

Daily Brief...



Tuesday 23 June 2026

Update on Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) diagnostic work As colleagues know, we asked Healthcare Improvement Scotland to work with us to support the work we have started internally to strengthen clinical governance arrangements across NHS Grampian and in turn further improve quality and safety for our patients. We are now in week 3 of this 8-week programme.

One-to-ones with staff and engagement sessions with services are ongoing. Those who have met with members of the expert team supporting this work describe the process as collaborative, helping to build a clear, shared understanding of what is working well and where there are opportunities to improve.

The team is spending time at DGH and ARI talking with teams to build a detailed picture of how services are organised, decisions are made, and current governance arrangements (including clinical governance) operate in practice.

As an executive team, we meet with the team for regular updates, so that any emerging themes can be shared, which is welcome. External input, both support and challenge, alongside our own internal improvement work, is a really important feature of our continuous improvement journey.

Throughout this process, our focus remains firmly on delivering safe, effective, and compassionate care for the people we serve. Thank you to everyone who has already engaged with the team and supported their work, which will only help us to improve further. Your participation is vital in helping us learn, improve, and move forward together.

Laura Skaife-Knight, chief executive; June Brown, executive nurse director; Hugh Farrow Bishop, medical director; Geraldine Fraser, chief officer, acute; Paul Bachoo, acute medical director; June Barnard, acute nurse director

All-staff briefing Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's briefing. As usual, it was recorded for the benefit of colleagues unable to attend; [you can catch up via this link](#).

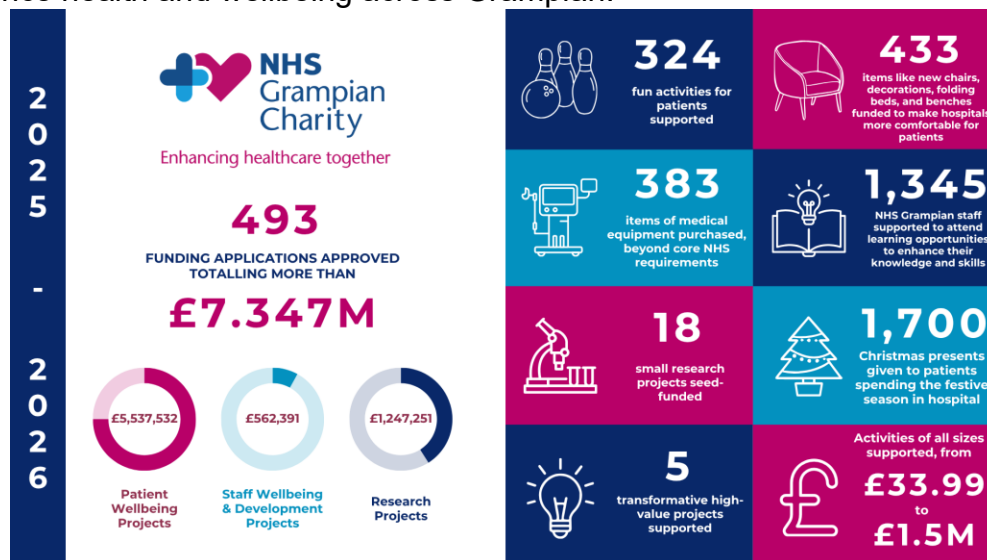
Essential works - ARI main entrance/busport To allow for essential works, the front doors to ARI at the busport will be CLOSED from 8pm on Tuesday 30 June. Access will still be available via the side (ambulance) doors until 10pm, after that, public access into the hospital is via the Emergency Department only, as per usual arrangements.

The works will also require the closure of the busport itself from 8pm. Local bus companies are aware and will make stops on Foresterhill Road instead. Work is scheduled to be completed by 5am on Wednesday 1 July. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Save the Date – GAPF development event The aim of this annual event is to promote, support and enhance Partnership working by developing networks and building relationships via an in-person event, ensuring there are opportunities for interaction, communication and development. This year's event will take place on Thursday 17 September, 9am-4pm, at Curl Aberdeen. More information will be shared closer to the time, for now, please get the date in your diary.

NHSG consultant elected Association of Laboratory Medicine president Our congratulations to Dr Kevin Deans, consultant in clinical biochemistry, on his election as president of the Association of Laboratory Medicine. Dr Deans will serve a year as president-elect before taking up his post formally at the association's AGM in June 2027. This is a prestigious and influential role, reflecting Kevin's outstanding professional leadership, expertise, and commitment to advancing laboratory medicine.

NHS Grampian Charity Did you know the NHS Grampian Charity awarded almost £7.4 million to nearly 500 projects across Grampian last year? At our AGM yesterday, we reflected on another busy and inspiring year supporting projects and activities in hospitals and communities across Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray. None of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of our supporters, or the staff who apply for funding and bring these projects to life. Thank you for helping us continue to enhance health and wellbeing across Grampian!



Tune of the day Today's first request goes out to Brenda Munro, team administrator for the nursing teams at Foresterhill Health Centre. She's off to a new role at Albyn Hospital and it's safe to say she will be very much missed. Colleagues have collectively requested [End Of The Road](#) by Boyz II Men.

Meanwhile, Tracy Burnett (service administrator at the Health Village) is celebrating 40 years with the NHS today. Number 1 on the day she started? [Edge of Heaven](#). A banger then, a banger now (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