

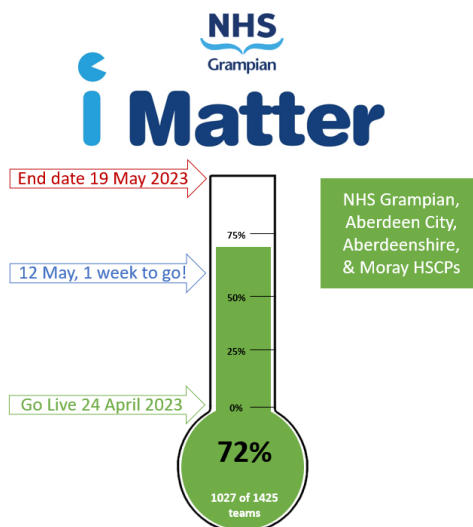
Friday 12 May 2023

Withdrawal of face mask guidance – Tuesday 16 May As shared in yesterday's brief, the guidance on the extended use of face masks in health care settings will be withdrawn next Tuesday. All colleagues are reminded of the importance of continuing to follow the existing guidance up to and including Monday 15 May.

iMatter team confirmation update 72% of teams are now confirmed on iMatter. Thank you to all the managers who have already confirmed their teams or got in touch to request help. Confirming your team ensures they, and all the teams in your Portfolio and Directorate get the chance to feedback their views. We are here to help if you need it. Whether you are a new manager, you are not sure how to make the changes that you need, or just need a bit of help with the system please get in touch with us:

- Email: gram.iMatter@nhs.scot
- Telephone Mon-Fri 9am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 4pm: Eve 01224 558425 or Sarah 01224 558628

Team members, the countdown to the questionnaire is on! Your chance to share your views and give your feedback starts on 22 May.



Letter to health & social care staff affected by crisis in Sudan The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health, and Social Care, Michael Matheson [has written this letter](#) in support of NHS and Social Care staff impacted by the current crisis in Sudan.

New home for Aberdeen City Vaccination Centre The main vaccination centre in Aberdeen will move to a new home next month; from Monday 19 June it will operate from Unit 19, Bon Accord Aberdeen. The centre will close in its current location on Sunday 4 June; in the interim all vaccination appointments

will take place in the centres in Airyhall and Bridge of Don. All other vaccination centres in Grampian continue to operate as normal, in their existing venues.

That was the week that was It wouldn't be a Friday without a quick recap on the key items shared this week, so here we go:

Monday 8 – Public holiday, no brief issued.

Tuesday 9 – Industrial Action update, Plan for the Future performance

Wednesday 10 – Plan for the Future delivery plan – staff focus group dates, launch of the DAISY award

Thursday 11 – Change to face mask guidance (see above), spiritual care committee drop-in event

All briefs are available online here: [NHSG Staff Daily Briefs \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org)

STAR Award No presentations to report today so take this as your weekly reminder of how simple it is to nominate someone for a STAR award. [You can either complete the online form](#) or email their details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot. Remember, you can nominate teams as well as individuals.

Learn to Ride Adult Cycling Skills Sessions: Tues 30 May, 10am-3.40pm, Tennis Courts at Foresterhill Every adult should get the chance to learn to cycle! That's why we are offering 1-to-1 learn to ride sessions for NHS Grampian staff who haven't ridden before or haven't been on a bike for a long time. The event is being coordinated by our Sustrans Workplace Engagement Programme and the training will be delivered by social enterprise Tyred n Cranky with funding from Cycling Scotland.

- Bicycles provided
- Learn balance and control
- Practice pedalling
- Follow up support available

To book your FREE half hour slot, contact gram.activetravel@nhs.scot or call Katrina on 07922876141. Extra time may be available depending on demand. If you can't make this date or you can already ride a bike but are looking to build your confidence riding on the roads, please get in touch and we'll note your interest for future sessions.

Tune of the day It's Eurovision weekend! Two tremendous semi-finals this week have teed up tomorrow night's mouthwatering celebration of all that is mad and marvellous about this competition. We round off the week with one of the greatest songs NOT to win: [Ooh Aah...Just a Little Bit](#)

I know I say this every week, but I really do mean it; whatever you have planned for the next couple of days, take care and enjoy. 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