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Car parking – disabled spaces Car parking spaces marked with a wheelchair are for the exclusive use of blue badge holders only. There are no exceptions to this rule and no circumstances in which any other motorist should use a blue badge space.

Value & Sustainability - Every Penny Counts In just a few weeks work on our savings plans for 2027/28 will get underway. Starting early will give us the time required to develop a robust programme to share with Scottish Government by the end of this year. As always, your input is crucial, which is why we are relaunching 'Every Penny Counts'. This is a simple form which enables you to submit savings ideas, anonymously if preferred. [You can complete the form by following this link](#). All ideas are welcomed.

In the coming weeks, the Value & Sustainability team will be offering drop-in sessions, both in-person and virtually, so you can ask questions or share ideas. Keep an eye on this brief for dates and locations.

Reminder - Datix - planned downtime today Datix will be unavailable today 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. The Datix system is in the process of being modernised; [you can find out more about this by following this link](#).

Scottish Government visit We welcome Christine McLaughlin, chief operating officer and deputy chief executive, NHS Scotland to Foresterhill last Friday. She visited the Baird & ANCHOR sites and met with teams working across unscheduled care. A big thank you to everyone who made this visit happen.

Coming soon - staff guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) FGM refers to procedures involving the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to female genital organs, for non-medical reasons. New guidance has been developed to support you in identifying and managing FGM across services. It will provide evidence-based information to help you recognise, respond to and manage FGM, ensuring that women, girls, and families receive appropriate care, support and safeguarding interventions. Early identification is critical in preventing harm, protecting those at risk, and improving health outcomes.

The guidance reinforces our commitment to safeguarding, trauma-informed practice, and delivering compassionate, person-centred care to women and girls affected by, or at risk of, FGM. A communication and implementation plan to support the launch of this guidance is in development. Further details will be shared as part of the launch programme.

Consultation – asbestos policy This policy is currently out for consultation. Further information, including the draft policy, [can be found on the intranet via this link](#). The consultation will close on 20 August.

Careers That Care – service representatives required Our popular Careers That Care event will take place on Wednesday 30 September, 10am–2pm, at Curl Aberdeen. This event showcases the wide range of clinical and non-clinical careers available across NHS Grampian, giving those who come along an insight into different career pathways.

We are looking for individuals, teams, or departments who would be willing to come along and represent their service on the day. This is a great opportunity to speak with pupils, students, school leavers, career changers, and members of the public about what your team does, the roles available, and the different routes into NHS careers. If you, or someone from your service, would be interested in supporting the event, please contact gram.workexperience@nhs.scot.

Research and Development update Every little helps! In large multi-centre studies, our targets for recruitment may be small, but it is important to meet them on time. A study evaluating the long-term safety of Atogepant for treating episodic migraine in 6-17-year-olds (Principal Investigator Dr Elma Stephen, [further information via this link](#)) and another study to assess tibulizumab for systemic sclerosis (Principal Investigator Professor Ariane Herrick, [further information via this link](#)) have met their targets of 3 and 1 respectively. Well done to the wider study teams!

NHS Grampian Charity Did you know the NHS Grampian Charity regularly shares stories on its website and social media about the projects and activities it funds, and the difference these make for patients and their families? If you have received funding from the charity for a project or activity and you want to shout about it, thank the generous people who donated, and encourage colleagues across Grampian to apply for their own projects, we'd love to hear from you. Contact communications officer Nicky MacBeath on nicky.macbeath@nhs.scot to share your story.

Pause for thought *“Greatness happens when the person with the wild imagination collaborates with the person who knows how to get things done”* – Simon Sinek. With whom might you collaborate today to achieve greatness?

There's no Guided Journaling session this week, due to leave, but you can secure your place on future sessions [by following this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day It's Bastille Day, so let's celebrate the auld alliance with Christine and The Queens and Cerrone and [Catching Feelings](#) (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