

Daily Brief...



Monday 18 May 2026

iMatter survey – now live! Today is the first day of the iMatter staff experience survey, which runs for three weeks and closes at 5pm on Monday 8 June. Please take a moment and [follow this link to watch a short video message](#) from Laura Skaife-Knight, Chief Executive, and Steven Lindsay, Employee Director, who explain why iMatter matters and how your feedback is used.

You will receive your personal iMatter survey link in your inbox. Take 10 minutes today to complete the questionnaire and share your experience. Your voice matters and helps drive meaningful improvement across NHS Grampian.

Occupational Health Service downtime: 18 May-5 June From today until 5 June, Occupational Health services will be operating with reduced functionality due to system downtime. The system downtime is to allow the implementation of a new OHS system. There will be reduced capacity during this time to allow for implementation and throughout June while the system embeds. OHS will provide regular updates via daily brief, global email, and intranet throughout June. Further information about this is available on the [intranet via this link](#). Please note, the Management Referral Portal will be **switched off to all managers** today (Monday 18 May) at 12 noon.

NHS Scotland Chief Executive visit We were pleased to welcome outgoing NHS Scotland Chief Executive Caroline Lamb to Foresterhill on Friday. Caroline spent time with the team at RACH, learning about their work on MAGNET accreditation and was kind enough to present two STAR awards, to SCN Debbie Whyte and Lyndsey Spiers in the MEMS team (we'll have more on those on Friday as normal). Thank you to everyone who took part in this visit.

Reminder – water shutdown in Yellow Zone Due to complications with the previous water shutdown over the weekend of 1 May, essential maintenance works will need to be repeated this evening from 8pm to 6am. The hot and cold-water supply in the Yellow Zone at ARI will be fully switched off except for toilets which will remain unaffected.

Scottish Non-Healing Wounds Data Collection Project A reminder this project concludes this Sunday (24 May), and colleagues are encouraged to keep up momentum on submissions this week. [Follow this link to find out more about this data collection project.](#)

Respiratory MCN event Registration is now open for the Respiratory MCN Evening Roadshow event taking place on Tuesday 16 June at The Aberdeen Dyce Hotel. [Follow this link to sign up](#) or [view the full programme on the intranet](#) (networked devices only).

NoS Adult Major Trauma Education Session The next adult major trauma education session will take place on Thursday 21 May from 12noon to 1pm on MS Teams. 'Top 10 mistakes in the multiply injured ICU patient', presented by Dr Lee Allen. No need to book, simply [follow this link to join the meeting](#).

Sign up for a national Step Count challenge Whether you're looking forward to a summer of sport with the World Cup, the Commonwealth Games or the new national Health in the Community campaign, you just enjoy getting active with friends or colleagues, a FREE new Step Count Challenge is open to everyone in Scotland. This will run from Monday 6 July to midnight on Sunday 2 August and you are now invited to enter teams of up to 5 people. [Sign up or log in via this link to the Step Count website](#) to get involved.

Pause for thought What if what I'm assuming needs to be fixed, might need to be understood instead. What could that learning bring?

As a reminder, these questions are drawn from the previous week's Guided Journaling session. These take place on Thursdays between 8-8.30am; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day Karen and Kaydee are the subjects of today's first request, from service manager Megan McAulay. Both start new posts today, having left the MUSC team at the end of last week. For them both, [Don't Stop Me Now](#).

Mindaugas Rastenis, staff nurse in forensic acute at RCH, is reflecting on the close of the football season at the weekend, which was certainly 'eventful'. For colleague Ibrahim, a die-hard Celtic fan, here's Rod Stewart and [You're In My Heart](#). (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