

Monday 26 June 2023

Reverse Vending Machine - ARI Foyer Following the suspension of the Deposit Return Scheme across Scotland, the trial of the Reverse Vending Machine for cans and bottles, based in ARI foyer, will close on Friday 30 June, at the end of the working day. Please do not deposit any can or bottles in the machine after that date. We are so grateful to everyone who has used the machine since the trial began in mid-February. Over 19,000 drinks containers were put into the unit; a far higher number than we had expected and a great indication of your enthusiasm for recycling. The trial has given us a great insight into what will be required by our departments once the scheme does eventually come into place.

NMAHP Welcome Session Are you a new graduate nurse, midwife, or AHP? If so, we would like to encourage you to attend the next NMAHP Welcome Session. The session allows you to meet some of the senior leadership team whilst finding out more about NHS Grampian Support Services, and the Flying Start Programme. The session will be held via Teams on Thursday 20 July, 11am-2pm. Please speak with your senior charge nurse or team leader before booking; [bookings can be made via Turas](#) (this link requires a Turas log-in)

Quality Improvement & Assurance newsletter The 4th edition of this newsletter is now available. to help spread information throughout the organisation about all things Quality Improvement and Assurance. [You can read it for yourself here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

Reminder - new bus service to ARI A reminder there is a new bus service calling at the ARI bus port. The Stagecoach X14 links the hospital with Kingswells Park & Ride, [the timetable is available here](#) (you'll need to scroll to the bottom of the page). Stagecoach is offering a day return ticket, priced at £3.50, for NHS staff. Please note, this can only be purchased at Kingswell Park & Ride or ARI, not at any other stages.

Opportunities in innovation – update Last week we shared information about two potentially exciting opportunities from the Chief Scientist Office (CSO). We have now been advised the Innovation Fellowships will not be available in August. However, the Innovation PhDs are still expected. There will be a small number of fully funded innovation-focused PhDs. Staff are expected to study full-time, however, this may be negotiable. The PhD project can be aligned to work already funded or planned to reflect applicants' own ideas or passions. The Innovation Team can support the development of ideas, linkage to academic support, and identification of potential industry partners. If interested, please get in touch as soon as possible with Dr Andrew Keen, clinical lead for innovation at andrew.keen@nhs.scot

Pause for thought Time, energy, money, etc - we save, and we spend. What are you saving and spending? Is the balance as you wish it to be?

Tune of the day Fresh from a weekend of mainlining Glastonbury performances, our tune today comes from the artist who performed in the 'Legends' slot yesterday (and who bears a worryingly strong resemblance to my dad): Yusuf/Cat Stevens. Let [Moonshadow](#) wind us down from the first day of the working week (or soothe you if you're about to get started) (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