

Friday 10 July 2026

Senior Responsible Officer appointment for the North East System Transformation Group After a competitive recruitment process, we are pleased to announce Alasdair Pattinson has been appointed to this role on a twelve-month secondment.

Alasdair will lead the development and delivery of pan-Grampian transformation programmes, bringing partners together to design and implement integrated models of care to strengthen performance and support the long-term sustainability of services in the North East. Arrangements are now being progressed to ensure strong leadership, continuity and stability at Dr Gray's Hospital remain in place while Alasdair transitions to this role. We want to acknowledge Alasdair's significant contribution, congratulate him on this new position, and wish him every success.

Datix – planned downtime – Tuesday Please be advised Datix will be unavailable on Tuesday (14 July) between 12-3pm for a scheduled system update. In the event of an Adverse Event occurring during this downtime, [please use the form available via this link](#) to record the necessary information. Once the system is back online, ensure that the event is promptly entered into Datix.

Physician Associate committee office bearers Following elections, the office bearers for this committee are:

- Lead Representative - Caroline Allan
- Educational Governance Representative - Karla Carter
- Professional development - Augusta Umoh
- Employment opportunities - Vima Gomes
- Leng review - Heather Gray
- Appraisal development - Corey Tocher & Carol-Ann McCorgay
- Communications - Neetu Gupta

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Royal Statistical Society award win for NHS and UoA team A team spanning biostatistics and health data science comprising NHS Grampian and University of Aberdeen experts has won a prestigious national award for their work on who is most affected by elective care waiting times.

The collaboration, called the Networked Data Lab, was named the winner of the Royal Statistical Society's Florence Nightingale Award for Excellence in Health and Care Analytics, which recognises teams whose work has led to meaningful improvements in patient care across the UK. You can read [more about this award via this link](#).

That was the week that was

Monday 6 – Chief Executive's blog, guidance on handheld and neck fans in clinical areas

Tuesday 7 – person-centred meal ordering, Values Based Reflective Practice

Wednesday 8 – Band 5 nursing review update, Director of Public Health annual report

Thursday 9 – occupational health manager portal now live, Executive Team weekly report

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STAR Award We tip our hat this week to the Pain Pod team at the Aberdeen City Vaccination & Wellbeing Hub, following their recent STAR Award presentation. Working alongside people living with chronic pain, this service promotes self-management, wellbeing, and empowerment. Since it opened in February, feedback has been consistently good, highlighting a consistent, accessible space, where individuals feel heard and supported. Bravo! If you know a team, or individual, STAR, making a nomination couldn't be easier; [all you need to do is complete the short form available via this link](#).

Tune of the day Immunisation nurse Deborah Hay marks a special anniversary on Sunday; I'll let her take up the story: *"On 12 July 1987 I began my nurse training at Foresterhill College. Little did I know, 39 years later, I would still be employed by NHSG (and all its other names). I trained for three years and became a Registered Sick Children's nurse, working in Ward 6 with the babies until I moved to RACH theatre and stayed there for 21 years! I'm now working for the immunisation service since July 2020 in Aberdeen vaccinating babies and young children. The number one song on 12 July 1987 was [It's A Sin by Pet Shop Boys](#) and I'd love to hear it today."* Never let it be said I don't give the people what they want...

Also marking a special day is Claire Mitchell at the Dental Hospital, as she finishes up on maternity leave today. Olivia and the team will all miss her and want to wish her every happiness and best wishes for this exciting new chapter. For Claire, [Baby](#) by Justin Bieber.

It's the 21st anniversary of the newborn hearing screening service; Kirsten Clark says it's been an absolute privilege to be part of the service from the very beginning. She's requested a 2005 classic: The Killers and [Smile Like You Mean It](#).

Did you really think I wouldn't play some Bonnie Tyler today? What else, but [Total Eclipse Of The Heart](#)? (The video, if you have never seen it, is utterly bonkers. Enjoy.)

It's a public holiday weekend. If you're keeping the show on the road, thank you. If you're taking a break, enjoy (EP)

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