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# Briefing for Elected Representatives

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**18 June 2021**

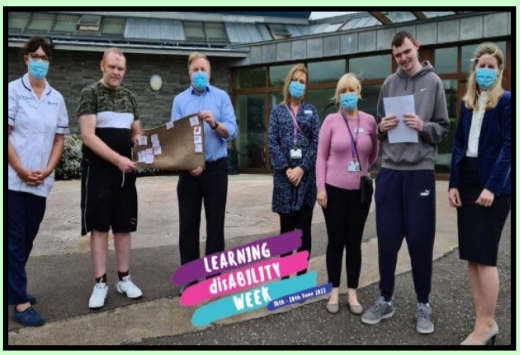
## Interval between vaccine doses

We are reducing the interval between Covid-19 vaccine doses from 10 weeks to 6 weeks, for those appointments scheduled after 14th June 2021.

If your appointments were scheduled prior to this date, there is no requirement to change your 2nd dose appointment. Please attend your appointment as scheduled.

## Real Time Patient Feedback Now At Muckamore

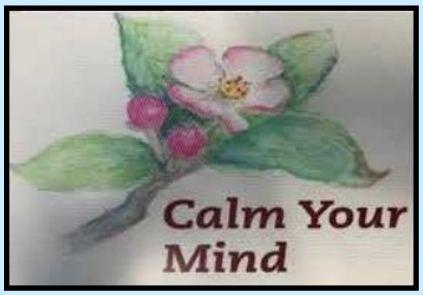
This Learning Disability Week, we are delighted to have introduced a Real Time Patient Feedback service at Muckamore Abbey Hospital. It gives patients the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions and be involved in making changes. It's the first time this programme has been adapted to enable people with learning disability (who often have difficulty in understanding spoken language) make their views known. Read more about it here.




In fact, we've had lots happening across the Trust this Learning Disability Week. Want to see more on Lexi the therapeutic search and rescue dog, window murals, a mobile farm, lunches, live music, singing and ice cream vans? Pop across to our Facebook page now to get the lowdown!

# Support to Carers

As part of our Carers Week campaign, we organised a walk at Botanic Gardens which proved an invaluable networking and support opportunity. Click here to hear from staff and carers on what events like this mean to them.




During lockdown, it was recognised that the mental health of everyone was suffering. Our Day Opportunities team had been delivering an effective technique of breathing relaxation with service users prior to lockdown and the feedback had been positive. It was therefore decided to record these techniques and produce a CD to help support people in their homes. Click here to listen.

# Infant Mental Health Strategy

We've recently launched Belfast Area Infant Mental Health Strategy?

Did you know, early childhood experiences can have a significant impact on long-term health and life course experience? Find out about what this strategy prioritises and supports here, or click above to view the strategy.

# See Something, Say Something!
# Report Elder Abuse

If your are concerned about elder abuse, report your concerns to:

The Adult Protection Gateway Team
Tel: 028 9504 1744 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Email: adultsguarddutydesk@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Regional Emergency Social Work Service:

# New Maternity Hospital Newsletter

Want to find about the mystery of the missing ‘Big T’, see progress pics of the new hospital and read the latest updates?

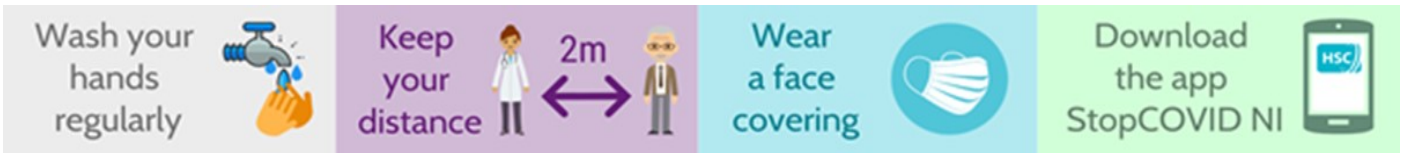
Click here to access the newsletter now.

# Roll out of Traffic Enforcement at Mater Hospital

With effect from Thursday 1 July 2021 traffic enforcement measures will be introduced at the Mater Hospital site. The measures, intended to protect the safety of our patients, clients, visitors and staff, will include the introduction of parking penalties for motorists who impinge upon the safe movement of other motorists, emergency vehicles, buses, general traffic and pedestrian routes.

The enforcement measures will protect designated disabled car parking spaces for Blue Badge holders as well as designated set down and pick up points for use by ambulances and essential delivery vehicles.

Cautionary notices will be placed on windscreens from Thursday 17 June 2021 advising motorists that their vehicle is parked in an unauthorised area and that if they continue to park there after the enforcement date of Thursday 1 July 2021, they will be subject to a fine.

***If you would like to speak to a member of the Public Liaison Team please:-***

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