

Tuesday 1 September 2026

'Flu vaccination – making your appointment Dedicate staff 'flu vaccination clinics will start next week; a big thank you to everyone who has already booked their appointment, there are still plenty up for grabs. We will be offering further opportunities for staff vaccination, including peer vaccination and roving vaccination in clinical settings, however, these will depend on staff availability. The dates available now are the confirmed staff clinics and we would encourage you to secure your appointment now.

[Details of clinics are available via this link](#). While some of these are drop-ins, others will be appointment only. Booking is via the national online portal, [accessed using this link](#). When searching the booking portal for available appointments, please scroll down the location menu to 'Staff Clinics'. If you qualify for 'flu vaccination for reasons other than being NHS staff, and usually get an appointment issued to you, please be aware you will not be able to view and book the staff clinics. If the appointment you have been given is suitable, please keep it. If you would prefer to attend a staff clinic, you will need to cancel the appointment allocated and then book a new one via the portal, selecting the NHS staff 'flu vaccination option.

All-staff briefing Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's briefing. As usual, it was recorded for the benefit of colleagues unable to attend; [you can catch up via this link](#).

Ordering process for gluten free supplies for patient use in ARI When a patient requiring a gluten free diet is admitted, appropriate provisions for them (bread, biscuits, cereal) should be requested from the kitchen on an individual named patient basis. These will then be provided in portions, enough to last 1-2 days at a time. These items should not be held 'just in case' as this causes unnecessary waste. For example, gluten free bread has a 2-day shelf life so whole loaves are discarded if not used in that time. Items can be requested by collecting from the kitchen (providing the patients name), or by writing on the patient's gluten free menu.

Programme for Government 2026-31 The Scottish Government will outline its programme for government later today. This is expected to include NHS and wider public sector reform. We'll share more on this via the Daily Brief throughout the week.

Introduction to British Sign Language This is an informal course enabling staff to learn basic British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness. Starting on Tuesday 22 September, it will run for 10 weeks, 7-8.30pm, in the MacGillivray conference room at AMH. Limited spaces are available and you should only sign up if you can attend a minimum of 7 sessions. [Follow this link to register](#), no later than 10 September.

Does your patient need help with travel costs for appointments? Following a successful pilot supporting low-income families attending appointments at RACH, limited funding is available through Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) to help eligible patients across Grampian.

THInC will discuss each person's circumstances and, where possible, identify the most appropriate travel solution through existing public, community and voluntary transport services. Where financial barriers remain, limited funding may be available for those experiencing temporary hardship or who do not meet current NHS travel expense criteria. Please encourage patients to contact THInC directly by calling 01467 536 111 or emailing travel@thinc-hub.org. THInC is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm. Funding is limited and available only until allocated.

Primary/secondary Care Adverse Events Forum The next primary/secondary care Adverse Events Shared Learning Forum will be held on Wednesday 9 September, between 12.30-2pm via MS Teams. The purpose of this forum is to provide a safe supportive space to discuss clinically important events spanning primary and secondary care. The case for discussion is a Mortality in a patient presenting with breathlessness and chest pain. For joining instructions or to suggest topics for future meetings please contact Dr Hazem Youssef via hazem.youssef@nhs.scot or Dr Linda Downie via linda.downie@nhs.scot

Engaging with confidence - VOiCE training The Scottish Community Development Centre is offering a free online training session to equip you with the knowledge and skills to make the most out of your community engagement. The workshop will be held on: Tuesday 15 September, 10am to 12pm via Teams.

The session will get you up-to-speed with the latest version of VOiCE and help you to use this powerful tool to support your engagement activity. VOiCE is a planning and recording secure software solution that assists individuals, organisations and partnerships to design and deliver effective community engagement. [To sign up for this training, please follow this link.](#)

NHS Grampian Charity Our Donations & Fundraising Policy provides lots of helpful information, including the official function of NHS Grampian Charity, the different roles of external charities, and guidance on fundraising activities within hospital settings? The policy also provides valuable guidance on what you should do when offered a donation or financial gift by a patient or visitor. All staff should ensure they have read the policy and are familiar with financial governance arrangements in place in relation to donations and cash handling. [The policy is available to read via this link.](#)

Tune of the day Our tune today goes out to Anna Daley, part of the health visitor team based at Peterculter; please enjoy [Flames](#) by David Guetta and Sia (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