

Daily Brief...



Tuesday 24 February 2026

Public Audit Committee A Section 22 report was prepared by the Auditor General for Scotland last year, following our 2024/25 audit. As part of that reporting, Our Chair, Alison Evison, along with Laura Skaife-Knight (chief executive), and Alex Stephen (director of finance) will appear before the Scottish Parliament's Public Audit Committee on Wednesday (25 February). Representatives of NHS Ayrshire & Arran, who were also the subject of a Section 22 report, will also be in attendance.

As has been shared in this brief, we can point to many improvements, including reducing our longest wait patients and remaining on track to deliver our financial and savings plans for the year. This committee appearance is an opportunity to describe the progress we are making as we near the end of 2025/26. The Public Audit Committee meeting will begin at 9.30am. The agenda and papers are [available via this link](#).

World Cup holiday You will be aware Monday 15 June has been designated a national bank holiday, marking the Scotland men's team's participation in the World Cup. As this is an addition to the standard set of eight public holidays for NHS Scotland, it is subject to discussion by the national terms and conditions group. We will share further updates as they are available.

Healthcare support worker (HCSW) application and interview prep sessions Are you a current NHS Grampian employee or bank worker interested in a substantive HCSW role and looking for some support with the application and interview process? The practice education team run prep sessions and have added an extra date on Tuesday 3 March, 11am-12pm. [To book, follow this Turas link \(log-in required\)](#).

Update on secondary care hubs The secondary care hubs will continue to carry out weight and height checks for nephrology and diabetic patients. If any other service areas require their patients to have checks such as weight, height or blood pressure, these must be requested through the Green Hub request process.

NoS Adult MTC trauma education session – this Thursday The next adult trauma education session will take place on Thursday (26 February) between 12-1pm, on Teams. The topic is 'Trauma calls and *Tough calls* in the Trauma Unit', presented by Dr Alan Grant. No need to book, simply [use this link to join the meeting](#).

Grampian Commercial Research Delivery Centre A short life working group has been formed to decide on how to spend the ring-fenced infrastructure funds to promote commercial clinical trials across the Grampian Commercial Research Delivery Centre. If you have an idea that requires funding, please contact gram.vpag@nhs.scot before 1 March 2026.

Fundamentals of skilled practice in dementia This is a 2-day training programme, developed by NES to meet identified gaps in dementia training. It is open to members of the health and social care workforce – nurses, AHPs, medics, healthcare support workers – who have a direct role in dementia care. It will take place at AMH (MacGillivray Conference Room) on the following dates:

- 26 and 27 March
- 21 and 22 May

This is an in-person training, and you must be able to attend both dates e.g., 26 **and** 27 March. Please note refreshments/lunch are not provided. [Further information is available on Turas via this link](#); to book a place, please email gram.demedu@nhs.scot

ICYMI - D's 4 Dragons and More: Lunchtime Conversation with Anita Govan Join us for a special Book Blether session with Anita Govan, an acclaimed neurodivergent spoken-word poet, producer, and teaching artist. Anita will share her journey through art and life, including how her later-life neurodivergent diagnoses have shaped her creative practice. The session will feature her poetry, storytelling and an opportunity for questions.

This event will take place on Teams on Thursday 5 March, between 1-2pm. To register and receive the link, please email cornhill.library@nhs.scot. This event is delivered by NHS Grampian Libraries and the Staff Equalities Network, in partnership with Scottish Book Trust and NHS Grampian Charity.

NHS Grampian Charity Did you know the NHS Grampian Charity is unable to fund any projects or activities retrospectively? This means it cannot support any project or activity where a financial commitment has already been made.

If you are applying to the charity for funds, please make sure you do not make any financial commitments until you have received your charity approval (GCA) number. The charity cannot pay any invoices dated before this number is issued. You can find out more about the types of activities the charity can and cannot support [via this intranet link](#).

Tune of the day Love is in the air...James Bowen (central rostering) and his best beloved Lynda (neonatal nurse) celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary today. They met while both working at an American summer camp in 1998 and the rest, as they say, is history. For James and Lynda, with all our love and congratulations, [Somebody](#) by Depeche Mode (their first dance...) (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