

# Daily Brief...



Wednesday 20 August 2025

**'Flu vaccination programme – call for peer vaccinators'** This year's 'flu vaccination programme will begin in a matter of weeks. 'Flu had a significant impact at the start of 2025, in our hospitals and in our communities. We want to make protecting yourself as simple as possible by expanding peer-to-peer vaccination. If you are a registered healthcare professional e.g., nurse, midwife, AHP, or pharmacist, you could be a peer vaccinator. Fill in this form to express your interest: [Peer to Peer Vaccination - Expression of Interest](#) There is a short training package – approximately 3.5 hours – to complete.

All NHS Scotland staff, along with those social care workers who have direct patient/client contact, will be offered a free 'flu vaccination. As a reminder, there will be **no** offer of COVID-19 vaccination to NHS or social care staff in this year's programme, as per JCVI recommendations.

**ICYMI - corridor closure, ARI** The 'glass corridor' on Level 1 in ARI, linking the Yellow Zone and Purple Zone, will be closed for three weeks from Monday 1 September. This is to allow for replacement flooring to be fitted. There will be no access whatsoever; the diversion will be via the Green Zone/Robertson Family Roof Garden corridor. Signage will be in place and the volunteer team will be supporting with wayfinding. We apologise for any inconvenience and encourage you to make colleagues and patients aware of this upcoming closure.

**Non-medical prescribing conference – programme published** Further to our recent save the date, [we are pleased to share the programme](#) for the upcoming non-medical prescribing conference, taking place on 30 September and 1 October, via Teams. Links to book each session are within the document and will take you to Turas. If you experience issues booking via Turas, please contact [gram.acateam@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.acateam@nhs.scot) for assistance.

Booking closes on Friday 26 September at 12 noon. Joining links for each individual session will be emailed to all who are booked on Monday 29 September, so please keep an eye on your emails!

**New guidance – faltering growth** New guidance has been published for health visitors and family nurses to support and manage faltering growth in infants. It is available via this link: [Faltering Growth.pdf](#) or by searching 'Faltering Growth' on Grampian Guidance.

**Tackling poverty & inequalities 2025** We are working with Aberdeenshire Council and the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) to host this online event on Tuesday 16 September, between 10am-12noon. The event will cover the 'Worrying About Money?' resource, how to reduce stigma and discrimination, and hear from those with lived experience. The event is free; to register, follow this link: [Tackling poverty and inequalities 2025 Tickets, Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#) or search 'Tackling poverty and inequalities 2025' on Eventbrite.

## Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- **What's the difference between a manager's referral and self-referral to Occupational Health Service (OHS) and when should you use either?** Join us for expert advice for managers on how to get the best out of the referral process. Our OHS colleagues will provide an informative upskilling session next Tuesday (26 August), 2-3pm. The Managers' Development Forum runs as a monthly virtual space on Microsoft Teams where current and aspiring managers come together to build effective teams; develop confident management skills and stay informed and skilled on key management topics: follow [this link to join the forum](#).
- **Partial Retirement Session** Spaces remain available for this session on Wednesday 27 August, between 9.30-11.30am. Perfect for those looking to gain a better understanding of their options for partial retirement (draw down) and other pension flexibilities for 1995 scheme members. To book, please click the following link. [NHS Partial Retirement \(Draw Down\) | Turas | Learn](#)

For more information or to raise any queries, please contact the team via [gram.wcd@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.wcd@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Aberdeenshire Adult Mental Health would like to say a fond farewell to Kathleen Beattie who is retiring from her post as Peripatetic Medical Secretary after many, many years within the service and since she joined Grampian Health Board in 1984! Kathleen will be greatly missed by all her colleagues past and present, and the wider mental health services family, who would like to wish her a long and happy retirement. They've asked for [So Long, Farewell](#) to mark the occasion (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)