agree that it will be an exciting project to be part of."

Anyone interested in taking part can contact Kairen by emailing kairen.griffiths@btinternet.com

Tune of the day Jackie Sutherland (Flow-Co for Ward 204/205) makes today's request, dedicated to all her colleagues on 204/205. She's plumped for [Better Days by One Republic](#). (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