

Daily Brief...



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Access to patient information As an organisation, we are trusted with a significant amount of sensitive and confidential patient information. This means you **must** have a legitimate patient care or administrative reason **every time** you access patient information. Accessing data inappropriately can have significant negative consequences for our patients, for NHS Grampian, and for you. It can trigger HR, professional regulatory, or even criminal processes.

Examples of things we **must not do** include looking at the medical information of friends and family, neighbours, colleagues, or our own medical records. If you're asked to care for a friend or relative, let your manager know so appropriate steps can be taken. If you've any doubts about whether it's ok to access patient data, check with your manager and/or Information Governance via gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot.

Priorities Post newsletter We're pleased to share the first issue of Priorities Post, a quarterly newsletter supporting our organisational priorities, [available via this intranet link](#). This is also being shared with community groups and partners from today. It will evolve over time to reflect both the work taking place as well as your feedback.

Coming soon: change to wipes used for routine cleaning and decontamination A change to the wipes used for the routine cleaning and decontamination of environmental surfaces and reusable non-invasive equipment is planned. Combined detergent and disinfectant wipes will replace the current detergent wipes used in many areas. The change supports a more consistent approach to decontamination, simplifies the cleaning process and supports Infection Prevention and Control by reducing environmental contamination and improving compliance with cleaning procedures.

No action is required from clinical areas at this stage. Further information, guidance, and training arrangements will be shared ahead of implementation. If you have any questions, please contact the Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) via gram.infectioncontrol@nhs.scot

Training in new glucose/ketone meters – August dates Training continues to support the rollout of new glucose and ketone meters. Sessions are taking place in the ARI Ward 105 teaching room, as follows:

- Monday – 11.30am/1pm/2pm/3pm
- Tues – Thurs – 9.30am/10.30am/11.30am/1pm/2pm/3pm
- Friday – 9.30am/10.30am/11.30am/1pm

A maximum of 20 staff can attend each session. We will try our best to accommodate all staff who attend but on busy sessions staff may be asked to come back later. Please contact the Point of Care Team if you have any questions regarding the new meters and training via gram.poct@nhs.scot or on ext 52831/59272. Training is expected to move to other venues in September, so please attend one of above sessions if possible.

Consultation – organisational change policy This policy is currently out for consultation. Further information, including the draft policy, [can be found on the intranet via this link](#). The consultation will close on 17 September.

ARI Orange Zone cafe – survey closes this week Plans to close this cafe are currently on pause, to allow for a wider consultation on the facility. [Please follow this link to complete a short survey](#). This will be open until 12noon on Wednesday (12 August).

NRS reproductive health and childbirth newsletter The latest edition of this newsletter is out now [and available to read via this link](#).

Pause for thought You're allowed to outgrow things. How will you honour now, and the past, as you grow in a new direction?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day It's Alison Wood's last day in the office today, ahead of her retirement. Alison has provided vital admin support to our Chairs and board members over the years; colleagues in Summerfield House say she will be much missed and want to wish her all the best. They tell me Alison is a big fan of live music, so in that vein, they've requested [Rock And Roll's Gonna Save The World](#) by Y&T.

Following Friday's dedication of Every 1s A Winner to a Dons fan, and the unfortunate outcome of Saturday's game, I have consulted with my legal team and can confirm I will never offer any comment on football again. Sorry. (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