

Daily Brief...



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NHS vehicles – check it before you drive it Every motorist has a legal responsibility to ensure any vehicle they use is safe and roadworthy before starting their journey. Before driving any NHS vehicle, a walk-round check must be completed each time. This includes checks of tyres, lights, mirrors, windows, windscreen wipers, fluid levels, number plates, and any visible signs of damage or defects.

Driving a vehicle that is not roadworthy is a criminal offence. Responsibility for the condition of the vehicle rests with the driver at the time of use, regardless of who owns the vehicle or who drove it previously. If you identify a defect during your walk-round check, do not drive the vehicle until the issue has been reported to a supervisor and assessed. Further information on checks and the proper procedures to be followed is available [via this link to the light vehicle drivers' handbook](#). A separate guide is available for those who drive LGVs in their work role.

Remember: No Check. No Drive. Your safety, your responsibility, your licence.

Repairs complete – DGH production kitchen The catering service from the DGH production kitchen is returning to normal following extensive repairs on the chiller system. All community hospitals will return to the normal patient menu from today. We will also be able to offer the usual range of Level 4 and Level 5 meals and Level 4 snacks. We can only apologise for the delay and thank areas for bearing with us during our contingency measures.

Updates to transmission-based precautions (TBPs) - two weeks to go The Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs) guidance within the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM) are being updated, coming into effect on Monday 3 August. Historically, transmission routes have been described as contact/droplet/airborne. From 3 August, transmission routes will instead be described as contact transmission or air transmission. This revised approach is intended to provide greater clarity and support you in applying risk-based precautions consistently, appropriately, and in line with the evidence base. In addition, Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs) will no longer be referred to within the guidance.

TBPs remain an essential component of infection prevention and control, helping to protect you, your patients, visitors, and the wider healthcare environment from the transmission of infection. Information sessions are taking place daily and you're encouraged to attend and hear the latest; [you can find the dates and Teams invites by following this link](#). In addition, a toolbox talk is available via the same link.

Training – issuing overlabelled medication – more dates added Pharmacy are providing training in issuing overlabelled medication in ARI this week. This training is for staff nurses, qualified for a minimum of 6 months, in areas which stock, or are going to stock, overlabelled medications only. Please check with your SCN if this applies to you. The training will take place in the small teaching room, Level 5, ARI Green Zone as follows:

- Today (Monday) at 12 noon
- Tuesday 21 July, at 2.30pm and 3.30pm
- Wednesday 22 July, at 11am and 11.30am
- Thursday 23 July, at 2.30pm and 3.30pm
- Friday 24 July, at 11am and 11.30am

Each session will last approximately 20 minutes; no booking required, just come along.

Non-medical prescribing conference We are pleased to share the final programme for this upcoming event, taking place on 22 & 23 September via Teams. [Simply follow this link to see the sessions on offer](#); it's 'pick and mix' so you can book to attend those you are most interested in or are most relevant to your area of practise. If you experience issues booking via Turas, please contact gram.acateam@nhs.scot for assistance.

Booking closes on Thursday 17 September at 12 noon. Joining links for each individual session will be emailed to all who are booked on approx. 24 hours prior to the session, so please keep an eye on your emails!

Pause for thought For today to be a good day, what do you need to do?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day It's a busy start to another working week! Katriona Campbell leaves the prosthetic and orthotics service at Woodend today, after 22 years with the team. She's dedicating her request of The Rembrandts and [I'll Be There For You](#) to her colleagues, describing them as the best she has ever worked with.

Ellie Rendall is a popular girl, as I've had a couple of requests to mark her 21st birthday today. Her colleagues in the medical secretaries admin team (AKA The Chip Girls) and her aunt Alison (part of the eRostering team) have both been in touch to wish her all the very best. For Ellie on her big day, here's James Blunt and [You're Beautiful](#) (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