

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Priorities progress – all staff briefing Our next all-staff briefing, focusing on progress made against our organisational priorities, will take place on Monday 26 October, 1.30-2pm. All welcome to attend, no need to register, [just use this link to join](#). As usual, these sessions are recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend.

Ask Laura – call for questions We will be recording the next session of Ask Laura in early November and we are looking for your questions? If you've got a query, please send it to gram.communications@nhs.scot. Questions can be asked anonymously, if preferred, just include this in your email.

Clocks going back – system unavailability HEPMA/PSC and CDD will be unavailable on Sunday 25 October between 0.45 and 1.15am due to clock change server updates which may impact medicines administration. Users are advised to print HEPMA MAC and MAP reports in advance for all patients who may need medicines between 0.45 and 2.15am, especially those with regular or stats doses due in these hours.

Annual scheduled disaster recovery test – Emergency Care Summary (ECS) Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD) are undertaking their annual scheduled disaster recovery test of the Emergency Care Summary (ECS) infrastructure TODAY. This exercise is designed to validate disaster recovery arrangements and ensure service continuity can be maintained in the event of a system failure or major incident. The first test window was between 7-9am, there will be a further test between 12-2pm this afternoon. A brief interruption to service may occur during these activities. If you experience a loss of connection to ECS, please log out and log back in to refresh your session. ECS is expected to remain available throughout the testing period. However, you should ensure that appropriate local contingency arrangements are in place, in line with normal operational procedures if required.

Fit testing hub – on the move From this Friday (23 October) the fit testing hub will operate from Foresterhill Health Centre (first floor). When attending for a fit test appointment please enter via the main entrance, there will be signage in place to direct you. Foresterhill Health Centre can be found on the loop road, between the new mortuary and the ONE BioHub building. If you have any difficulty finding it, please contact the team via gram.face-fit-appointment-hub@nhs.scot

Reminder - respiratory MCN Winter webinar Registration is open for the Grampian Respiratory MCN Winter Webinar, which will take place online via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 11 November, from 9am to 12.30pm. This annual event provides an opportunity for healthcare professionals across Grampian to come together for updates, shared learning and discussion on key respiratory topics. The programme and speakers are currently being finalised but will feature a range of topical sessions relevant to respiratory care and winter preparedness. [Please follow this link to secure your place](#) and share the invitation with colleagues who may be interested. For enquiries contact gram.mcn@nhs.scot.

Special offers at our catering outlets The catering team has launched a new baked tattie offer at various outlets and would like to remind everyone that the Orange Zone Cafe remains open after the decision to close it was put on hold. [Follow this link for all the details.](#)

National Emergency Briefing for staff NHS Grampian and the University of Aberdeen have come together to host a screening of the National Emergency Briefing on Wednesday 11 November from 5.45pm in the Suttie Lecture Theatre on the Foresterhill Health Campus. This short 50-minute film outlines what is happening with climate and nature, and what it means for everyday life in the UK. [Follow this link to find out more and register.](#)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Congratulations to colleagues in our breast team who supported a Past, Present and Future awareness evening at Surgeons' Hall Museum in Edinburgh recently. [Follow this link to read a blog about the event.](#)

Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

As the leaves change colour and begin to fall, nature reminds us change is a normal part of every season. Autumn invites us to slow down, let go of what we no longer need, and prepare for the quieter months ahead. Just as trees conserve their energy during winter, we too can take time to rest, reflect and restore. Wellbeing is not about being productive all the time; it is about recognising what we need in each season of our lives and responding with kindness towards ourselves. Our next wellbeing talk, to be held on Thursday 29 October, 2-3pm, will explore Vicarious Trauma, Moral Distress and the Window of Tolerance. [For further information and to register for the talk, please follow this link.](#)

For more information or to raise any queries, please contact the team via gram.wcd@nhs.scot

Tune of the day Tony Mortimer, songwriter and one quarter of East 17, was born on this day in 1971. While I was definitely a Take That girl in my day, I would never deny the pop genius of these London boys. Here's [Deep](#) 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.dailybrief@nhs.scot