

Daily Brief...



Friday 14 August 2026

Chair's board report Following yesterday's board meeting, our chair, Alison Evison, has prepared her usual summary of discussions. [It is available to read by following this link](#). Alison has also confirmed she will be leaving her role as Chair, with October's board meeting to be her last. There will be more to say nearer the time, but we want to record our thanks to Alison for her diligence and hard work during her four-year term.

Focusing on clinical quality and safety Clinical Quality and Safety is one of our six key Board priorities for 2026/27. This reflects both the importance of quality and safety as well as our collective ambition to continually improve. Our governance arrangements need to become more consistent, more visible and more systematic - so that we can identify risks earlier, respond to them more quickly and demonstrate clearly where learning is applied and improvements are achieved. You can read more on this, from medical director Hugh Farrow Bishop and executive nurse director June Brown, [by following this intranet link](#).

Cage amnesty: no cages = no deliveries The central stores warehouse is running **extremely** low on cages. This has a detrimental effect on their capability to get goods delivered out to you. Deliveries arrive daily; if we cannot give the National Distribution Centre empty cages to package these, we may end up with deliveries on pallets. These take significantly longer to unpack and will lead to delays across the service. **Any cages in your ward, department, or service should be returned urgently.** Please contact portering for collection. Cages should not be used for local storage but should be emptied as soon as possible following deliveries.

Sectra PACS – action required Sectra PACS goes live across NHS Grampian, on Saturday 22 August. It will replace the existing Carestream/Philips PACS for viewing, managing and reporting diagnostic images. ALL PACS users need to complete the training relevant to their role in advance of go-live, create (or access) their MySectra account where required, log-into the test environment to check access and, if there are issues, report them without delay. A detailed update on this, including links to training packages, [can be found via this intranet link](#).

iMatter action planning - don't let the deadline catch you out! Your team iMatter action plan should be submitted by 12noon on Monday (17 August). Our current submission rate is 48% or 655 teams out of a possible 1351. Last year, we saw a significant increase in submissions after the deadline, suggesting teams had agreed a plan, but not submitted it. If your plan is ready, get it submitted. If you haven't agreed on one action to improve your workplace experience, time is running out to have that conversation.

All-staff briefing – rescheduled Please note the all-staff briefing planned for next Monday (17 August) has been rescheduled to Monday 31 August, 11-11.30am. Questions in advance are welcomed; you can send these to gram.communications@nhs.scot, remembering to state if you want your question asked anonymously.

Fully funded PhD opportunity for NMAHPs The Chief Scientist Office (CSO) Clinical Academic Fellowship (CAF) provides an opportunity for nurses, midwives, or AHPs to undertake a fully funded PhD, supporting the development of the next generation of clinical academic leaders within NHS Scotland. The scheme is designed to build research capacity and supports clinicians at an early stage of their research career. [Further information and an application form is available via this link](#). If you would like to discuss your ideas, explore your eligibility, or receive support in developing a strong application, please contact Kay Cooper (for AHPs) k.cooper@rgu.ac.uk or Debbie Baldie (for nurses & midwives) deborah.baldie@nhs.scot. Applications close at 12noon on Thursday 1 October.

That was the week that was

Monday 10 – accessing patient information, training in new glucose/ketone meters

Tuesday 11 – removal of Orange lidded sharps bins, iMatter action planning

Wednesday 12 – Band 5 nursing review – August update, appraisals matter

Thursday 13 – call for peer vaccinators, take a pause with VBRP®

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STAR Award Warmest congratulations to Jill Strathdee, District Nurse Team Leader, on her recent STAR Award presentation. Jill's nomination describes her as someone who always makes time to listen, encourage growth and inspire confidence, while creating a positive environment where colleagues can thrive and focus on delivering outstanding care. Well done, Jill! 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 Our first tune today is dedicated to Hazel Yeudall, senior charge nurse at RACH, after she represented Scotland at World Masters Hockey Over 35s World Cup tournament for the second time - this year in The Netherlands. Friends and colleagues are very proud of Hazel and have asked for Elton John and [The Bitch Is Back](#) – one of the team's hype songs (and rightly so!).

Secondly, Emma Gordon from Woodend Nursery has been in touch, with two requests (it's Friday, I'll allow it): the first, [A Million Dreams](#), dedicated to the children leaving their care and starting primary school next week. Secondly, [Black Coffee](#) is dedicated to Rachel Medich and Stuart Williams, who gifted the team a new coffee maker in thanks for the care given to their children over the years. Thanks to them and to all the parents for their support and very kind gifts.

We've (almost) made it. Well done. Thank you for everything you've done this week, you've contributed more than you'll know (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