

Thursday 21 May 2026

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 New UK legislation requiring certain premises and events to take proportionate steps to prepare for and reduce the impact of terrorist incidents has come into effect. Some of our buildings fall within the scope of this legislation. By law we will need to meet new “standard duty” or “enhanced duty” requirements by April 2027. This legislation is sometimes known as ‘Martyn’s Law’ and follows the Manchester Arena attack in 2017.

This work is about ensuring we are appropriately prepared while continuing to support safe and welcoming care environments. Woodend Hospital has been identified as the pilot site. The learning from here will inform a wider roll out. As implementation progresses, teams (or nominated individuals) will be asked to make security plans, review physical measures such as locks, and support overall training requirements.

There will be further updates in the coming months, however, this is a good time to remind everyone of the key security measures we have in place. Make sure ID badges are worn, challenge unknown visitors to your place of work, and make sure all locks are in good working order.

New Cabinet Secretary for Health appointed Angela Constance has been named as the new Cabinet Secretary for Health & Care. [Details on the full cabinet appointed by the First Minister are available via this link.](#)

ICYMI - essential works - ARI busport To allow for essential works, the ARI busport will be closed between midnight tonight (Thursday) and 4am tomorrow (Friday). These works are being carried out overnight to ensure minimal impact on access into the hospital and on bus services. We apologise for any inconvenience.

ARI essential water maintenance – impact on labs The lab team will be offering a reduced service on Sunday (24 May) during maintenance work on the water system. The automated analysers in Clinical Biochemistry and Haematology rely on a stable water supply to operate. To help the team conserve internal water reserves and maintain essential services, please:

- only send critical or urgent samples for testing during this time (7.30am-1.30pm, approx.)
- carefully assess the clinical urgency of each test request and consider whether it can be deferred until after the shutdown

[Further information on the works is available via this link.](#) .

Grampian Stroke multidisciplinary conference There's still time to register for this online event, taking place next Wednesday (27 May), 9.30am-1pm. We have a range of engaging plenary sessions planned, covering topics such as mental imagery, stroke in young people, hyperacute stroke nursing and discharge to assess. [You can view the programme and book your place via this link](#). Questions? Contact gram.mcn@nhs.scot.

NMAHP further study opportunities For NMAHPs interested in either of these advanced study opportunities:

- Clinical Doctorate Programme: Doctor of Nursing / Midwifery / Professional Health Studies @ University of Stirling
- Part-Time PhD Studentship: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) @ Robert Gordon University

There will be an opportunity to attend drop-in sessions on Thursday 28 May and Thursday 23 July 12-1pm to discuss both opportunities. No need to book in advance, [simply follow this joining link to attend either meeting](#). More information on these courses is available on the [intranet via this link](#).

Tracheostomy Care workshop: Know what to do, feel confident doing it Do you care for patients who may arrive from ITU, Neuro, ENT or surgical pathways? Many tracheostomy patients are admitted directly to acute wards from the community or via specialties such as Respiratory, Oncology, Haematology, ENT/Maxillofacial, and Surgical pathways. While some still transfer from ITU or Neurology, a significant proportion now present directly to inpatient areas. This workshop provides the skills and confidence needed to care for them safely, whatever their route of admission. It's ideal for ward nurses, AHPs, newly qualified staff, senior charge nurses, and any staff involved in step-down care. [Find out more the workshop and other tracheostomy training via this Turas link](#).

NHS Grampian Disability Staff Network You are invited to this group's second meeting, taking place on Tuesday 26 May at 1-2.30pm via Teams. If you wish to be added to the Network or join the meeting, please email gram.equalitydiversity@nhs.scot

ARI hosting Scotland's first interactive CPR training kiosk Thanks to the very hard work of our resuscitation team and generous financial support from the NHS Grampian Charity, ARI is now home to Scotland's first interactive CPR training kiosk. The resuscitation team are committed to increasing public awareness of – and skills in – CPR, recognising 80% of out of hospital cardiac arrests happen in the home. The kiosk is based in the main concourse waiting area and a short video guides users through the basics of CPR. [You can read more about this fantastic innovation via this link](#); we encourage you to check it out and test your CPR skills.

Tune of the day The goddess* that is Grace Jones turned 78 on Tuesday. Since I doubt she troubles herself with anything as mundane as dates or calendars, let's celebrate today with [Williams Blood](#)

*In case you're in any doubt about her status, her tour rider often includes a request for 24 oysters, unopened. Grace shucks her own. Icon behaviour (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