

Daily Brief...



Friday 16 May 2025

Attention clinical and admin staff - Dragon upgrade The Dragon system will be upgraded next week to ensure we remain on a supported version of the application and includes additional bug fixes. As of **8pm on Monday 19 May** the system will be unavailable to all users to allow for a backup. The upgrade will commence at 8am on Tuesday 20 May and is expected to be complete by **10am that day**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Hand hygiene – message from Chief Executive Team Global Hand Hygiene Day may have passed for another year, but clean hands are key ingredient in healthcare every single day. Members of the Chief Executive Team give their reflections on hand hygiene in this short video: [NHSG Hand Hygiene - CET](#)

National Smile Month To mark National Smile Month, our teams will be at different community events throughout the month to provide information and resources about oral health. Your mouth is the gateway to your body making it so important to practice good oral hygiene by doing the following:

- Brush twice daily (in the morning and before bed)
- Use a pea size amount of toothpaste (or a smear for under 3 years old)
- Use toothpaste containing at least 1000 ppm of fluoride
- Brush for 2 minutes
- Use a circular brushing motion
- Remember to spit and not rinse afterwards!
- Visit your dentist regularly

Are you registered with a dentist? Our Grampian Dental website has a list of all the dental practices currently registering patients. The website also includes information on oral health for any age group and has a professional section where you can find a wide variety of resources for you to use. Please visit our website: [Dental Advice Grampian | Advice and Information for maintaining oral health](#)

Baby Friendly achievement mentioned in Parliament Congratulations once again to our maternity services team, recently accredited with the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative GOLD Award, who received a mention in the Scottish Parliament at the end of last week. The Parliamentary Motion highlighted the strong standards embedded across maternity, neonatal, health visiting and wider services for children and families, and recognised our sustained commitment to supporting infant feeding and fostering strong parent-infant relationships. More on this in our recent news release: [NHS Grampian achieves UNICEF Baby Friendly Gold Award](#)

That was the week that was

Monday 12 – escalation to Stage 4, update on AfC reduced working week, International Nurses Day

Tuesday 13 – reminder on site security, countdown to iMatter 2025, research collaborator database

Wednesday 14 – Board escalation – message from the Chair & Chief Exec, Grampian Pride 2025

Thursday 15 – Protected Learning Time update, mental health bed base review

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STAR Award No presentations to share this week; if you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Theatre discount Aurora Productions are staging 'Come From Away', featuring NHS colleagues in the cast, at Stewarts Hall in Huntly, 3-7 June. This musical tells the story of the impact on a small community in Newfoundland when, in the aftermath of 9/11, 38 planes with 7,000 passengers were diverted to the remote town of Gander. A 10% discount is on offer; simply enter the code `comefrom10` when ordering your tickets via this link: [Box Office – Aurora](#)

Tune of the day It's almost time for the Eurovision Song Contest grand final! If you're watching, remember Terry Wogan's rule: don't start drinking before song 9. For our first tune, we go back to the 2021 winners Måneskin and [Zitti E Buoni](#). Having watched both semi-finals, I'm tipping Malta, Austria, and Germany as the ones to watch this year. I'm also including some Scissor Sisters, for everyone heading to Glasgow tomorrow to see them. Remember to [Take Your Mama](#). Fits in with our family theme as well (this isn't just thrown together, you know). Finally, my sources (her colleagues) tell me Vicky Darcy (inpatient physiotherapy team lead at DGH) celebrates a birthday next week. The physio team are a group after my own heart, because they've asked for [Cool Rider](#) from Grease 2 (The better film. I said what I said.)

It's been another busy and eventful week. Our escalation to Stage 4 is a reminder of the many challenges we face. Amidst all this, you continue to show up and provide much needed care and support to patients and their families. As always, thank you (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