

Daily Brief...



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Integration of acute pathways As highlighted in the Daily Brief last month, there are three projects to fully integrate pathways of care for three acute services – endoscopy, cardiology, and orthopaedics. The aim is, at the end of the process, each service will provide safe, sustainable, and consistent care to all people living in Grampian (and beyond for regional pathways).

Overall senior responsible officer, Pam Milliken meets weekly with all of the project leads in each area to map progress. All three projects have clear, yet ambitious, timelines which initially focus on a single waiting list for Grampian by the end of June and then will move on to developing a single service model for Grampian.

There will be direct engagement and involvement opportunities for colleagues in each service over the next few weeks; if you don't work in endoscopy, cardiology, or orthopaedics and would like to know more, please contact the relevant project leads: Cardiology – Louise Pearson, Stuart Stephen, Endoscopy – Cameron Matthew, Louise Pearson, Orthopaedics – Cameron Matthew, Louise Pearson.

System Leaders Meeting, Monday 26 May, 2-4pm These sessions are an opportunity for discussion between the chief executive team and leaders across the system on the key current issues we are facing. There is no hard and fast definition of a system leader; around 500 people are on the invite list, with around 70-90 normally attending. If you think it would be useful for you to attend and you don't have the Teams invite already, then get in touch via gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot, using the subject SYSTEM LEADERS MEETING. Topics planned for the next meeting include the escalation to Stage 4, opportunity to share learning from the first stage of the reduced working week as we plan for the next stage, and an update on our current position regarding RAAC in ARI theatres and planning for ARI CDU. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and further topic suggestions are welcome for this and future meetings.

Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) The Aberdeenshire IJB will meet at 10am next Wednesday to discuss and decide on the outcome of several service reviews. This will include the delivery of in-house Care at Home and Aberdeenshire Responders for Care at Home (ARCH), Learning Disability Day Services, Social Care Transport Policy and Older Adult Activity Hubs in North Aberdeenshire. You can read the papers and find a link to stream the meeting live here: [Agenda for Integration Joint Board on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025, 10.00 am - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Draft Donations & Fundraising policy – consultation underway A draft Donations & Fundraising policy is now out for consultation. [Further information is available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only). Responses should be returned no later than Wednesday 2 July.

Neurodiversity Empowerment Group (NEG) – June meeting Following on from last month's 'Digital Takeover' at the Staff Equalities Network, the NEG are delighted to host part two of this exciting mini-series. Between 2-3pm on 18 June, Chief Digital Officer, Martin Innes will be exploring 'What does AI mean for digital equality?' You can find further information here: [NHS Grampian 'Digital Takeover'](#); to get the joining link, please email gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot

Introduction to Quality Improvement Methodology: This one-day course, aimed at senior staff, introduces QI methodology for those wishing to use it for improvement themselves and enable supervision of others who are using it. The course run by Steve Stott, Consultant in Critical Care, takes place on Thursday 19 June, at the Suttie Centre, from 9am-4pm. To enquire about this course and to book, please contact gram.qiat@nhs.scot with the subject 'Introduction to Quality Improvement Methodology'.

Grampian Research Conference The 10th Grampian Research Conference, entitled "Breaking Traditional Disciplinary Boundaries" will take place on 27 & 28 June at P&J Live in Aberdeen. This event will incorporate the NHS Research Scotland Reproductive Health & Childbirth and University of Aberdeen Interdisciplinary Institute event. Registration is free, but you must be signed up by 1 June: [simply complete this form](#).

Major obesity conference coming to Aberdeen The UK Congress on Obesity (UKCO) is coming to P&J Live in Aberdeen on 10 & 11 September. UKCO is the flagship event for the UK Association for the Study of Obesity. The landscape of obesity prevention and management is rapidly changing, and UKCO 2025 brings together the latest scientific research and patient perspectives on current issues. More information and registration details here: [UK Congress on Obesity \(UKCO\) 2025 - The Association for the Study of Obesity](#) We want to make a particular mention of our local colleagues who are part of the organising committee for this event, including Dr Kevin Deans who is serving as co-chair.

Grampian Wellbeing Festival There's just over a week left of this year's wellbeing festival, with events taking place across Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City. Follow this link: [Grampian Wellbeing Festival](#) to view the festival programmes, listing free activities to promote positive mental wellbeing.

Tune of the day Aoife and Tara (both OTs in ARI) make today's request, dedicated to friend and colleague Siobhan. She'll be at the start line of the Edinburgh marathon this weekend in aid of the ARCHIE Foundation. Wishing her, and all other runners the best of luck. So proud of you! For Siobhan, it's Survivor and [Eye Of The Tiger](#) (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