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Welcome to the November edition of the Newsletter. If you would like to contribute to future editions, please contact:

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UPDATE ON STATUTORY AND MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALL NHS GRAMPIAN STAFF

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Material for the next PH/Planning Newsletter should be submitted no later than Tuesday, 06 December 2011 to felinaemslie@nhs.net

In 2010, NHS Grampian reviewed the requirements for statutory and mandatory training. A directory was then prioritised and agreed in partnership through the Grampian Area Partnership Forum (GAPF).

We have since undertaken a significant amount of work to ensure that suitable courses are made available for staff using a “Blended Learning” approach. This approach is about making use of various methods and routes into training to ensure the attainment of an acceptable overall standard – for example, traditional classroom based learning, e-learning, peer assessment, embedded trainers/key handlers, lectures etc.

In July 2011 a hand hygiene e-learning package went live. As this is **MANDATORY**, it applies to ALL NHS Grampian staff and the organisation is required to be able to audit and report on compliance. We therefore need to track usage by staff other than those already covered by Agenda for Change (AfC) e.g. doctors, dentists, senior managers etc. To simplify this process we have generated log-ins and passwords for eKSF for these groups of staff; and our in-house system, All Time Learning (AT Learning), then automatically populated access to this e-learning package into everyone’s Personal Development Plans (PDP) in eKSF.

The launch of the fire awareness e-learning package is about to go live. As this is a STATUTORY requirement for ALL staff we will follow the same process. Further information will be communicated as to when this will appear in staff's PDPs in eKSF.

For further information, please contact your Learning and Development team link on nhsq.grampiandevelopment@nhs.net

Give Kids a Chance

Not long until Christmas!

Christmas 2011 is not far away and people are making arrangements for Christmas festivities and celebrations. Why not spread this Christmas cheer a little further and think about fundraising for Give Kids a Chance.



Instructions for organising raffles and encouraging staff to make donations are now available from Give Kids a Chance so that you can join with us to raise much needed funds for the project.

You can support us by:

- Assembling Christmas hampers full of treats and goodies to be raffled in offices and workplaces.
- Making donations to Give Kids a Chance instead of sending Christmas Cards.
- Organise a Christmas Concert, Quiz or Coffee Morning.

Last year £8,210 was raised which was used to support disadvantaged young people take part in social and leisure activities across Grampian. If you would like more information on any of our Christmas Fundraising ideas or want to register to take part, please contact:

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or visit our website at: www.nhsgrampian.org/gkac

or go directly to the [Christmas fundraising page on our website](#).

INFORMATION ON GIVE KIDS A CHANCE

Give Kids a Chance is a Grampian wide community project. Aberdeen City Public Health Team manage and deliver the project. There are 155 places available to disadvantaged young people between the ages of 10 – 18 years, living in Aberdeen (100), Fraserburgh (20), Peterhead (15) and Moray (20).

Give Kids a Chance aims to encourage and support disadvantaged young people to develop and sustain interests or hobbies that will promote positive health and well-being messages. The project provides young people with positive worthwhile activities, helps to relieve boredom, raise self-esteem, confidence and personal skills.

KITCHEN ARTICLE

A new community training kitchen is being developed in Inverurie through the Inverurie Health Improvement Group, a joint working group set up following the 'With Inclusion in Mind' workshops in 2009, to promote healthy eating and social inclusion in Inverurie and which is supported by Garioch Community Planning Group. The kitchen was identified as a means to support vulnerable individuals and groups with positive nutrition messages and cooking skills and as a means to promote inclusion and build confidence. "Confidence to Cook Training for Trainers" and food hygiene training will be provided by NHS Grampian to give service providers the skills to support their users and clients.

The community training kitchen will be based in the garage area of the Wyness Hall in Inverurie. Funding has been secured for the development of the facility from the Fairer Scotland Fund, Garioch Community Planning Group, Childcare Partnership and Health Improvement Fund and aims to be completed in December 2011.

To date there are 13 local groups looking to make use of the kitchen – If you are interested in making use of this community facility please contact:



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UPDATED ABERDEEN CITY CHP CONTACT

The Aberdeen City CHP contact details can be accessed through the following link:

www.hi-netgrampian.org/hinet/file/5090/aberdeencitychpcontacts.doc



Welcome!

Staff Changes

Welcome to:

- **Rachael Ross**, Secretary/Administrator who starts on 16th November 2011. Rachael will provide admin support to Gillian Lewis and Morag Hamil and can be contacted on rachael.ross@nhs.net

Congratulations to:

- **Susan Forbes** on the birth of her baby boy "Lachlan James Peter" on 13th September, weighting 8lbs 7 oz.

A fond farewell to:

- **Dr Lesley Wilkie**, Director of Public Health and Planning who retires on 30th November 2011.
- **Sandra Stankus**, Secretary/Administrator who leaves on 11th November 2011, to take up a new post in eHealth.