

Daily Brief...



Monday 2 March 2026

Chief Executive's blog It's the first Monday of a new month, so we have another blog post to share from Laura Skaife-Knight. You can read Laura's thoughts on our Public Audit Committee appearance by [following this link](#).

Protected Learning Time (PLT) The national Once for Scotland (OfS) eLearning modules go live today, forming part of the wider PLT approach for all NHS Scotland staff. Please continue to complete your current statutory, mandatory and profession-specific learning as normal. You will remain compliant for topics already completed. OfS Fraud Awareness is the only new requirement for Grampian staff, due by 2 September 2026.

PLT is more than eLearning. It also includes dedicated time for wider learning and development, which should be discussed during annual appraisals. We are currently working with national colleagues to finalise guidance on these broader elements, and we will share further updates soon. More information, including FAQs and the 5 agreed PLT methods in NHS Grampian, [is available via this link](#). A PLT session will also be held on 18 March 2026 via the Managers' Development Forum; you can join this group [by following this Teams link](#).

Intranet Migration update At present over 80% of the intranet has been migrated to the national platform. We are rapidly approaching the position where the old intranet must be switched off so we can reduce the security risk that legacy platforms bring. However, several intranet sites are still to be migrated, largely because we are unable to identify staff responsible for their upkeep. If you have intranet sites not yet migrated across to SharePoint Online, please contact the migration team at: gram.web@nhs.scot to confirm you still require your intranet site. Please include the following details:

1. The site URL from your web browser's address bar
2. Email addresses of the site's webmasters. For data security and governance purposes we request that there should be at least two webmasters.
3. Confirmation you will commit to review your content after migration within a 2-week timeframe. Intranet sites not updated for several years may contain redundant or conflicting information.
4. The name you want for your site, prefixed with 'GRAM-'. For example, <https://scottish.sharepoint.com/sites/GRAM-ExampleSiteName>

Please be aware intranet sites may not be migrated if the team are not informed. The legacy intranet will be switched off just after 31 March 2026.

ClickFix attacks Our cyber security team are seeing a significant increase in so-called ClickFix attacks. This tricks users into copying, pasting, and running malicious code on their device, use fake 'Verify you are a human' checks. For more information on this – and a range of other cyber threats – simply follow [this intranet link](#).

Paediatric MTC Education Session Facial trauma and paediatrics is the topic of the next Paediatric MTC education session, taking place on Thursday 12 March between 12-1pm on Teams. This will be presented by Rory Morrison. [No need to book, simply use this joining link](#).

Grampian multi-agency adult support & protection (ASP) event Adult support & protection partners across Grampian would like to invite you to attend 'Beyond the Checklist - Demystifying the ASP Criteria'. This event will take place on Teams on Wednesday 18 March, 9.30am-12.30pm and is open to anyone working with vulnerable adults. [To register please complete the form at this link](#). The closing date for registration is Friday 13 March. Joining information will be sent out the week of the event.

Welcome Wards: Making it beneficial for everyone Family and friends have an important role to play in supporting people's recovery while they are in hospital. It's important to be open to individual wishes and consider how these could be mutually beneficial for both staff and patients. For example, while ordinarily you may encourage visitors to avoid coming in first thing in the morning – allowing an individual 10 mins to check in on a loved one who is perhaps just coming round from surgery could prevent four or five phone calls to the ward from other family members who are feeling anxious. For more support with making Welcome Wards work in your area, email gram.visiting@nhs.scot

ICYMI - Scottish Cancer Referral Guidelines - revised SCI Referral templates Launching today, these updated forms have been designed to align with and complement the new Scottish Referral Guidelines for Cancer. The guidelines provide comprehensive clinical support to aid decision-making at point of referral and ensure consistent, high-quality referrals. Plans are being finalised for a webinar, discussing the updated guidelines and referral pathways in more detail; keep an eye on this brief for more details. If you have any queries, please contact gram.nhsgcancer@nhs.scot

Aroma at ARI The Aroma Cairngorm cafe will be closed all day on Monday 16 March for the installation of new machines. All other ARI catering outlets will operate as normal. Pink and Orange Zone cafes will provide hot food, and other Aroma outlets will cover coffees. Please expect these outlets to be busier than usual.

Pause for thought To where, or what, or who do you find your thoughts returning recently? What does that tell you?

Tune of the day On this day in 1964, the Beatles began filming [A Hard Day's Night](#) the movie. If you've been working like a dog all weekend, this one is for 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