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**Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs)** Today's guide to SFIs relates to arrangements for Risk Management and insurance arrangements, patient funds and property, eHealth, Annual Report and Accounts, and internal and external audit arrangements. There's a factsheet attached to the email used to send this brief; for any queries, please contact Grant Burt, Financial Governance Manager, Julie Anderson, Assistant Director of Finance or the finance manager aligned to your department/service, who will be happy to help.

**RACH communication boards** The Speech and Language Therapy team at the RACH are very excited to share an update about a new project; working closely with both outpatients and the play service, they have identified areas to install communication boards. These boards can be used by all children, families and professionals to facilitate conversations. We hope the communication boards will be enjoyed by all and believe this will allow all children visiting the hospital to have their voices heard! We'll be sharing progress reports as this one develops.

**Drug and Alcohol Care Team (DACT) Update** Further to previous communication in relation to the Drug and Alcohol Care Team (DACT), it's now operationally necessary to scale back service delivery over weekends and public holidays immediately. For now, the DACT will continue to focus on delivering patient care **Monday – Friday 8am-4pm** and can continue to be contacted through existing channels.

Further updates will be provided as matters progress. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please email [gram.MUSC-SLT@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.MUSC-SLT@nhs.scot)

**NoSCAR NMAHP Research Seminar Series** The next seminar - Funding Opportunities for Projects & Research Degrees - will be held via MS Teams next Thursday (25 April), 1.30-2.30pm. To attend the seminar, [just save this Teams link](#).

**Leading an Empowered Organisation (LEO) programme** Applications for LEO sessions aimed at Managers in non-clinical roles are open! LEO is a leadership programme used worldwide. If you would be interested in taking part, [please follow this intranet link](#) (networked devices only). If further information is required, please contact [gram.coaching@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.coaching@nhs.scot).

**Reminder - contextualising the review of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD)** NHS Education for Scotland are offering a free webinar, examining the review of the MCCD. This will be of interest to certifying doctors and those involved in supporting relatives after death. It will take place on Thursday 9 May, 12.30-1.30pm, and you can register here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

**Grampian Wellbeing Festival** Over the past 8 years the Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival has become a firm fixture in the calendar. This year, we're pleased to say there will also be events taking place in Aberdeen City and Moray. All three programmes are available here: [Grampian Wellbeing Festival \(nhsgrampian.org\)](http://nhsgrampian.org) with dozens of free events taking place throughout May.

**P&J Live ticket offer** Not one, but two, ticket offers for upcoming shows at P&J Live. Promoters are offering £20+booking fee tickets for the Magic of Motown (Friday 24 May) and Big Girls Don't Cry – a Four Seasons tribute (Saturday 25 May). To snap up your tickets, click the relevant link below. As always, NHS Grampian does not benefit from these offers in any way, and it does not take responsibility for any purchases made.

[Magic of Motown tickets – Friday 24 May](#)

[Big Girls Don't Cry tickets – Saturday 25 May](#)

**Tune(s) of the day** First up, a dedication to Dr Mariella Lamachia, who will be lining up for the London Marathon on Sunday. Tricia and all the team in haematology have asked for [Born to Run](#) by Bruce Springsteen.

Blimey Charlie, I really didn't expect the response I've got to my question on what your first record purchase was! It's been so impressive I've got to split them over today and tomorrow; kicking us off is Jacqueline Dougal – her first purchase was [Rain or Shine](#) by Five Star.

Fiona Soutar shared the tale of her first purchase: “My first single was [Another Brick in the Wall](#) - bought in December 1979 in Douglas' Record Store in Oban after I won a £1 record token for being the last couple on the dance floor at the Kilbowie Hostel Christmas Disco”

Erika Skinner was browsing the racks in The Other Record Shop in Aberdeen, also in 1979, when she snapped up [Some Girls by Racey](#)

Finally, for today, Suzanne Rogerson diligently saved her pocket money to purchase [Baggy Trousers](#), only to discover the price had gone up. Thankfully her brother came to the rescue and chipped in the required 30p. More (much more!) on this one tomorrow (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)