

Monday 5 December 2022

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**New lead appointed for Integrated Family Portfolio** Geraldine Fraser has been appointed as the new executive lead for the Integrated Family Portfolio and will start in the role later this month. Geraldine, who was previously a partnership manager with Aberdeenshire HSCP, has a background as a solicitor specialising in family law. As lead for the Integrated Family portfolio, Geraldine will be responsible for improving children, women's, and family health across Grampian. She will lead the planning, resourcing, performance management, budget management, and operational delivery of services – including maternity, paediatrics, gynaecology, and breast screening – and is looking forward to the opportunity to make a difference and help services across health, social care, education, the community and third sector work as effectively as possible together. She will oversee the move into The Baird Family Hospital, support the development of services at Dr Gray's Hospital, and drive forward ambitious plans for improved access to services as part of the national Women's Health Plan.

Prof Caroline Hiscox, Chief Executive of NHS Grampian, said: "We are very much looking forward to Geraldine joining Team NHSG and know she will be a huge asset, a real advocate for women, children and families, and an experienced leader who can work with teams on service redesign."

**Climate Emergency and Sustainability.** Given the pressures we have been under for the past few years, and with the winter period threatening to be our busiest yet, it is understandable if thoughts about the environment and wider social goals are not at the front of your mind. Yet the climate crisis is a health crisis. Now.

As we develop NHS Grampian's climate emergency and sustainability strategy, we want to engage with staff, enthusiasts, activists (they are not mutually exclusive!) to plan: ***How can the health service deliver an environmentally sustainable, healthier and more equal society?*** If this interests you, please get involved in a workshop this Wednesday (7 December) 3-4.30pm. Contact Jillian Evans ([jillian.evans3@nhs.scot](mailto:jillian.evans3@nhs.scot)) for a Teams invitation. Meantime, [click here to answer a single question](#) on what sustainability means to you, accepting there are multiple perspectives.

**Near Me – Consult Now** From tomorrow (Tuesday 6 December) Consult Now will be enabled\* for every Waiting Area except those created to host Group Consultations. Consult Now allows easy escalation from a telephone call to a video call. Service Providers send callers a one-off, time-limited Waiting Area link. When accessed, the link brings the caller straight into a video call with the Provider. Since the caller does not need to enter any personal details, they can be in a video call with their Provider in under 30 seconds. [More information on Consult Now is available here.](#)

\*Should a Waiting Area have had Consult Now enabled then disabled in the past, it will not be re-enabled automatically.

**Laundry update** The team at the Foresterhill laundry have let us know that due to equipment breakdown, scrub trousers are not being pressed and will not be pressed for the foreseeable future. They are still being laundered to the same high standard. Clean, but unpressed, trousers should not be returned to the laundry.

**16 Days of Action 2022: Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Process** Health Professionals who have identified significant risk of harm to victims following the DASH-RIC assessment (Daily Brief 1 December) will refer into a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference, more commonly known as MARAC. It is expected representation from all agencies involved with supporting the victim are present during this meeting, this includes representation from health. The proportionate information shared will enable the lead agency e.g., the police to determine the risk of the perpetrator towards the victim. [This short video](#) from Public Protection Practitioners Adele Archibald and Marie Duncan explains what Health Professionals need to know about the purpose of MARACs and their role.

**National Treatment Centre – Grampian newsletter** The latest edition of the National Treatment Centre – Grampian project newsletter has been attached to the email used to send out this brief.

**Aberdeen SANDS Christmas Services in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Chapel** The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity (SANDS) will hold their annual Christmas Services in ARI Chapel this Sunday (11 December) at 10.30am (Quiet Service) and 11.15am (Family Service). The services, led by one or more of our healthcare chaplains, provide an opportunity to come together with others to remember our babies who have died. Refreshments will be served following each service.

**Pause for thought** A question to reflect on, taken from last week's Guided Journaling sessions:

*We are continually asked to do more with less. This leads us to focussing on conversations about getting the job done rather than the unstructured conversations where ideas can be shared in a way that can lead to real change. What kind of unstructured conversations would you like to have, and how could you create space for these?*

**Tune of the day** A very personal request today, from Lyndsey Speirs: [The Wild Rover by The Dubliners](#). This song always reminds her of her father, Roddy McDonald, who worked for the Scottish Ambulance Service until his sudden death in 2007. Today would have been Roddy's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and I am more than willing to mark the occasion (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)