

Thursday 20 July 2023

Water quality – geosmin in Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Scottish Water have issued an update about the presence of a compound called geosmin, detected at their Invercarnie water treatment works. This serves parts of Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City. Geosmin is a harmless, naturally occurring, organic compound which can lead to a musty taste and/or smell in water. Scottish Water are assuring all customers – which includes ourselves – that the water is safe to use and there is no risk to public health. You can read their full update here: [Geosmin in Aberdeenshire - Scottish Water](#)

Connecting NHS Scotland & Scottish Government on Microsoft Teams To allow colleagues working across health and care in Scotland to work more collaboratively and without boundaries, work has been underway to roll out Microsoft 365 across both organisations. It is therefore now possible for Scottish Government and NHS Scotland colleagues to connect and message (chat) directly on MS Teams and make calls. You can find full details here: [Teams chat and calls between NHS Scotland and Scottish Government](#), or set out below for ease:

- Start a new chat or call using their **email address**, and if more than one match comes up, make sure you pick the one that is **External**. (If they have previously joined a team, you might see more than one match: a Guest account and an External account)
- Make sure you are using the **correct email address**, obtained directly from them through earlier correspondence
- It's recommended that you check to make sure Teams chat or calls is their preferred method of communication.
- Keep in mind that Scottish Government has a **5-day deletion policy**. All messages of all participants in a chat (one-to-one, group or meeting) are deleted after 5 days
- Remember to capture and store any essential information from the chat as you would other important records.
- Please continue to use your existing process for sharing documents and files. This should be in line with existing organisational document sharing policies.

Car parking, Foresterhill Health Campus Last month we confirmed the topic of car parking at Foresterhill would be discussed at the next meeting of the Grampian Area Partnership Forum (GAPF). This meeting took place earlier today, considering several practical options for the future management of car parking on the site. GAPF recognised the terms of planning permission for the multi-storey car park mean it cannot be used for staff parking in the longer term and have asked that new options for managing staff car parking on the Foresterhill site be put to you via a survey.

As soon as this survey is ready it will be shared via this brief; in the meantime, we want to confirm there are no immediate changes to the current arrangements at Foresterhill. Staff may use the multi-storey car park from Level 6 and above, ensuring the lower floors are kept free for patients and visitors.

As part of our commitment to sustainability we would encourage everyone - whichever site they are based at, or coming to - to consider green transport options, from walking, cycling, car-sharing, or public transport. We would also remind everyone of the importance of parking responsibly, ensuring disabled spaces and ambulance spaces are used appropriately, and keeping emergency access points clear.

ePayslips Did you know you can sign up for ePayslips? Any member of NHS Grampian staff can choose to view their pay information online, on any networked device (ePayslips cannot be accessed on personal devices, such as phones or tablets). For more information and to opt-in, please visit the ePayroll Self Service intranet page: [Pages - Self-Service \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

Paediatric Physiotherapy advice line The Paediatric Physiotherapy service run a children and young person's advice line twice a week. This is available to anyone with questions or concerns about a child's mobility, any recovery from injury, or if the child is not hitting expected milestones. The line is open every Wednesday (1-3pm) and Friday (11am – 1pm) on 01224 559 877

Scottish Health Awards 2023 We have a great record of fielding finalists and winners at this annual event, recognising the best of the best across healthcare in Scotland. There are a total of 16 categories, covering individuals and teams; [full details on the event website here](#). We'd encourage you to take a look and make as many nominations as you would like! Nominations close on 13 August.

Tune of the day Our request today goes out to Denise Dalgarno, Speech & Language Therapy support worker in the Central City Child Development Team. Denise marked a significant birthday at the start of the week and the whole team want to send their best wishes. Denise will be attending her first ever festival – Belladrum – next weekend, so the team have asked for one of the artists who will be onstage – [KT Tunstall and Suddenly I See](#) is our tune of the day (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