

Friday 1 August 2025

Systems unavailable We've been advised the following systems are currently unavailable: Optima (HealthRoster), SafeCare, and Loop. We have contacted the supplier and hope to have these systems restored as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Language Line (telephone interpreting) You are invited to attend a session on how to use telephone interpretation via Language Line on Wednesday 6 August, between 11am-12noon. You can either book a place via Turas Learn (log-in required): [Language Line training: telephone interpreting | Turas | Learn](#) or simply [save this Teams link](#) to attend.

Marking three years as a Living Wage employer We were proud to be named a Living Wage Employer in 2022. Although NHS pay is set nationally and we were already paying the minimum amount required, we are using our accreditation to encourage other employers to also pay the Living Wage. Working with other Living Wage employers in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, we want to see a further 150 new accreditations over the next three years. You can find out more about this work via this link: [Employers across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire unite to tackle low pay](#)

Staff discounts – don't miss out We occasionally share ticket offers in this brief, but did you know there's a whole section of the intranet dedicated to staff discounts? Just click on the Your Space button on the homepage, [or follow this link](#) (networked devices only). Latest offers include discounts on festive party nights at Aberdeen Altens Hotel and Park Inn by Radisson.

Seasonal Reads Love books but short on time? Seasonal Reads is a relaxed, no-pressure book group that lives on MS Teams—perfect for busy health & social care colleagues across NHS Grampian. Whether you're a regular reader or just dipping in now and then, you're very welcome. We pick one book each season, giving everyone plenty of time to read and join the conversation when it suits them. Find out more via this link: [📖💡 Seasonal Reads: Shared Reading, Your Way!](#) Interested? Email cornhill.library@nhs.scot to get involved.

That was the week that was

Monday 28 – World Hepatitis Day, new booking system for Acute interpreter requests

Tuesday 29 – managing staffing using the Common Staffing Methodology, foundation apprenticeships

Wednesday 30 – 'Introduction to Stroke' training, occupational therapy drop-in sessions

Thursday 31 – Stage 4 escalation – staff information sessions, update on green car salary sacrifice scheme

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STAR Award Two more marvellous STAR award recipients to highlight in the shape of Rachel Orton, play specialist, and the Stroke Rehab West team at Woodend. Rachel was nominated for her outstanding support in the outpatient department at RACH, regularly assisting with distraction techniques during blood sampling, helping children feel more at ease. Stroke Rehab West ensure patients receive excellent person-centred care and therapy treatments. They work closely together to make sure patients, and their families, are involved in their stroke recovery and kept up to date with ongoing rehabilitation journey. Do you want to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award? All you need to do is complete this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#) to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award.

Tune of the day We start by bidding a fond farewell to Professor Ah-See who is retiring after 25 years of dedicated service with the ENT team. Described as ‘beloved’ it is clear he will be much missed. For the Prof, from all his colleagues, Bill Withers and [Lovely Day](#).

Fifty years ago this month, a movie, adapted from a successful stage show, was released. It almost disappeared without trace but eventually found its audience and still runs in cinemas today. The film? The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Fishnets at the ready, [Sweet Transvestite](#) will set you up right for a Friday. (Fun fact, Mick Jagger tried to buy the rights to the production, as he wanted to play Frank-N-Furter. As if it could have been anyone but Tim Curry!)

And suddenly it is August; as Groucho Marx said “Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.” Whatever the weekend holds for you, I hope you have a good one. Thank you (EP)

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