

# Daily Brief...



Monday 16 February 2026

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**All-staff call with CET – 10am today** This is your opportunity to hear the very latest on what's happening across the organisation, with February's all-staff call taking place at 10am this morning. These sessions are recorded and shared in this brief for those unable to attend. [No need to book, simply use this joining link.](#)

**Transition to updated Planet Maintenance Management System** Planet Maintenance Management is the system we use to run the Estates online helpdesk. It will undergo an upgrade, starting tomorrow (17 February) with full implementation anticipated by Thursday 19 February.

During this period, there may be temporary disruption to our standard support services as system migration activities are carried out. Please, unless your helpdesk requests are urgent, do not submit new job requests. Please be aware, any work requests which have been open for more than 90 days cannot be migrated to the new system. Any essential work orders falling into this category need to be resubmitted via the usual helpdesk link to ensure they are captured and actioned appropriately within the updated system.

**Reminder - pre-election period guidance** There will be an election to the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 7 May. The formal pre-election period begins on 26 March; there is clear guidance provided to NHS bodies, to ensure they remain neutral throughout a campaign. You can read the guidance in full by [following this link](#); however, we wish to highlight the following:

- there should be even-handedness in meeting requests for factual information from individual candidates and those from different political parties
- care should be taken over announcements of decisions made by NHS Bodies to avoid accusations of political controversy or partisanship
- special care should be taken in respect of paid publicity campaigns which should not be open to criticism that they are being undertaken for party political purposes. Care should also be taken in relation to any publications planned by any NHS organisation during the pre-election period for example, pieces of research which may be open to political interpretation
- in carrying out their day-to-day work NHS Bodies should ensure that they do nothing that could reasonably be construed as politically motivated
- it is vital that staff of NHS Bodies exercise care in their day-to-day corporate activities to ensure that they do nothing that could reasonably be regarded as taking a political stance
- Public resources should not be used for party political purposes.

In addition, campaigning is not permitted on NHS premises, political posters should not be displayed in NHS premises, and election or other political meetings should not take place on NHS premises.

**Annual leave – it's yours to take** Ensuring you take your annual leave is important for your physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing. Leave arrangements vary across the organisation and it is important you understand which arrangements apply to you. We want to particularly highlight Agenda for Change staff, and Executive & Senior Managers. Your annual leave year runs from 1 April – 31 March. Unless exempt e.g., due to maternity leave or long-term sick leave, you **must** use your annual leave allocation for 2025/26 by 31 March 2026.

**Scottish Non-Healing Wounds Data Collection Project** We are proud to be participating in Scotland's national data collection project on non-healing wounds, led by the National Association for Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists Scotland and the Scottish Wound Healing Strategy Working Group. Between 11–24 May, all clinicians across NHSG who are managing wounds aged 6 weeks or more will be asked to complete a short data submission. [Further information is available on the intranet via this link](#), and we'll have more to share in the coming months.

**Creative Approaches for Community Engagement webinar** We are aware of a general apathy towards community consultation and engagement, often leading to disengagement and widespread feelings of disempowerment in communities. This webinar will explore the role culture and creativity can play in engaging and empowering communities and breaking the familiar consultation fatigue cycle. It will take place on Thursday (19 February) between 10.30am-12pm. [Please follow this link to register](#).

**NoSCAR research award for NMAHPs** The Rewards and Recognition team are pleased to announce the third annual NoSCAR research award for NHS Grampian nurses, midwives, and Allied Health Professionals (NMAHPs). The winner of the award will receive a rewards and recognition certificate and £300 which they can use for a conference or other personal development activities. Nominations must be received by 6 March; [for information on the criteria and the nomination form, follow this intranet link](#).

**Grampian MCN newsletter – February 2026** We're pleased to share the second edition of the Grampian MCN newsletter, [available via this link](#). This issue features updates from our Diabetes, Respiratory, Stroke, and Palliative & End of Life Care Networks. This issue highlights recent educational events, upcoming conferences and roadshows, national and local guidance updates, and examples of collaborative improvement work across Grampian. To stay informed about MCN activity and join our mailing lists, please email [gram.mcn@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.mcn@nhs.scot)

**Pause for thought** No one is more influential in your life than you are – because no one talks to you more than you do. Is what have you been telling yourself recently the influence you wish to have? What could you tell yourself now?

**Tune of the day** We kick off another working week in fine style, courtesy of Rae Flett and the Moray Maternity Collaborative. Susan Young, a project manager and much-loved colleague, is returning to her NHS Highland homeland and she will be sorely missed. The frankly glorious [Don't Leave Me This Way](#) by The Communards and Sarah-Jane Morris will send her on her way (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)