

Wednesday 26 October 2022

DGH statement Following discussions on the Moray Maternity Plan in the Scottish Parliament yesterday, NHS Grampian is committed to the delivery of a safe and sustainable maternity service for Moray families and staff. We are fully focussed to putting local needs at the heart of a wider and changing health system. We continue to engage with the Scottish Government, mothers, communities and colleagues within NHS Grampian and NHS Highland to ensure our joint implementation plan is robust and practical.

Work is well underway on the development of a plan to deliver Model 6, a full obstetric service based in Dr Gray's Hospital, which will be announced before the end of the year in line with the Scottish Government's timeline. We look forward to working with the community and our partners as we co-create and implement these plans.

Clinical Biochemistry Referral Sample Handling During Postal Strike The Clinical Biochemistry Department sends a large number of samples to referral labs for specialist testing via Royal Mail. Royal Mail has scheduled further strike action throughout October and November. The 1-day strikes planned in October will have minimal impact, however the impacts will be felt in November, as there are few consecutive days without strikes to allow posting of samples with next day delivery.

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| 21 st | 22 nd | 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th | 26 th | 27 th |
| 28 th | 29 th | 30 th | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th |

***Strikes days in red**

- The laboratory is investigating alternative delivery options, such as courier services, but ask where possible to avoid sending non urgent samples during this period.
- Steps will be taken by the lab to ensure the stability and quality of these samples as far as possible. However, samples that are sent by Royal Mail to referral labs will be delayed, and in some instances, may even require a repeat sample to be taken.
- Please contact the Duty Biochemist x51122 option 3 for advice.

We Care Wellbeing Wednesday

Save Energy at Home- Free Workshops We are pleased to announce a new range of fun and practical workshops which will be delivered by the local partnership team at Home Energy Scotland, providing ideas and tips to put into practise at home and at work.

Home Energy Scotland offers free and impartial advice to help people create warmer homes and reduce their energy bills

The workshops are running from November through to April and will take place on Teams. To book on [please click here](#)

Focus on your Finances Course- Spaces still available Spaces are still available for the Focus on your Finance session scheduled for the 4th of November. The session is perfect for those wishing to gain a greater confidence in financial matters. To book onto the session [please click here](#).

Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that, today marks the 55th birthday of country superstar Keith Urban. To mark this momentous occasion, here's his 2002 banjo-infused banger [Somebody Like You](#). (GC).

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