



partnership brief

Tuesday 6 March 2007

Introduction

This Area Partnership Forum Brief reports from the APF meeting held on 1 March. From the meeting we report on the appointment of a childcare voucher supplier and the public holidays for 2007/08.

Childcare Vouchers

The main news from the APF was the childcare vouchers update. Staff will be able to purchase these vouchers through deductions from their gross pay and will be able to use them in full or part payment against their registered childcare costs.

Following the work of a dedicated group involving Trade Unions and management, national nurseries and childcare voucher suppliers Busy Bees have been chosen by the Board to run the childcare voucher scheme across the organisation.

The voucher scheme, which has the potential for some staff to save money in terms of reduced tax and National Insurance contributions, has been something the APF has been keen to establish in line with other public bodies. Busy Bees is the childcare voucher supplier for Glasgow City Council and many other organisations.

APF Chair and Employee Director Donald Sime said: "We are delighted that we are now in a position to offer this scheme to the workforce and hope that many of them will apply to take advantage of the potential savings in the cost of childcare".

"The work of the group to research the vouchers and decide on a supplier has achieved a lot in the last six months and we are grateful for the work they have carried out."

We will keep you updated on the next stages of the childcare voucher scheme through Partnership Brief and Staff Newsletter. Posters will also be advertising the scheme and how to apply.

Public Holidays 2007/08

Public holidays across NHSGGC have now been agreed. Like last year, staff in Inverclyde, Greater Renfrewshire and Lomond will follow local holidays for their areas. Please see the attached schedule of dates.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Public Holidays 2007/08

Greater Glasgow	Inverclyde	Greater Renfrewshire	Lomond
<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>
Good Friday 6 April	Easter Monday 9 April	Good Friday 6 April	Good Friday 6 April
Easter Monday 9 April	May Day Monday 7 May	Easter Monday 9 April	Easter Monday 9 April
May Day Monday 7 May	Fair Monday 2 July	May Day Monday 7 May	May Day Monday 7 May
Fair Monday 16 July	Autumn Monday 3 Sept	Autumn Monday 24 Sept	Autumn Monday 24 Sept
Christmas Day 25 Dec	Christmas Day 25 Dec	Christmas Day 25 Dec	Christmas Day 25 Dec
26 Dec	26 Dec	26 Dec	26 Dec
<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
New Year 1 Jan	New Year 1 Jan	New Year 1 Jan	New Year 1 Jan
2 Jan	2 Jan	2 Jan	2 Jan
Additional two days for medical staff:	Additional two days for medical staff:	Additional two days for medical staff:	Additional two days for medical staff:
Monday 28 May 2007	Friday 6 April 2007	Monday 28 May 2007	Monday 28 May 2007
Monday 24 September 2007	Monday 15 October 2007	Monday 6 August 2007	Monday 16 July 2007