

Daily Brief...



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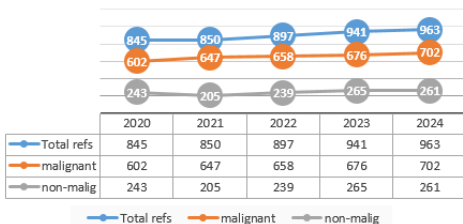
International Day of the Midwife - message from June Brown, Executive Nurse Director “*This annual, global, celebration will take place on Monday. As this is also a public holiday, I wanted to take the opportunity today to share my thoughts. I hope everyone can take a couple of minutes over the next few days to recognise and honour the dedication, compassion, and vital expertise of our midwives. Midwives are the cornerstone of maternal and newborn care, offering support, guidance, and midwifery care through one of life’s most profound journeys. Their unwavering commitment to safe childbirth, women’s health, and community wellbeing, deserves our deepest gratitude. On International Day of the Midwife, lets celebrate the invaluable role and positive impact they make every day in the lives of countless families. THANK YOU, NHS Grampian Midwives!*”

Hospital specialist palliative care service – 2024 in review The infographic below has been prepared by the hospital specialist palliative care team to highlight the work undertaken in 2024. For further information about the service, email gram.palliativecareteam@nhs.scot or call Ext 54001

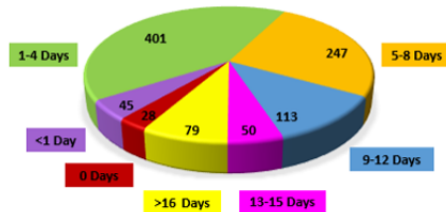
Overview of Referrals to Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Services 2024

The Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team are based at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary providing expert clinical advice, support and education across acute hospital teams, delivering high quality personalised care to patients with complex palliative care needs, their families and carers, irrespective of diagnosis.

Total Number of Referrals 2024 = 943 Referral Numbers 5 Year Trend



Length of HSPCT Input (days)



Where Referrals Come From

General Medicine 21.7%

Oncology 21.39%

Others 17.55%

General Surgery 13.4%

Respiratory 6.54%

Gastro-intestinal 6.33%

Haematology 4.15%

Renal 2.91%

Urology 2.8%

Vascular 1.77%

Geriatrics 1.45%

Roxburghe House Assessments and Transfers

116 Roxburghe House Referrals

102 Patients Transferred

32 Same Day Transfers

34 Transfers within 24 hrs

Other Key Aspects of Service

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Education – formal and Informal
Quality Improvement
Clinical Placements

Further information about HSPCT Services can be sought from the HSPCT: Telephone Ext 54001 or Email: gram.palliativecareteam@nhs.scot

Grampian Wellbeing Festival This year's wellbeing festival is now underway, with events taking place across Grampian throughout May. Follow this link: [Grampian Wellbeing Festival](#) to find festival programmes for Aberdeen city, Aberdeenshire and Moray and an amazing variety of organisations from across each area offering free access to take part in activities to promote positive mental wellbeing. All you need to do is decide which of the events you would like to try and check if you need to sign up or drop in to take part. Not all activities are in person so you can choose from online options too.

That was the week that was

Monday 28 – World Hand Hygiene Day, proper battery disposal procedure

Tuesday 29 – what to do in a fire emergency, iMatter team confirmation underway

Wednesday 30 – Clinical Applications System replacement, Loop rollout postponed

Thursday 1 – car parking at Foresterhill – next steps, update on Portfolio Review

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STAR Award Bravo to Lloyd Clark, Highly Specialist Clinical Physiologist, who was recently presented with a STAR Award in recognition of his trip to Gilbert Bain Hospital, where he performed an EEG test on a patient who could not be brought to ARI. If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Tune of the day Duncan Vickers, part of the healthcare chaplaincy team, makes today's first request and it's safe to say his tongue is firmly in his cheek! Duncan has put together a programme of talks to mark Demystifying Death week next week ([you can check this out here](#)); he's asked for [Enter Sandman](#) by Metallica ('if I die before I wake...').

In other news, Pauline Reid, team lead of the district nursing team based at Foresterhill Health Centre, completed the London Marathon last weekend. She was raising funds for VICTA, a charity for visually impaired children. The whole team are so proud of her and have requested [Girl On Fire](#) by Alicia Keys

The end of another working week is in sight. If you're set to savour a three-day weekend, enjoy. For all those keeping the show on the road, 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