

Friday 22 August 2025

Peer vaccinator recruitment Thank you for the interest already in our call for peer vaccinators for this year's 'flu vaccination programme. To be clear, we are **not** seeking expressions of interest from general practice. A primary care peer vaccination programme is being offered this year, but this has already been confirmed with the participating practices.

If you are a registered healthcare professional e.g., nurse, midwife, AHP, or pharmacist, and you are interested in becoming a peer vaccinator, please complete this short form: [Peer to Peer Vaccination - Expression of Interest](#)

Paving the way for the use of AI in lung cancer care Following the success of our Innovation Hub's GRACE project to incorporate AI in the detection of lung cancer, we are now trialling a process that could be embedded in lung cancer care across Scotland. Diagnostic care for lung cancer has improved across Grampian thanks to the use of innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology scanning x-ray images for more than 120 potential issues, and the team is building on these results to inform the roll-out of AI in other areas. All chest x-ray images continue to be manually assessed by radiologists, but the use of Annalise CXR software highlights images that may show signs of lung cancer, so they can be reviewed more urgently. We are working alongside the Accelerated National Innovation Adoption (ANIA) Pathway team on this potentially transformative work. There's more information on this exciting project here: [NHS Grampian paves way for using AI in lung cancer care across Scotland](#)

Windows 11 Upgrade As it's Friday, it's the perfect time for office-based, 9–5 colleagues to kick off their Windows 11 upgrade before heading home. Let it run over the weekend and come back Monday ready to go.

A huge thank you to everyone who has upgraded already; we're sitting at 44% of compatible machines upgraded, a fantastic achievement! We need to keep this pace up, to ensure we meet the deadline and don't incur additional costs for maintaining devices still running Windows 10. If you've been prompted to upgrade and haven't yet done so, please upgrade as soon as possible, unless you have a valid reason not to (e.g., known software/hardware incompatibility listed in the FAQ such as EMIS etc). We're now gradually rolling out a Windows 11 Upgrade shortcut to all desktops and laptops. This allows you to start the upgrade at any time, without waiting for the pop-up notification.

[The FAQ has been updated and is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

£50 or £530? It's a no-brainer! Waste manager Neil Duncan is back on his mission to encourage us all to recycle more. [In this short clip](#), he explains the cost of disposing of recyclable items as clinical waste rather than recycling. It's a lot! Did you know every ton of recycled waste costs £50, whereas every ton of clinical waste costs £530? Teams can make a huge difference by popping items which are non-infectious, including medicine boxes, soft plastics, hard plastics and plastic wrapping, into our mixed recycling bins.

That was the week that was

Monday 18 – Shared Decision-Making facilitator opportunity, call for RACH play service stories

Tuesday 19 – update on Windows 11 rollout, the power of mid-year reviews

Wednesday 20 – call for peer vaccinators for 'flu programme, non-medical prescribing conference

Thursday 21 – Reduced Working Week – your feedback and next steps, specialist gloves and when to use them

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STAR Award We're bang up to date with our confirmed presentations, so consider this your regular reminder that nominating a colleague or team for a STAR award is super simple. All you need to do is complete this short form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

Tune of the day Our first tune today is dedicated to Louise Herron, one of the original team members of AMAU at Dr Gray's Hospital. She's off to pastures new as of today; colleagues say she is a very valued member of the team and will not be forgotten. They've requested [Nothing Compares 2 U](#) and I have, at their suggestion, used P!nk's cover version.

Also bidding farewell is Ally Barron, part of the team at Finlayson Street Surgery in Fraserburgh. He retires today and celebrates his birthday tomorrow (nice timing!) so for him, from all the team, here are The Animals and [We've Gotta Get Out Of This Place](#).

The weekend is almost here. Not a holiday weekend in Scotland (I growl at the radio or TV every time a presenter mentions it) but still an opportunity to pause and recharge. As always, thanks for showing up. It means more than you know (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