

Daily Brief...



Tuesday 14 October 2025

Allied Health Professions (AHP) Day 2025 – a message from Lynn Morrison, Director of AHPs *“On AHP Day I want to thank all our fabulous Allied Health Professionals here in Grampian for your expertise, dedication and compassion and the difference that you make in people's lives every single day.*

“We have over 1400 AHPs across 12 unique professions - dietitians, podiatrists, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, prosthetists, orthotists, diagnostic radiographers, therapeutic radiographers, occupational therapists, orthoptists, paramedics, and art therapists. They support people of all ages, right across Grampian, whether in hospital, community, GP practices, education, prisons, and a range of other settings. And not forgetting our AHP healthcare support workers, AHP leaders, AHP practice education leads and AHPs working in other roles in Grampian.

“This year the focus of AHP Day is to recognise and appreciate the positive impact that AHPs have around ensuring safe and high quality care and for the key role that all AHPs have in driving three key shifts in our system as we move towards more community based models of care, embracing digital as part of our clinical pathways and an increased focus on prevention. Thank you all for your invaluable contributions and I hope you can take some time today or in the coming days to connect with colleagues to celebrate, appreciate and inspire each other to continue to be the best you can be - Happy AHP Day #ProudToBeAHPNHSG.”

To celebrate AHP day, we're spotlighting one particular team, to give just a flavour of the diversity of their work. Let's learn more about the AHPs in the ARI major trauma team:

Who are we? We are a multidisciplinary team comprised of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, neuropsychologists, dietitians, trauma coordinators and vocational rehabilitation specialists.

What do we do? Our primary role is to provide support, patient centred care and rehabilitation to all major trauma patients from the point they enter ED to the point they are discharged home. Our ethos is aligned with that of the Scottish Trauma Network, 'From Roadside to Recovery.' Each major trauma patient is followed through their acute inpatient stay by the same team of experienced AHPs, regardless of which wards they move from and to, making the care they receive as seamless and coordinated as possible. Trauma coordinators act as a single point of contact for patients and families during their inpatient stay and on discharge home and ensure each patient receives routine follow up two weeks and three months after discharge.

Ironing scrubs The laundry department is currently experiencing some issues with machinery which is impacting on their ability to iron all the greens which are being processed. For the moment, tops will be ironed, and trousers will be folded only. These trousers are clean and safe for use. Please remember: [scrubs should only be used by theatre staff](#). Other staff using these puts unnecessary pressure on linen services colleagues. Any further changes will be communicated via the Daily Brief.

Non-clinical CPR cascade training The resuscitation department are offering this training on Monday 3 November, 9am-4pm, at the Suttie Centre. The aim of this course is to provide non-clinical staff with the knowledge and skills needed to become an effective CPR cascade trainer. Attendance on this course will allow you to train other non-clinical members of staff in life saving CPR skills. Booking is via Turas (log-in required): [Non-clinical CPR cascade trainer course resus dept | Turas | Learn](#)

Baby Loss Awareness Week This annual event concludes tomorrow. As she has done every year, Lynne Speirs, a senior secretary at ARI, has put together a display of ribbons in memory of the babies who left us too soon. You are welcome to visit her in Level –1 in the pink zone and to add a ribbon of your own.

NoSCAR seminar – 22 October With apologies, this event has been cancelled. The next NoSCAR seminar will take place on 3 December.

Scotland's Health Awards Huge congratulations to Wendy Harper, support worker in the occupational therapy department at ARI, on being named a finalist in the Support Worker category at Scotland's health awards. We wish her, and all the finalists, the very best of luck. Winners will be announced at an event in Edinburgh next month.

Did you know? Each year NHS Grampian Charity funds small gifts for patients who will be spending Christmas Day in hospital. Last year more than 1,400 patients received gifts which were funded by the charity, and bought, wrapped and distributed by staff to bring Christmas cheer. Applications for patient Christmas gifts are now open and, following feedback from colleagues, we are delighted to have raised the application limit to £15 per patient this year. If you would like to apply for funding to purchase gifts for patients in your ward of hospital, please download the application form from our Intranet page: [Pages - ApplyForFunding](#)

To ensure funds are received in plenty of time before Christmas, please make sure you return your completed application form to the charity no later than **Friday 14 November**.

Tune of the day Well, it has to be a song for AHP day. But how do you celebrate such a diverse professional group? By picking a song made up of many diverse parts! Let [Theme from S'Express](#) get your Tuesday underway. Enjoy this trip (and it is a trip...) (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