

Friday 10 October 2025

Board Briefing October Alison Evison, chair of the board of NHS Grampian, has shared a briefing explaining yesterday's meeting and some of the highlights from what was covered. [View the briefing.](#)

ICYMI: Staff event recording If you missed the all-staff call with our new chief executive Laura Skaife-Knight on Wednesday you can [catch up by watching this recording](#) (networked devices only). This event provided an opportunity to learn more about the external review of the organisation which was published yesterday. You can also catch up on this with the [Daily Brief Special](#) which was issued yesterday too.

Focus on wellbeing for SAS Week This week you may have noticed several of our specialty, associate specialist, and specialist (SAS) doctors featured across our social media accounts, recognising their important roles through SAS Week. We wind up the week, which has a Friday theme of wellbeing, with a reminder to check out the [We Care webpages](#) for lots of helpful resources. And lastly, but by no means least, we share [Adriana's and Julia's insights in our full intranet news update](#) for today.

Grampian Doctors Digest The [Medical Directorate would like to share their first quarterly newsletter](#) spotlighting leadership updates, career journeys, and development opportunities. Meet the team, explore learning opportunities and hear from colleagues across NHS Grampian.

Youth Participation in Practice: Insights from Aberdeenshire The Grampian Engagement Network (GEN) invite you to join them on Thursday 6 November from 2-3.30pm for an event featuring Nicola Kenyon (GIRFEC) and Michelle Podlesny (The Promise). They'll share insights on how youth engagement is structured and supported locally. Open to anyone interested in engagement. [Register for the event](#) and check out what to expect.

That was the week that was

Monday 6 – Foresterhill Central Decontamination Unit, SAS Week, training opportunities

Tuesday 7 – Revolutionary cancer treatment, suicide surveillance, PhD opportunity

Wednesday 8 – Operational Improvement Plan, blood borne virus testing, sexual health course

Thursday 9 – Daily Brief Special on external review, reduced working week, adrenal crisis prevention

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STAR Award Congratulations to the Coronary Care Unit on their recent STAR Award presentation. This exceptional team has shown extraordinary compassion, resilience and teamwork while caring for their patients.

Nominating a colleague or team for a STAR award is super simple; all you need to do is complete this short form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

Staff offer For all the dinosaur fans out there looking for something fun to do in the October holidays, a [special offer](#) you might be interested in has been added to the intranet pages.

Tune of the day The Neonatal Unit is celebrating Melanie Hendry, ANNP extraordinaire and fondly known as CleverMel. Alongside her amazing clinical experience spanning several decades, she is guardian of all things digital, neonatal outcome data, and the true neonatal Badger master (the neonatal EPR system). Celebrating her retirement, the neonatal unit will free the badgers with the [Badger Song](#). All the best, Mel!

Whether you're in for a long shift this weekend, looking out your dancing shoes or ready to relax, have a good one (KJ).

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