

Daily Brief...



Thursday 17 April 2025

TrakCare upgrade and downtime – the countdown is on! The planned TrakCare upgrade is due to go take place between **10.30pm** on **Tuesday 22 April** through to **3.30am** on **Wednesday 23 April**. **TrakCare will be unavailable to all users on shift during this time.** Other clinical systems e.g., HEPMA, CDD, LABs & PACs etc. will still be available but will be impacted during this downtime. This document: [TrakCare Upgrade Support Document](#) has been prepared to assist teams during the upgrade.

All service areas must be aware of their contingency plans and ensuring usernames and passwords for alternative systems have been checked in advance of the upgrade downtime. All staff on shift or on call during the downtime are encouraged to apply for access to BOXI access as additional static Inpatient EPR Summary and handover reports will be available via BOXI only during the downtime. You can do this by contacting gram.businessobjects@nhs.scot

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Car parking behaviour We regularly highlight the importance of parking sensibly and appropriately on our sites; unfortunately, we continue to get reports of at best inconsiderate and at worst dangerous parking. This is not limited to our largest sites either, almost every building has reported issues to us. We must underline the following:

- Hatched areas must not be used for parking; these areas must be kept clear for emergency vehicle access.
- Spaces reserved for patients in front of our clinical buildings must not be used for parking when you are on shift.
- Ambulance bays are for ambulances. Blue badge spaces are for blue badge holders. No exceptions.
- Loading bays are not parking spaces. They must be kept clear to ensure ease of deliveries and collection of waste.
- Do **not** park on double yellow lines or move cones to be able to park. Traffic markings are in place to ensure **all** vehicles can move safely around our sites.

Demystifying Death Week This annual event begins on 5 May. A series of talks and educational sessions have been planned for the week. These will all take place on Teams and cover everything from Power of Attorney and funeral planning to spiritual care at the end of life and support for grieving children. A full list of the talks, along with the Teams links to attend, [is available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only).

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer in Scotland, but also one of the most preventable cancers, especially when caught early through screening. As health and social care staff, we all have a role to play in promoting the national screening programme. Uptake varies across the region, and we know people with additional needs are less likely to take part.

How can you help? Simply spread the word with patients or clients; if they receive their free screening kit, they should use it, as it could save their life. You don't need to be an expert, however, if you want to expand your knowledge, there's a 15-minute learning session available on Turas (log-in required): [NHS Scotland National Screening Programmes : bowel screening | Turas | Learn](#) Prefer something in person? Then email chidiebere.ogwo@nhs.scot

[Links to a host of other useful resources are available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only).

Celebrating Excellence – register now! The next Celebrating Excellence event will take place on Thursday 19 June at Curl Aberdeen. The event brings together nurses, midwives, AHPs and HCSWs to share good practice. Please share this with staff in your teams, especially those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Celebrating Excellence event.

[Registration is via this link](#). The registration form also has options to sign up to be a presenter or to share a poster at the event. If you've never done this before, don't worry, the team are on hand to help.

NMAHP clinical doctorate programme Nurses, midwives, and AHPs are invited to apply for the University of Stirling clinical doctorate programme. There is one funded place available this year (fees only). Information about the programme and how to apply can be found on the intranet here (networked devices only). Kay Cooper (for AHPs) k.cooper@rgu.ac.uk and Debbie Baldie (for nurses & midwives) deborah.baldie@nhs.scot are happy to have informal discussions and can provide feedback on one draft of application forms. Please note the closing date is **Friday 13 June at 12 noon** with interviews week beginning 23 June.

Tune of the day Lisa Grant, SCN on 301/302 in ARI, has a big birthday fast approaching (never sure if we can confirm how big!) and all her SCN and nurse manager colleagues want to wish her the very best. For Lisa, [Happy Birthday](#) by Stevie Wonder. Meanwhile, Claire Robertson from the NHS Grampian Charity team would like to say a special thank you to all those signing up to this year's Aberdeen Kiltwalk. A shout out to the ANPs in Acute Medicine and the Broch Buddies – hope the training is going well! Here's [Take a Walk on the Wild Side by Lou Reed](#)

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