

# Daily Brief...



Thursday 19 June 2025

**Stage 4 escalation - update.** Membership of the Assurance Board that will support us throughout the Stage 4 process is now being finalised by its Chair [Stephen Gallagher](#). Stephen is visiting us tomorrow and will meet with members of the Chief Executive Team. Meanwhile, as shared last week, KPMG continues to meet with those executives and managers whose responsibilities fall within the scope of their review. Accompanying data and documentation is being provided where required. We will continue to keep you up to date via this brief; Scottish Government will also update its dedicated web page on the NHS Grampian's stage 4 escalation as further information becomes available: [NHS Grampian Assurance Board - gov.scot](#)

**ECS Server Maintenance – Thursday 26 June** Atos have advised us the Wintel Servers which run ECS require patching. This will take place next Thursday (26 June) at 10am. During the patching of the server, ECS as a service will remain fully operational and available as usual. Should anyone lose their connection during the interruptions to ECS, a refresh of the browser should be done in the first instance which should hopefully resolve the connection quickly and avoid any unnecessary help desk calls. We apologise for the short notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PVG Disclosure Scotland update** From 1 April, PVG membership became a legal requirement for all regulated roles with children and protected adults. To avoid unnecessary delays in the processing of all PVGs all contact with Disclosure Scotland must go via our recruitment team to ensure consistent information is being provided. [Further information – including an FAQ - is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only); please contact [gram.disclosureact@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.disclosureact@nhs.scot) with specific queries.

**Community Falls Policy - survey** Our policy for the prevention, reduction, and management of falls in the community is currently being reviewed. The group tasked to do this is keen to capture a flavour of what people working in the community know about falls prevention and falls related activity. This short survey: [Falls prevention in the community v1.0](#) will give the team valuable feedback. Please note, this is for community staff only; those working in hospital settings should not participate. The survey will remain open until Friday 4 July. Need more information? Contact [nichola.mcpherson@nhs.scot](mailto:nichola.mcpherson@nhs.scot) or [rosie.cooper2@nhs.scot](mailto:rosie.cooper2@nhs.scot). Can't access the link above? Scan the QR code below instead:



**Contact from elected members** As an organisation, we regularly provide updates to councillors, MSPs, and MPs, as well as responding when they raise specific issues on behalf of constituents. For consistency and efficiency, this correspondence is managed through the Chief Executive's office. If you – or members of your team – are directly approached by any local elected member, do not feel pressured to respond. Instead, please refer them to [gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot)

**Non-medical prescribing conference – save the date** Our non-medical prescribing conference will take place, via Teams, on Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October 2025. As per previous conferences, sessions will pick and mix, meaning you can attend the sessions you are most interested in and relevant to your area of practise. Further programme detail will be shared over the Summer, including links to book via Turas. In the meantime, any queries should be directed to [gram.acateam@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.acateam@nhs.scot)

**Wildlife and site/public safety** We are now well into seagull breeding season, during which time these birds can be especially aggressive. They can – and will – steal food of any kind and can injure you in the process. If you are eating outside on fine days, be vigilant and please make sure you dispose of all rubbish. We have invested in bins designed to prevent birds pulling rubbish back out of them; if these are full, take rubbish inside for disposal, remembering to recycle.

Under **no** circumstances should food be left out for any of the wildlife our sites may attract. Airborne fungal spores from bird droppings can enter general healthcare environments increasing the risk of various infections which birds can pass onto humans, such as Pasteurella infections, and Chlamydia psittaci, which can cause psittacosis (a respiratory infection). If you are experiencing a pest control issue, of any kind, please report [this via the Facilities & Estates online helpdesk](#).

**Research Round Up** The latest edition of the research & development team newsletter is available to read here: [Research Round Up - NHS Grampian Research and Development Bulletin June 2025](#)

**Tune of the day** Bands/artists we wish we'd seen; let's go! Pam Adam, a healthcare chaplain based at Royal Cornhill says she was far too young (and in the wrong country) to see The Doors, so she'll have to content herself with requesting [People Are Strange](#) here instead (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)