

# Daily Brief...



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**iMatter – because we all matter** iMatter is returning for 2026, giving each of you the opportunity to share what really matters to you at work. No matter your role, location or working pattern, your experience forms part of the bigger picture of NHS Grampian. iMatter creates the space for teams to reflect on what's working well, what could be better, and how we can improve our working lives together. When you are heard, supported and valued, it has a positive impact on wellbeing, your teams and the care we provide. Over the coming weeks, team managers will be asked to review and confirm team membership to ensure everyone receives an invitation to take part. The key dates are:

- Team confirmation period: 20 April – 15 May
- iMatter survey open: 18 May – 8 June

Further information and support will be shared shortly. To find out more about iMatter and the 2026 schedule, [please visit the iMatter intranet page, available via this link](#). Your voice matters. We all matter.

**Fire in disused building at Woodend Hospital site** Huge thanks to teams at Woodend Hospital for keeping everything going overnight and into today. Firefighters were called to Westholme, a disused office building on the site at around 9.50pm last night. No patients or staff currently occupy this building and there are no reported casualties. Services and appointments at the hospital are running as scheduled today and patients should attend as normal. Site roads adjacent to the disused building affected by the fire are cordoned off and patients should enter the site from Eday Road. Our outpatient car parks remain open. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland remain at the scene and we'd very much like to thank them for their efforts. Westholme lies around 60 metres from the closest hospital building, and no areas involved in patient treatment are affected.

**2026/27 organisational priorities – staff briefing today** A second briefing will take place between 11.30am-12pm today, to introduce you to our organisational priorities for 2026/27. All are welcome to attend, [simply use this joining link](#).

Sticking with the topic of briefings, the all-staff call for April took place yesterday and was recorded as usual; [you can watch the session via this link](#). These briefing calls take place monthly and are your opportunity to keep up to date with the latest across the organisation.

**Reasonable Adjustments/Access to Work** A draft document, to support staff and managers with making reasonable adjustments at work, is now out for consultation. You can view the document and make comments [by following this link](#); responses are due no later than 30 April. For more information, please email [gram.equalitydiversity@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.equalitydiversity@nhs.scot)

**ATTC Network education day: CAR-T Clinical Trials in autoimmune diseases** An education day has been organised to focus on CAR-T clinical trials within the field of autoimmune conditions. It will be held at the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh on 28 May 2026. It aims to bring together a range of expert speakers from across Scotland and the UK, each with significant expertise in advanced therapy clinical trials to raise awareness of autoimmune CAR-T clinical trial activity in Scotland and how clinical teams can get involved. This event is relevant for NHS staff and researchers whose clinical work may be impacted by CAR-T therapy now or in the future. This includes clinicians, nurses, and professionals involved in Research and Development (R&D) activity. [Follow this link for more information](#) and to register to attend.

**Bowel Cancer Awareness Month** April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month and an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of bowel screening. Bowel screening can help find changes early often before symptoms develop. In Scotland, eligible adults are invited to take part using a home test kit. Completing and returning the kit is simple and can make a real difference.

Useful resources are available to support these conversations, including Public Health Scotland videos on how to complete the home test kit, [available via this link](#), and what to expect if invited for a colonoscopy screening, [which you can watch by following this link](#). If you want to expand your knowledge, there's a 15-minute learning session available on Turas (log-in required): [NHS Scotland National Screening Programmes : bowel screening | Turas | Learn](#)

**Reminder for all involved in clinical trial activity - the biggest regulatory change since 2004** Two weeks today (28 April), the UK will adopt the ICH Guideline for Good Clinical Practice (GCP) E6 (R3). On the same day the Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 becomes law and will apply to all clinical trial activity in the UK.

Our teams are ensuring the joint NHSG-UoA Quality Manual and SOPs are updated as appropriate on the big day. If you are involved in clinical trial activity in Grampian, you will also have to update your GCP certificate to the new version before 31 December 2026. This can be online or face-to-face and further details are available on the joint NHSG-UoA Grampian Research Office website [Grampian Research Office | The University of Aberdeen](#)

**NHS Grampian Charity** Did you know every year NHS Grampian Charity receives incredibly generous donations left by supporters in their wills? Gifts in wills, also known as legacies, can sometimes be very substantial. In fact, legacies made up around a quarter of the charity's income last year. Due to the legal work required, all legacy donations are handled directly by the charity. If you are informed that someone has left a gift to your ward or department in their will, please get in touch with the team on [gram.charities@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.charities@nhs.scot) for support

**Vaisakhi special menu – today** To mark the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi, there will be a special menu on offer in the Orange Zone cafe at ARI today. £6 will get you a buffet platter, including samosa, sag aloo, and chana butter masala.

**Tune of the day** Thanks to healthcare support work Stuart Buckham for today's request; please enjoy YUNGBLUD's take on [I Was Made For Lovin' You](#) (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)