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NHS Grampian named prestigious European fellowship training centre We are poised to become home to some of Europe's top surgical trainees, after becoming an internationally recognised centre of excellence for training. The urology department has been awarded the status for teaching fellows in stone and prostate cancer robotic surgery and will now host trainees on behalf of the European Urology Scholarship Programme (EUSP).

Thomas Lam, consultant urological and robotic surgeon and clinical lead for the department, said it will allow the region to attract the "best-of-the-best": "This is a great achievement for NHS Grampian and the urology department, and I want to thank all our staff for their efforts in gaining this prestigious recognition. I'm incredibly proud. This puts us on the map as an internationally recognised centre of excellence for training in robotic urological surgery.

"We were the first centre in Scotland to set up robotic-assisted surgery - with the help of the UCAN Charity and the NHS Grampian Charity - and our aim was always to establish a fellowship training programme."

That was the week that was Playing catch-up? Here are the highlights of this week's briefs:

Monday 14 – update from Linen Services, change in disposable aprons

Tuesday 15 – iMatter action planning, HCSW enhancing care session

Wednesday 16 – device security, academic fellowships opportunities

Thursday 17 – RAAC update – surveys to begin, latest on the Bed Base Review

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STAR Award Big congratulations to **Morven Ward Team** at Glen o' Dee for leaping into action during a recent emergency. This week's star belongs to you! If you work with an individual or team you think deserves a STAR award, you can [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details to gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot

Tune of the day A question today from Amanda Adamson: "Any chance you could play the absolutely wonderful, completely under-rated, and gone far too soon, [Rory Gallagher and I Fall Apart?](#)" Yes, yes we could! Today's second request comes from Viki Rafferty. Her colleague Julia Fry is jetting off on her first child-free holiday in many years; appropriately enough, Viki has asked for [Vacation by Alphabeat](#) (GC)

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