

Thursday 23 November 2023

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**Neurodiversity Empowerment Group (NEG) - meeting next week** The NEG is a recently established group of colleagues, committed to making NHS Grampian a more neuro-affirming workplace. We are delighted to announce two speakers at the next meeting, taking place on Monday 27 November, between 11am-12noon. Dawn Brown and Suz Strachan will give a presentation on SensationALL, a local charity established in 2012 to support children, adults and families who are living with any additional support needs. This can be with or without diagnosis.

One of the new areas of work for SensationALL is a group for adults who want to learn more about their condition, whether diagnosed or self-identified, in a supportive and relaxed environment with like-minded folk and inputs from specialist neurodiversity practitioners.

To join us for this Teams session, please email [gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot)

**National Transfusion Record** This went live in NHS Grampian on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Please note that this replaces the current prescription paperwork for transfusion and therefore when printing a request form from the ERFs a prescription chart will not automatically print. Please ensure your teams are aware as IT have had a large volume of queries relating to this.

Find more [information on the National Transfusion Record](#) on SharePoint or watch this short clip: [https://youtu.be/rSu\\_i3-dYhc](https://youtu.be/rSu_i3-dYhc)

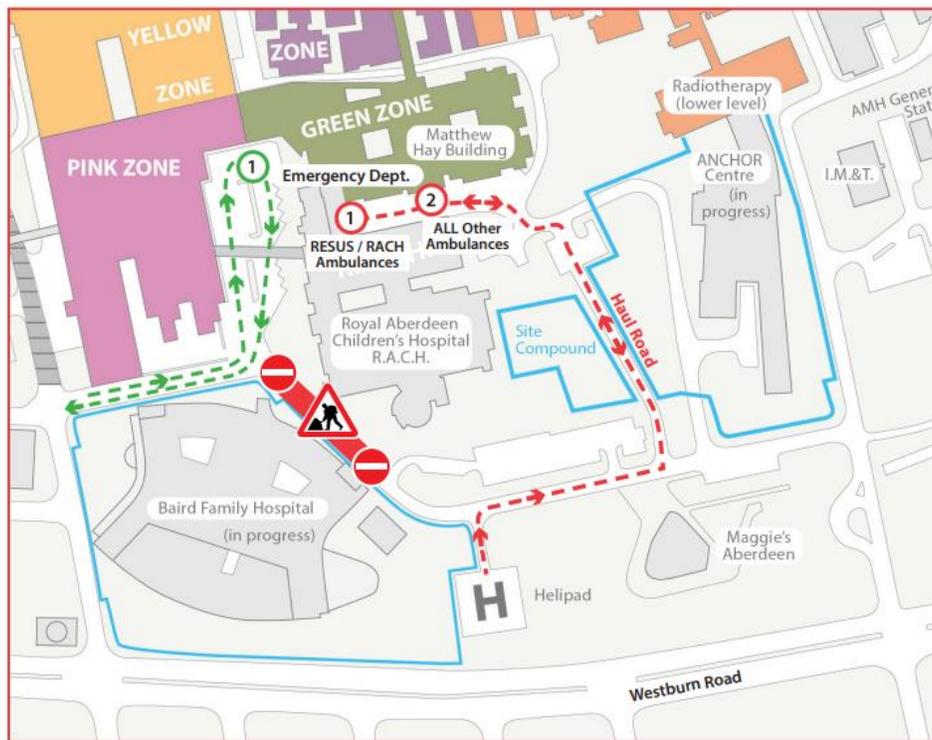
**Requesting a post-operative sample – wound swab, fluid/tissue etc? We need your help!** As patients are being discharged earlier, most post-op samples are taken in the community by practice nurses, community nurses and GPs. We're delighted to say there is now a new request in the ICE system. It's a **post-surgical wound sample** rather than the ordinary microbiology one. The SSI symptoms are listed for the requester, with tick boxes, enabling microbiology and clinical teams to look at the list and work out whether the patient has an infection or is simply colonised. For information on surgical site infections, there are two very helpful modules on Turas.

- [Recognising Surgical Site Infections \(SSI\)](#)
- [Recognising Surgical Site Infections \(SSI\) Caesarean Sections](#)

For any information about SSIs or wound surveillance, please contact Carolyn or Claire via [gram.ipctsurveillance@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipctsurveillance@nhs.scot) or Kristine in the Tissue Viability team via [gram.tissueviabilityacute@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.tissueviabilityacute@nhs.scot)

**ICYMI AI strategy** '[Spending Time Where It Counts](#)' is the AI strategy for health and social care in the North of Scotland. The group behind it are looking for your views on the document, all you need to do is give it a read via the link above, then complete this short form: [Spending time where it counts: Consultation \(office.com\)](#)

**Essential works – Baird Family Hospital** A section of road outside RACH will be closed from 6am this Saturday (25 November) to allow for essential works on the Baird Family Hospital site. The red arrows in the map below show the route to be taken by emergency vehicles from the helipad **only**. Resus and RACH ambulances leaving the helipad should use location 1, all other ambulances leaving the helipad should use location 2. All other vehicles requiring access to ED should use the green route. These works are for one day only, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.



**Little Acorns Christmas fayre** Feeling festive? You aren't the only ones! Little Acorns nursery is holding a Christmas fayre on tomorrow (24 November) between 6.30-8pm, with an opportunity for the little ones to meet Santa himself. These must be booked, so please contact [laura.yeoman@nhs.scot](mailto:laura.yeoman@nhs.scot) to arrange, it is **not** limited to children who currently attend the nursery.

**Tune of the day** One for all our American colleagues today; it's Thanksgiving! However you are marking the occasion, far from home, [I Want to Thank You](#) by Otis Redding is dedicated to you (KJ).

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)