

Tuesday 16 June 2026

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**Patient catering update** Due to equipment failures in the Central Production Kitchen in Dr Gray's hospital the catering department have had to alter patient menus. This will affect DGH and all community hospitals in Aberdeenshire and Moray. Temporary menus will be in place until we can get the equipment back up and running. We apologise for inconvenience, but this is beyond our control.

**Emergency Care Summary (ECS) planned maintenance – today** A planned system update is required which will result in a temporary interruption to the ECS system until 11.30pm today (Tuesday). ECS users should follow local contingency plans. If disconnected, log out and back in after the outage. If issues continue after 11:30pm, please log a support call.

**Occupational Health – new system goes live today** Thank you for your patience as we implement our new Occupational Health record system, G2, which goes live today. Managers will receive a link directly to enable them to set up an account on this system. Further guidance on this and links to useful policies [can be found via this intranet link](#). Delays are expected during implementation of this new system. Occupational Health ask for patience and encourages managers to utilise existing policies, local management actions, and alternative support services to support staff where appropriate during this initial implementation phase.

**Meningitis B vaccination programme** A national vaccination programme, offering the Meningitis B vaccination to specific groups of young people, will launch next month. The following groups will be eligible:

- young people born between 1 March 2008 and 28 February 2009, and any others who were in S6 during the 2025-26 academic year, regardless of future education plans.
- undergraduate university entrants under the age of 25 who are starting for the first time in the academic year 2026-27, including international students.
- college entrants under 25 starting for the first time in the academic year 2026-27 while living away from home in shared student accommodation, including international students.

Two doses will be required; there will be more information shared in the coming weeks to allow those eligible to make appointments.

**Replacing unsupported Microsoft applications** For licensing and cybersecurity compliance, all NHS boards are required to replace unsupported Microsoft applications with supported versions. For us, this primarily affects the use of Office 2013 and Office 2016.

All new devices and any devices rebuilt by the Digital team will be deployed with Office 365. Legacy Microsoft applications (e.g. Visio, Project, Access - 2007/2013/2016 versions) will no longer be installed as standard. Users requiring these applications can access web-based versions or fund a subscription

for the desktop versions where there is a business need. These can be requested [via this link to the IT service desk](#).

The transition to Office 365 may impact users with an F3 licence who access shared drives. To maintain continuity, a **temporary** add-on licence can be applied to enable continued access. This add-on **will be removed** once departments have completed migration of shared drive data to SharePoint Online (SPO). Further details on transition timelines will be provided in future communications.

**National Wellbeing Week (22-28 June) – get involved!** Get ready and get planning [by downloading the resource pack available via this link](#). It provides a range of activities and challenges you can do on your own and with colleagues to support your wellbeing. We'd love to see photos, videos and any testimonies of you using the resources; please share on socials, using #TeamGrampian

In Moray you may also spot wellbeing stalls at Dr Gray's Hospital, the annexe at Moray Council HQ and other local sites. [There's more information on the flyer at this link](#). The National Wellbeing Hub is offering a week-long programme of free activities open to all staff. [You can sign up via this link](#). Finally, we've got lots of local events planned; [check out our Wellbeing Week intranet page by following this link](#).

**NHS Grampian Charity** The charity's summer roadshows are coming soon, visiting hospitals across the region, starting with Dr Gray's Hospital on Tuesday 30 June. The team are keen to connect with you at these events, so please pop along to chat and learn more about what the charity does and how we can support you and your patients. [You can see our upcoming roadshows via this link](#).

**Pause for thought** Pearls form in response to an irritant. What's irritating you? How might you turn it from irritant to something of use?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling sessions take place on Thursdays between 8-8.30am; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

**Tune of the day** There's been a buffet of football since last we spoke, but the most important thing is Scotland's men sit top of their group! More of that, please. James Bowen, part of our central rostering team, was born and raised just an hour north of Boston. He says seeing the footage of the Tartan Army takeover has been incredibly special (yes, of course there are traffic cones on statues). He's asked for [Tessie by fellow New England-ers, Dropkick Murphys](#). Recorded in support of the Red Sox and to break the curse of Babe Ruth, James hopes it will do the business for Scotland too on Friday (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)