

Daily Brief...



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iMatter action planning – deadline day Team iMatter action plans should be uploaded by 12noon today; this is a nationally set deadline. If your team has agreed an action but not uploaded their plan, please do so this morning. If support is required, please contact gram.imatter@nhs.scot as a matter of urgency.

Occupational Health Service update Thank you for your patience while the occupational health service has implemented a new management system. You can contact the service directly for advice and signposting by submitting a self-referral form. If you are having trouble undertaking the duties of your role due to an underlying health condition, or if you feel that your work is affecting your health, a Management Referral is required. This allows the service to provide appropriate advice and recommendations to both you and your manager. Further information on this, skin health surveillance referrals, and manager access to the G2 portal, [can be found via this intranet link](#).

ICYMI - VPN migration for remote working From today, the Digital Directorate will begin migrating colleagues who work remotely (home or hybrid) to a new VPN platform. This migration is being undertaken to improve the reliability and stability of our remote access services and to allow us to retire the infrastructure supporting the current VPN service. For most colleagues, **no action will be required**. The migration will take place in the background and there is **no planned downtime**. You should be able to continue working as normal throughout the migration period. Further information, and guidance on the steps to take if the new VPN doesn't appear, [can be found via this intranet link](#).

Planning, Innovation, and Programmes (PIP) directorate – new intranet page The PIP directorate provides strategic planning support and implements change and transformation. It works across all parts of our system, working closely with clinical and operational teams and other stakeholders to coproduce strategy, solutions, and successfully deliver sustainable change. [The dedicated intranet page at this link](#) has been developed as a place where those who work, or have an interest, in strategic planning, change, and transformation can go to discover all about the directorate, including who we are, the current priorities and improvement initiatives.

GAPF development day If you have not already signed up for the GAPF development day, spaces are limited and filling up fast. The event will take place on Thursday 17 September at Curl Aberdeen, with the theme of “Compassionate Leadership in Partnership”. Please confirm attendance and dietary/any other requirements by close of play Thursday 10 September at the latest. If you would like further information, please email gram.partnership@nhs.scot. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAS praise for GMED team Congratulations to Wendy Boyle and Shane Watt from the GMED Team on receiving a Scottish Ambulance Service GREATix award in recognition of their contribution to an out-of-hours cardiac arrest response. The nomination highlighted the effective care provided prior to ambulance arrival, high-quality teamwork, clear communication, and support in achieving a positive outcome for the patient. Special recognition was also given to the coordinated multi-agency approach and the professionalism demonstrated throughout the incident. Thank you both for your commitment to delivering high-quality patient care and for representing GMED so positively. This is a fantastic example of the difference our teams make every day and a well-deserved recognition of excellent collaborative working.

Pause for thought Fresh eyes often spot what we might have missed. What might benefit from fresh eyes now, and where will you find them?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day It's been a while since we've had a theme, so hit me with your colour songs. Are your brown eyes blue? Do red lights spell danger? Are you standing in the purple rain? You get the idea. I'll kick us off with [Black And Gold](#) by Sam Sparro (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