

# Daily Brief...



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**Fire safety training – a reminder** Fire has the potential to devastate lives, buildings, and whole communities. Prevention is vital, which is where our fire safety e-learning comes into play. While we have seen a slight increase in the number of people completing their annual refresher, we are only just meeting our compliance rate. Managers, please encourage and support your team to keep this training up to date, especially if their role means they don't have easy access to a computer.

More generally, everyone should be vigilant to the risks of fire and carry out either tabletop exercises or practical evacuation drills. This will test your local fire plan and ensure everyone knows their role during a real fire. Further information including how often this training should be completed can be found within the Fire Safety training home page on Turas: [Fire safety | Turas | Learn](#) Further fire safety support is also available by contacting [gram.firesafety@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.firesafety@nhs.scot)

**ICYMI - Agenda for Change pay award – dates confirmed** The 2025/26 Agenda for Change pay award uplift will be applied to salaries in June 2025. Arrears from 1 April 2025 will be paid in July wages.

**CoPilot Chat – now available** From today, CoPilot Chat is available to all M365 users. CoPilot Chat is an AI-powered assistant. More information on how it can help you – and how to access user guides – is [available here \(intranet link, networked devices only\)](#). Please remember the following:

- CoPilot Chat is the **only** AI tool endorsed for use across NHS Scotland. Third-party AI tools like Chat GPT must **not** be used
- Be cautious when using CoPilot Chat. It is not intended to make automated decisions affecting people, and data or documentation produced by CoPilot must always be validated
- CoPilot Chat should **never** be used for clinical decision making, diagnostics, or as a substitute for your own expertise. It is not intended to support clinical care and cannot be relied upon to inform treatment decisions, determine patient care pathways, or interpret clinical data
- Although it can be very helpful it is just a 'co' pilot. You remain accountable for your work and how to deliver it.

If you have any questions email [gram.office365@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.office365@nhs.scot), with 'CoPilot Chat' as the subject of your email

**Return of the REACH Award** REACH stands for Recognising Excellence, Achievement, Contribution, and Hard work, with the inspiring tagline, *Reaching for Excellence*. This award reflects the Mental Health & Learning Disability portfolio's exciting journey toward achieving Pathway to Excellence accreditation in 2026—a milestone we're all working towards together. Nominations open today, will remain open until Sunday 29 June, and the winner will be announced the following week. If you're a staff member in the MHLDD portfolio, [we encourage you to use this form to nominate a student nurse](#) who embodies the values of REACH—those who truly shine through their excellence, achievements, contributions, and hard work. Let's celebrate and uplift the incredible student nurses who are shaping the future of their profession.

**Post reg/Top Up Degree funding – deadline approaching!** The following opportunities are now open for application:

- [BSc Healthcare Practice/ BSc Healthcare Practice \(Nursing\) Top Up Degree](#)
- [Nursing and Midwifery Post reg Funding](#)

Applications must be received no later than **9am next Monday (9 June)**. Further information can be found by following the relevant links above (networked devices only). If you have any questions, or cannot access the intranet, please do not hesitate to contact [gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot)

**Dietitians Week – starts today** This annual campaign chance for us to all come together and shout loud and proud about the vital role played by dietitians. Within the profession there is always new evidence, new technology, new ways of working, new career paths, new patients and new expectations, to name just a few. Keep an eye on our social media platforms across the week as the acute dietitians share themes to celebrate progress, discuss how new technologies have integrated within our practice, and look at what the future might bring and where a career in dietetics may lead.

**Laboratory newsletters** The latest newsletters from the laboratory team are available to read via the links below (networked devices only):

[Primary Care newsletter](#)

[Secondary Care newsletter](#)

**Grampian Pride 2025 – final call** If you've been meaning [to fill in our short form](#) and join us at Grampian Pride this Saturday, consider this your last reminder! We've looked out our flags and banner, we just need you!

**Pause for thought** What sort of impact are you making on the planet? Who might you engage in conversation to share your thoughts and spread your impact?

**Tune of the day** Simon Winstanley in payroll makes today's request, on behalf of himself and the dozens of other NHS staff who took part in yesterday's Kiltwalk. The conditions could best be described as 'biblical' with all four seasons in evidence. Well done to everyone who took part, whether you tackled the Mighty Stride or the Wee Wander; for you all, here's Travis and [Why Does It Always Rain On Me?](#) (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)