

Daily Brief...



Friday 19 June 2026

Reminder - all-staff briefing - Monday You are warmly invited to join members of the Executive Team on an all-staff call on Monday (22 June) between 3-3.30pm. This is your opportunity to hear the very latest on what's happening across the organisation. You can submit questions in advance (anonymously, if preferred) by emailing gram.communications@nhs.scot These sessions are recorded and a link shared in this brief for those unable to attend. [No need to book, simply use this joining link.](#)

Toilet closures – Yellow Zone, ARI Please be aware the public toilets on Level 1 of the Yellow Zone, ARI (at the bottom of the concourse stairs) will be closed for maintenance as follows:

- Male Toilet - No access available between 22-28 June
- Female Toilet - No access available between 29 June-5 July

The disabled toilet in this location will remain fully accessible. Alternative toilet facilities can be found in the following locations:

- Yellow Zone Main Concourse - Level 2.
- Pink Zone - Level 1 (next to the canteen).
- Purple Zone - Level 1 (en route to the General Office).

Community Engagement Planning Workshop Would you like to make a real difference in how we work and engage with communities across Grampian? 'Foundations of Community Engagement' training has been running for over a year, with strong uptake and highly positive feedback. It supports colleagues and partners to build confidence in undertaking community engagement as part of their role. Now, we're looking to plan what's next and how we build on the support to staff when it comes to community engagement.

Join us for an interactive Teams workshop on Tuesday 18 August (10am-12pm) to explore what the future of engagement training could look like in NHS Grampian. If you have ideas about how we move this work forward, we'd welcome you to be part of the conversation. [Please follow this link to book](#) your place.

Research and Development update. Our diabetes team, led by Professor Sam Philip, screened and randomised the first UK and 2nd worldwide participant for a phase 3 clinical trial investigating whether the drug Baricitinib could help preserve insulin-producing beta cell function in children and adults newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Well done to the wider team; [there's more information on the trial via this link.](#)

That was the week that was

Monday 15 – public holiday, no brief issued

Tuesday 16 – go-live for new Occupational Health system, replacing unsupported Microsoft programmes

Wednesday 17 – Protected Learning Time forward look, hand hygiene improvement programme

Thursday 18 – Executive Team weekly report, adult weight management service changes

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STAR Award Huge congratulations to clinical educator Kay Knox on her recent STAR Award presentation. Kay has played a key role in the governance of intraoperative cell salvage practice. Her thorough approach ensures clarity and confidence for all team members. Well done, Kay! If you know a team, or individual, STAR, making a nomination couldn't be easier; [all you need to do is complete the short form available via this link](#).

Tune of the day Sarah Service, an occupational therapist based in Ellon, is finishing up prior to her return to Ireland. Colleagues say they're devastated by her departure, but they want to wish her all the very best. They're requesting [Goodbye](#) by Spice Girls.

Scotland's men are back in action at the World Cup later tonight, taking on Morocco. I'm harking back to the Euros [for a bit of Almost Angelic](#); alternatively, you can treat yourself to the Gala original [Freed From Desire](#) (have you got your trombolese?)

Believe it or not, we've been banging out a tune of the day for more than FIVE YEARS now. Time flies when you're playing DJ. Your diverse musical tastes never cease to surprise, but there are a few 'frequent flyers', shall we say. As such, I'm putting the following tunes out to pasture (for now, at least):

- The Best
- Don't You (Forget About Me)
- So Long, Farewell

I know. They're classics. Iconic, some would say. However, at this point, we are definitely paying the mortgages of several songwriters through repeat plays. Keep those requests coming, just keep 'em fresh.

Have a weekend, folks. You've earned it. Thank you (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