

Daily Brief...



Monday 21 July 2025

New appointment – interim director of improvement Our chair, Alison Evison, and our incoming chief executive, Laura Skaife-Knight, wish to announce a new interim director of improvement – Phil Tydeman - will be joining NHS Grampian, with support from Scottish Government and in response to our Stage 4 escalation status.

Scottish Government has agreed to additional funding for this post for an initial 12-month period. It will help to support the transitional arrangements with changing chief executives and the delivery of the refreshed recovery plan. Phil joins the organisation as of today and will be working on-site from mid-August to help the transitional CEO arrangements be as seamless as possible. Phil will report directly to the chief executive, will be a member of the executive team, and will support the delivery of the recovery plan as a priority.

Car parking at Foresterhill – contractors and courtesy In two weeks, the new registration process for car parking at Foresterhill will open. As a reminder, this will apply to the whole site and any previously issued car parking permits will be void. Check out the briefs from 7 & 15 July for the story so far. This week we are looking at external visitors to the site – typically contractors – and courtesy. We have a small, but extremely hard working, team looking after parking across the whole of the Foresterhill site. They are your NHS colleagues and deserve to be treated with the same level of respect you would expect. Aggressive behaviour towards them will be dealt with as per current policies and procedures.

Onto contractors. We have many people coming on and off our sites, to demonstrate new equipment, facilitate training, and so on. We will continue to take a common-sense approach to managing parking for them. Contractors associated with any large building projects on site are not permitted to park on-site and this is regularly communicated to them.

While on the topic of car parking...

Temporary closure - Lady Helen Parking Centre, Foresterhill Colleagues should be aware there will **no** entrance into the multi storey car park from 10pm on Thursday 31 July. If you are working overnight Thursday into Friday, exit only will be permitted until 10am on Friday 1 August. After that, the car park will be closed until 6am on Monday 4 August, for essential maintenance. There will be no vehicle or pedestrian access. As always, we encourage the use of alternatives like public transport, walking, cycling, etc. Please do not park on the core site as these spaces are needed for patients with limited mobility.

Loop progress report and drop-in opportunity We are now above 80% of users registered to Loop, which is a fantastic achievement. If you were a user of EOL, remember, it has been withdrawn from use and you must sign up to Loop without delay. There will be a drop-in session tomorrow (22 July) in IT Room 015 in the Suttie Centre, between 1-4pm. IT Room 015 is on the ground floor, just cross the atrium diagonally going past the stairs to the green wall and round the corner.

A video guide to signing up for Loop is available on YouTube here: [Loop - signing up on the app](#) and full guidance on Loop [can be found by clicking this link](#) (networked devices only). The need for further sessions will be kept under review by the team, but support can also be requested via the Loop inbox at gram.loopsupport@nhs.scot. Please email from your NHS email address, and include a note of your name, work unit, staff number (if available), and a screenshot or description of the issue you have encountered

Datix surgeries - tomorrow There are two Datix surgeries taking place tomorrow (Tuesday), between 1-1.30pm and 1.30-2pm. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in): [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Pause for thought Instead of asking, ‘Have I worked hard enough to deserve a rest?’, what if we started asking, ‘Have I rested enough to be at my best?’?

Tune of the day Jumoke Ojo, a doctor in the rehab service at Royal Cornhill, gets us started for another working week with [Stop This Train](#) by John Mayer. Jumoke says “It’s a song that speaks deeply about the passage of time, the fear of growing older, and the quiet acceptance that comes with it. It reminds us that while we can’t slow life down or control its pace, we can learn to ride the train of life with acceptance.”

Debbie Dawson, deputy service manager at RACH, is still feeling those Tall Ships vibes, asking for [Sailing](#) by Christopher Cross (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