

Thursday 22 January 2026

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**Weather update** As shared last night, there is an Amber warning for rain covering parts of Aberdeenshire until 6pm tonight. A wider Yellow warning for rain is in force across Grampian until 11.59pm on Friday and strong winds are forecast today and tomorrow. You can keep up to date with the [latest forecast on the Met Office website](#).

**Pre-election period guidance** There will be an election to the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 7 May. The formal pre-election period begins on 26 March; there is clear guidance provided to NHS bodies, to ensure they remain neutral throughout a campaign. You can read the guidance in full by [following this link](#); however, we wish to highlight the following:

- there should be even-handedness in meeting requests for factual information from individual candidates and those from different political parties
- care should be taken over announcements of decisions made by NHS Bodies to avoid accusations of political controversy or partisanship
- special care should be taken in respect of paid publicity campaigns which should not be open to criticism that they are being undertaken for party political purposes. Care should also be taken in relation to any publications planned by any NHS organisation during the pre-election period for example, pieces of research which may be open to political interpretation
- in carrying out their day-to-day work NHS Bodies should ensure that they do nothing that could reasonably be construed as politically motivated
- it is vital that staff of NHS Bodies exercise care in their day-to-day corporate activities to ensure that they do nothing that could reasonably be regarded as taking a political stance
- Public resources should not be used for party political purposes.

In addition, campaigning is not permitted on NHS premises, political posters should not be displayed in NHS premises, and election or other political meetings should not take place on NHS premises.

**Finalised 'Insertion and Management of Venous Access Devices' policy, bundles, and audit** These documents are now available to view via Grampian Guidance Following a HIS inspection (Oct 2023) the **NHSG Policy**, **VAD bundles** and the **VAD audit tool** have been finalised. These documents can be accessed via Grampian Guidance > Nursing Documentation > Section 4c. Audits should be [uploaded to this electronic audit platform where practical](#). Audit results are available on Illuminate, cascaded locally, and discussed at governance meetings to address compliance and action plans.

**New Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) clinical skills pathway** We are excited to announce the launch of the new CVAD clinical skills pathway. If you care for patients with a CVAD you should [complete this pathway, available via Turas \(log-in required\)](#), to ensure standardised education and competency assessment. Following completion of the online module, you should book a space on a practical CVAD workshop. These will be delivered at various sites across Aberdeen City, 'Shire, and Moray. On completion, you will then be required to download the universal competency document and be signed off within their clinical area.

**Medical Photography unavailable** With apologies for the short notice, please be advised the digital storage system for medical photography (MIM) is scheduled to be updated TODAY between 12.30-1pm. This means images on MIM will not be accessible within TrakCare during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Datix surgeries** The next Datix surgeries will take place on Tuesday (27 January), between 9.30-10am and 10-10.30am. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in) at this link: [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) .

**Sexual Harassment Between Doctors – webinar** Our colleagues at NES have arranged for Professor Ros Searle to deliver a webinar on Wednesday 28 January, 12:45-2pm. Prof Searle will be discussing the research from her new book, 'Sexual Harassment between Doctors'. [Join the webinar by following this link.](#)

**Health Information Week 2026** The Library & Knowledge Service is highlighting trustworthy, easy-to-use health information for the public and for colleagues who signpost. This year's focus areas are children & young people, translated patient information, women's health, mental health, and winter health. [A ready-to-share resource pack can be found by following this link.](#) Please feel free to share with local partners and community contacts. Questions? Please get in touch via [gram.drgrayslibrary@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.drgrayslibrary@nhs.scot)

**Two decades of perioperative medicine for older people** On Monday we will welcome Professor Jugdeep Dhesi, President of the British Geriatrics Society, to Foresterhill to deliver this guest lecture. He will be joined by Dr Judith Partridge, a consultant geriatrician at Guy's & St Thomas in London. The lecture will take place in the Polwarth building auditorium, starting at 12pm. All welcome.

**RGU webinars - NHS staff invitation** Due to unforeseen circumstances, next Wednesday's seminar hosted by the Schools of Pharmacy, Applied Sciences and Public Health, and Health at Robert Gordon University is cancelled. There is an open invite to NHS staff to attend these events; you can find information [on future talks by following this link.](#)

**Tune of the day** Beverly Presly (lead practice educator, Integrated Families Portfolio) keeps the 'sample' vibes going in fine style with her suggestion of [Edge Of Seventeen](#) by Stevie Nicks, who clearly approved of Destiny's Child sampling it for [Bootylicious](#) as she appeared in the video. The question remains, are you ready for this jelly? (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)