

# Daily Brief...



Tuesday 20 May 2025

**iMatter 2025 now underway** Exciting news! The iMatter survey for 2025 is officially open – your voice matters! You should have already received your invitation to participate, and perhaps some of you have already shared your valuable feedback. Interim Chief Executive, Adam Coldwells, has a personal [message for you in this video](#), encouraging everyone to complete the survey and help shape a better experience for all of us at NHS Grampian. The more colleagues who participate, the more accurate a reflection we'll have of everyone's experiences at work, making the feedback even more impactful. Don't miss the chance to contribute – the survey closes on Monday 9 June. If you haven't received your invitation, please get in touch with us at [gram.imatter@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.imatter@nhs.scot) so we can ensure you're included.

**Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 - new SharePoint site launched** The Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act took effect on 1 April 2024. A new SharePoint site has been developed locally to help facilitate and enable teams across the organisation understand the requirements within the legislation and their roles and responsibilities. It includes an overview of each of the duties within the Act, useful links and learning resources, as well as information on our reporting requirements. The first Annual Report on our compliance against the Act was endorsed by Grampian NHS Board in April 2025, prior to its submission to Scottish Government.

A summary version of the Annual Report was developed to be shared widely with our colleagues and citizens, to support communication of key achievements, challenges and areas of focus for NHS Grampian in the first year of implementation and beyond. This summary and other key information on the Act can be accessed via the new Intranet homepage or alternatively via the following link: [Health and Care Staffing Act \(HCSA\)](#)

**Loop progress report** Loop, the new app version of Employee OnLine launched last week for use by staff in Optima eRostered units and NMAHP bank workers. We're delighted to say we now have over 2600 users signed up in Grampian- thank you for acting so quickly. If you need some initial support to use Loop, [this Sharepoint page is available](#) (networked devices only) or you can check out this introductory video on YouTube: [Loop - signing up on the app](#). There are links in the description box to lots of other helpful videos too. If you would prefer to get face to face support, the eRostering team will be at the following locations this week:

- Wednesday 21 May – **Royal Cornhill** library, 9.30am-12noon; **ARI** medical lecture theatre, 1.30-4.30pm; **AMH**, MacGillivray tutorial room 4, 10am-2pm
- Thursday 22 May – **AMH**, MacGillivray tutorial room 4, 10am-12pm; **RACH** main entrance, 1-4.30pm; **ARI**, Pink Zone cafe, 9am-2pm, Staff Space (former board room), 9am-2pm, medical lecture theatre, 9.30am-12pm AND 1.30-4pm
- Friday 23 May – **Woodend**, at Aroma Cafe, 10am-4pm

**Post reg/Top Up Degree funding now available** 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 on Monday 9 June. Further information can be found on the Practice Education Intranet page [Practice Education Funding Opportunities](#) (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)

**Coeliac Awareness Month** Each May, charities and clinicians work to raise awareness of coeliac disease. It's an autoimmune condition which affects 1 in every 100 people in the UK and means the body's immune system attacks its own tissue when gluten is consumed. The only treatment is to remove gluten from your diet completely. There's more information and support available here: [About coeliac disease - Coeliac UK](#)

Did you know, our hospital kitchens at ARI/Royal Cornhill/Woodend are accredited by Coeliac UK to provide gluten-free meals? We are among only a handful of hospitals in the UK to achieve this and the team are working hard to have **all** our kitchens accredited later this year.

**Respiratory MCN evening roadshow event** Registration is now open for the next event in this series, taking place on Tuesday 17 June at The Bank Cafe in Huntly, between 6.30-8.45pm. There will be presentations on asthma reviews in the MART world and assessment & investigation of respiratory symptoms. There will also be a promotional slot from GlaxoSmithKline, sponsors of the event. To register, simply complete this short form: [Grampian Respiratory MCN Evening Roadshow - Tuesday 17th June](#)

**Ticket offer – Gary Barlow** You moved so fast when we shared a link to discounted tickets to see Gary Barlow at P&J Live on Saturday 24 May that the promoter has kindly added some more, [available via this link](#). Following your feedback on previous offers, it appears accessing the ticket site via a personal device is an easier experience. As a reminder, NHS Grampian is not responsible for these offers, and we do not benefit from them.

**Tune of the day** Thanks to John Harrington (clinical assistant in the podiatry team at the Health Village) for his request. Unfortunately, I couldn't track down the specific version of With A Little Help From My Friends he asked for, [so I hope this lovely cover by James Taylor will suffice](#). Regardless of the singer, John wants to remind us all when we work as a team, we can achieve great things (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)