

Friday 19 September 2025

**A message from Adam Coldwells** On his final day as chief executive of NHS Grampian, Adam has asked us to share this message with you all:

*"I wanted to take this opportunity to say farewell to you all and, more importantly, to say a genuine and heartfelt thank you. Your dedication to serving the people of Grampian and the enormous impact you have on the lives of everyone who lives here is not lost on me. We have come through difficult times together and, while I acknowledge there are many challenges still to come, I know you have the strength, ability, and dedication to meet those challenges. Working together, we can create a sustainable system which delivers high quality health and care. I wish each of you all the very best."*

**'Flu clinic – ARI fracture clinic – today** You can drop-in to get your 'flu jab at the ARI fracture clinic today until 4pm. This is an extra clinic arranged following high demand. All staff 'flu clinics are listed on the intranet, under 'Latest News'

**Organ donation artwork unveiled at ARI** An art installation, in recognition of organ donors, and created by their relatives, has been unveiled at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Artist Shelagh Swanson was commissioned to work with the relatives of donors, along with young people at more than a dozen north-east secondary schools, to create glass 'pebbles'. These have been placed on the walls in the foyer of the Emergency Department, reaching up towards the Sandpiper Sanctuary. The artwork was funded by a dedicated organ donation fund, held by the NHS Grampian Charity.

Shelagh said: "The idea of the artwork came from the idea of throwing a pebble into the water and the ripples it creates. One family, making the selfless decision to donate a relative's organs and tissue, could save up to nine lives. Those nine people could, in turn, go on to do things they might never have considered possible, due to their health condition. In that way, the impact of organ donation ripples out through the community."

We'd encourage everyone to go and see the artwork for themselves and to register their organ donation decision here: [How to register | Organ Donation Scotland](#)

**Climate week North-East** This annual event has shifted to September and gets underway tomorrow. There are a host of community events taking place, from litter picks to repair cafes. The full schedule is available here: [Events from September 24 - September 27 - Climate Week North East](#)

We're hosting two sustainability coffee mornings, in DGH and the ARI Pink Zone Café on Wednesday 24 September and Wednesday 1 October. Full details can be found on the intranet under Latest News.

**Book Blether becomes Poetry Blether for National Poetry Day** Join us on Thursday 2 October at 1pm on MS Teams for a special Book Blether celebrating [National Poetry Day](#). This lunchtime, peer-led session is open to all NHS and health & social care colleagues across Grampian - no poetry experience needed! This year's theme is 'Play', and one of our regular [Poetry Bletherers](#) will guide us through poems in English and Doric, with the option (but no pressure!) to write a few lines of your own. Just bring paper and pen, and email [cornhill.library@nhs.scot](mailto:cornhill.library@nhs.scot) for the link.

## **That was the week that was**

Monday 15 – new director of public health appointed, Foresterhill staff parking registration reminder

Tuesday 16 – ‘flu season 2025 – what can we expect, Putting People First events

Wednesday 17 – site security reminder, planned cold water shutdown at ARI

Thursday 18 – latest episode of Ask Adam, Windows 11 upgrade reminder

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**STAR Award** We tip our hat to Petra Haller, speciality doctor in orthopaedics at Dr Gray’s Hospital, on her recent STAR Award presentation. Even though she had a full clinic, Petra made time to assess a patient in ED, enabling a safe discharge and avoiding admission. Her compassionate, clear communication and patient-centred approach ensured confidence in the care plan. This reflects her commitment to clinical excellence and prioritising patient wellbeing. Nominating a colleague or team for a STAR award is super simple; all you need to do is complete this short form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

**Tune of the day** Our first request comes from Adam Coldwells; he’s asked for The Jam and [Monday](#). Our second dedication is from me to everyone ‘keeping the show on the road’ on our upcoming public holiday; Ms Donna Summer and [She Works Hard For The Money](#). If you are getting to enjoy a slightly longer weekend, enjoy it. If there’s better folk out there, I’ve yet to meet them. 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)