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Integration of acute pathways Work continues on three projects to fully integrate acute services across our sites. Cardiology, endoscopy, and orthopaedics are the first three services involved and they are now all at the stage of pulling together some of their waiting lists and making great progress. Thanks to all colleagues who have been working on these projects which are focused on providing safe, sustainable and consistent care to all people living in Grampian. The collective and collaborative effort among staff has been fantastic and will be so important as we continue on this journey.

Board papers The next Grampian NHS Board meeting will take place this Thursday, 14 August. The [papers set to be discussed](#) are available to view on the website.

Non-medicine Products and Appliances: Primary Care Prescribing Information To support Primary Care prescribers two documents are now available via Grampian Guidance to support with the prescribing of non-medicine products and appliances:

- **Non-Medicine Formulary Primary Care Prescribing Decision Register** [\[link\]](#) - this document provides details of individual non-medicines which may be requested in Primary Care. Multidisciplinary engagement is sought to produce decisions within this register.
- **Non-Medicine Formulary Directory** [\[link\]](#) - this document is intended as a landing page to direct Primary Care teams to various non medicine formularies and documentation e.g. stoma formulary, continence formulary, wound formulary.

Governance for assessment and approval/rejection of non-medicines suitable for Primary Care prescribing has been adapted using NHS Scotland [Non- medicines Prescribing Governance Handbook](#). Any enquires relating to the medicines listed within this publication, or regarding non-medicines that could be considered for inclusion should be directed to the NHS Grampian Medicines Management Department (gram.medicinesmanagement@nhs.scot)

Public protection flash report The second in a series of child and adult protection data reports is now available to [view online](#). The new report is being shared alongside full, existing quarterly data and is designed to offer a quick reference point highlighting key trends and emerging patterns. It aims to support ongoing reflection and discussion, helping inform practice and priorities across our services. Your feedback on its content and usefulness is welcomed.

A new Level 1 mandatory public protection module is now live on TURAS, replacing the separate child and adult courses. This should be completed before attending further training. Multi-agency training opportunities are also available via these [Aberdeen City](#), [Aberdeenshire](#), [Moray](#) and [Aberlour](#) links.

Closure of the ARI Rotunda Entrance Due to essential maintenance, the Rotunda entrance will be closed overnight from 6pm to 6am tomorrow (13 August) and Thursday (14 August). Alternative access

is available via the Main and East End entrances. Should there be a requirement for fire evacuation, the Rotunda entrance will be available. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Guidelines for Suspected Cancer Following an extensive process that included evidence reviews provided by Cancer Research UK and Healthcare Improvement Scotland, as well as clinical input from over 210 primary and secondary care experts, the new Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer have been launched. They can be accessed on the Right Decision Service via www.cancerreferral.scot.nhs.uk or download 'Right Decisions: Health & Care' from your App store.

Preceptorship Practice Education and Development are delivering preparation sessions for all Nurses, Midwives, AHPs and HCSWs. These sessions will prepare and equip you to undertake the role of a preceptor. In preparation for new graduates commencing in post over the next few months, sessions are bookable on [TURAS](#) and further information can be found on the [intranet](#). Please email gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot with any queries.

Flying Start Practice Education and Development are delivering online refresher sessions on 7 October and 3 December for Flying Start Facilitators for all Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals. If you have not yet attended, please book on in preparation for new graduates commencing in post over the next few months. Please [book via TURAS](#). For any other information, email gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

NHS Grampian Charity Did you know that NHS Grampian Charity can provide funding to support non-core staff wellbeing and development opportunities which will lead to improvements in patient care?

The charity has already funded around 30 staff havens in recent years – dedicated areas for staff to rest and recharge during their shift so they can go back to work feeling refreshed and better able to care for their patients – as well as supporting hundreds of staff to attend individual and team learning and development opportunities each year.

NHS Grampian Charity's beneficiaries are patients, so every staff wellbeing and development opportunity that the charity supports must have a clear patient benefit. The charity cannot support any staff wellbeing and development opportunities where staff are the main beneficiaries – it is against charity law! Want to find out more about the sort of staff wellbeing and development opportunities we support? Visit the charity's intranet site to learn more: [Pages - ApplyForFunding](#)

Cycling Showcase Event A free bicycle maintenance day will take place on the Foresterhill and Cornhill hospital sites on Wednesday 27 August. Organised in conjunction with Cycling UK, Love to Ride, Police Scotland and Halfords (our cycle to work provider) there will also be plenty of other activities to take part in on the Foresterhill campus. More info to follow soon. Please keep an eye on the Daily Brief or email gram.activetravel@nhs.scot

Tune of the day 160 years ago today Joseph Lister performed the first surgical operation under antiseptic conditions – on August 12, 1865. The British surgeon's use of antiseptics greatly reduced surgical mortality. And here we are today, with many NHS staff involved in making new medical discoveries that will improve patient care for years to come. If you missed this [news feature on consultant breast surgeon Beatrix Elsberger](#) the other week it's worth a read. Here is [Shine a Little Love](#) by Electric Light Orchestra (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