

Daily Brief...



Monday 24 August 2026

Internal Audit Findings – reminders for managers and budget holders A recent internal audit identified several opportunities to strengthen existing financial controls. Please take a moment to consider the following:

- **Delegated authority** – Are your approval limits up to date and aligned with the current Operational Scheme of Delegation?
- **PECOS compliance** – Are you raising all purchases electronically through PECOS before goods or services are ordered?
- **Supporting documentation** – Are all relevant quotations, approvals, business cases and supporting documents being uploaded to the PECOS order to provide a complete audit trail?

To further strengthen controls, a revised process is now in place to ensure that purchase orders are only reassigned to another approver where written approval has been obtained and the alternative approver holds the same or a higher delegated approval level. Timely approval of workforce changes is also important. Managers are reminded to authorise changes to grades, hours and contractual arrangements in eESS as soon as they are known and to update the Workforce System promptly to ensure payroll, workforce, and financial information remains accurate.

ICYMI – paediatric surgery at Dr Gray’s Hospital In Friday’s brief we shared a statement from clinical leadership on the pause on paediatric surgery at DGH. If you’ve not had a chance to read it, you can do so [by following this link](#).

Every Penny Counts - online ideas sessions this week The Value and Sustainability team has started a 20-week plan to develop the 2027/28 savings plan, due to be submitted to Scottish Government by December 2026. As part of this, they are hosting a series of sessions to get your ideas. The next session takes place TODAY, 5-5.30pm. [No need to book, just use this link to join](#). There will be a further session on Thursday, 2-2.30pm.

There is also an online form, available 24/7, for you to submit your ideas. [All the information you need is available via this intranet link](#).

All-staff briefing August’s rescheduled all-staff briefing session will take place next Monday, 31 August, between 11-11.30am. These half-hour sessions give you the chance to hear the very latest on what’s happening across the organisation. You can submit questions in advance (anonymously, if preferred) by emailing gram.communications@nhs.scot These sessions are recorded and a link shared in this brief for those unable to attend. [No need to book, simply use this joining link](#).

Dragon Medical Workflow Manager - essential maintenance update Users of Dragon are advised that essential maintenance work will take place from 5pm on Wednesday (26 August) until 12pm on Thursday (27 August). During this period the system will be unavailable. This work is required to replace a legacy Dragon component that will cease to function at the beginning of September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience while this essential work is carried out.

Catering supplier tasting event You are invited to attend a drop-in catering supplier tasting event on Thursday (27 August), 11am-1pm, in the ARI Pink Zone cafe. This event will bring together current and prospective catering suppliers, offering the opportunity to sample food and beverage products and learn how suppliers are supporting NHS Grampian. The event will highlight how collaboration with suppliers supports the delivery of nutritious, sustainable and high-quality food services for patients, staff and visitors. We hope to see you there!

Use Ketamine? Stop & Think A range of resources are now available to help people understand the risks linked to ketamine use, how to reduce harm, and where to access support. These include posters, social media graphics and video content designed for use across a variety of platforms and audiences. We encourage staff to share these with partners and to download or order printed copies for display in spaces accessed by patients and service users. [To order, simply follow this link.](#)

Take a Pause with VBRP® - today Join our "open to all" small group VBRP® session today (24 August) in Room 209, Suttie Centre, 1pm-2pm to get a taste of a group VBRP® session in action. Open to all staff; just turn up for a 1pm start or for more information contact june.gordon@nhs.scot or gram.vbrp@nhs.scot

Pause for thought What would your younger self tell you today, and what from that might you bring into who you are now?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day IT support engineer Kelly Sumner sent me a list of colourful tunes to choose from, but it was game over the second I saw [Pretty In Pink](#) by The Psychedelic Furs. What better start to another working week? (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