



Weekly Update

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Events Diary

22 & 23 May

Scottish Conference for Practice Management

Sustaining Quality

Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld
Annual conference designed by practice managers for practice managers. See attached flyer for full programme and booking.

4 June & 18 June

IHM Scotland

Project Management

9.30-4.30, Huntingtower Hotel, Perth
2 day workshop. See attached flyer for details.

9 June

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Organ Transplantation in Scotland: Presumed Consent and Other Options

9.00-4.30, Queen Mother Conference Centre, RCPE, Queen St, Edinburgh
Hot Topic Symposium: see www.rcpe.ac.uk/education/events/organ-transplantation-june-08.php for full programme and details.

10 June

IHM Scotland

'How to increase your power and influence'

9.30-4.00, Airth Castle Hotel
See attached flyer for details and booking.

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This week in Parliament

Tuesday

14:00 Public Petitions Committee

Inquiry into the availability on the NHS of cancer treatment drugs: The Committee will take evidence from Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, Dr Sara Davies, Public Health Consultant, Healthcare Policy and Strategy Directorate, and Elizabeth Porterfield, Head of National Planning, Healthcare Policy and Strategy Directorate, Scottish Government.

Wednesday

10:00 Health and Sport Committee

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence from Kathy Banks, Chief Executive, The Sunbed Association; Ron Culley, Policy Manager, COSLA; Lene Priess, Director, Consol Suncenter plc; and Alastair Shaw, Society of Chief Environmental Health Officers.

Thursday

11:40 General Question Time

Angela Constance (SNP, Livingston): what consideration is given to the funding of the Scottish Ambulance Service in areas of population growth; John Scott (Con, Ayr): what progress is the Scottish Government making on its needs assessment of services for people who suffer from ME.

12:00 First Minister's Question Time

14:55 Scottish Government Debate: Free Personal Care

Government announces package to support Sutherland recommendations

The Health Secretary last week announced a series of measures to support the recommendations made by Lord Sutherland's report of the review of free personal care. This includes the provision of £40m additional funding to local authorities to plug the funding gap identified in the report and new legislation to clarify the position on charging for food preparation. Ms Sturgeon also confirmed that the Scottish Government would pursue with the UK government the issue of the Attendance Allowance it withdrew from Scottish care home residents on the introduction of free personal care; this is currently valued at around £30m per annum. Ms Sturgeon's full statement can be read in the Scottish Parliament Official Report at www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-08/sor0507-02.htm#Col8281.

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Countdown to 60th anniversary begins

On Tuesday, Nicola Sturgeon, launched a programme of events counting down the 60 days until the 60th anniversary of the NHS on 5 July. At a vintage ambulance display in Glasgow's George Square, the Health Secretary met NHS staff from the 1940s and NHS patients, including Joan Whyteside, one of Scotland's longest living transplant patients, who received a kidney transplant in 1972.

People across Scotland including NHS staff, patients, health care partners and the public are being encouraged to join the celebrations and share individual experiences and stories. National events will include a 'This is Your Life' style celebration at Glasgow's SECC and a Ministerial Reception at Edinburgh Castle for front-line NHS staff, and patients who have benefited from NHS treatment. On the weekend of the 60th anniversary, the Cabinet Secretary will make an address at a special service held at St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh attended by patients, carers and front-line staff.

Local NHS Boards will also be hosting events over the coming weeks in the lead up to the anniversary with family fun days, tea parties, photographic exhibitions, charity balls, ceilidhs and openings of new NHS facilities.

Ms Sturgeon commented, "Most of us have only ever known a Scotland that has an NHS. A high quality publicly owned service which is free to everyone at the point of delivery. But some Scots will remember the days when seeing a doctor was a hard choice, often between essential treatment and food for the family. That kind of choice is scarcely imaginable to us today which is why we must never take our health service for granted.

"This is also a time to celebrate the distinctive Scottish character of the NHS, with traditions of internationally renowned medical education and pioneering steps forward in healthcare."

Details of local and national events will be posted at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/NHS-Scotland/NHSAnniversary as well as on individual NHS boards' websites and in staff newsletters.

This year's NHSScotland Event will form part of the 60th anniversary celebrations. It takes place on 24 and 25 June at the SECC and will feature a range of workshop sessions on themes from *Better Health, Better Care*. It is free for all NHS staff to attend: details at www.nhsscotlandevent.com.

Re-launch of IHM Fellowship Scheme

Dr Alf Hatton, Dean of Enterprise and Head of the Wrexham Business School, long-standing IHM member and well-known to many people in NHS Scotland as a teacher, trainer and management expert, writes for the Weekly Update about the IHM Fellowship scheme. A revised and improved Fellowship scheme to recognise IHM members who have achieved excellence in management practice will be launched this summer.

There are a minimum 1500 IHM Members presently eligible to upgrade to Fellow. Attaining Fellowship is a very public indication of professional progression and differentiates Fellows as experienced and competent at a higher level of management practice. The scheme - distinct from the 'FBA' for General Practice Managers - effectively ceased to operate in 2002. As the IHM looked towards Chartered status, it was recognised that the two routes needed to be brought closer together and that the general 'FIHM' should be open to Members again.

The process: an application, a 3000 word statement against the criteria, third party support, a CV, a CPD record and an interview with an Assessor. The Assessor then makes a recommendation to an Assessment Panel.

For the re-launch in July 2008, applicants to the Pilot will go straight to an Assessment Panel, and at a much reduced fee - £95!

Some of those successfully completing Fellowship via the Pilot may be asked to become future Assessors so that IHM aims can roll out the scheme across the UK, building a regional network of Assessors. Let's see if Scotland can take the lead, pilot the scheme, increase our number of Fellows, and become the first self-sufficient region in Assessors.

For further information, see the IHM website <http://www.ihm.org.uk/membership/fellowship/pilot>.

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