

# Daily Brief...



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**Good financial governance – procuring well** When procuring products and/or services the detailed guidance which you must follow is available here: [Non Pay Spend & Governance](#). Our Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) also cover this in Sections 9 & 10. The SFIs are available to read on both the intranet: [Financial Governance](#) and on our public website: [nhsq-standing-financial-instructions.pdf](#)

One of the key procurement and financial controls we have in place is a policy of 'no purchase order, no payment'. If you are responsible for procurement activity, remember we **only** pay for goods or services where the order is supported by a valid contractual agreement and/or a valid purchase order. This control also protects our organisation from the significant risk of procurement fraud.

The Procurement team continue to apply a number of non-pay spend control measures and identify savings opportunities. Requisitioners and budget holders are asked to carefully consider all purchases and only place orders for goods and services which are essential. There is a lot of further information on the new procurement section of the [intranet](#) but please do contact us to discuss your specific requirements - [gram.procurement@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.procurement@nhs.scot)

**EOL – now CLOSED** As you will be aware from previous updates, as of yesterday (23 June) Employee Online (EOL) is now no longer available in NHS Grampian. eRostered staff and bank workers who have not already signed up for its replacement – Loop – should do so without delay.

A video guide to signing up for Loop is available on YouTube here: [Loop - signing up on the app](#) and full guidance on Loop can be found [on the intranet via this link](#) (networked devices only). There will be more onsite support sessions available, please watch out for further updates on this with details. Meantime, please email your queries to [gram.loopsupport@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.loopsupport@nhs.scot)

**ICYMI - pressure ulcers/moisture associated skin damage – Datix pilot** During July, the tissue viability and podiatry teams are going to be testing the integration of 'Red Day Review Forms' on Datix. These are specifically for reports of pressure ulcers or moisture associated skin damage. If you have any queries, contact [gram.tissueviabilityeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.tissueviabilityeducation@nhs.scot)

**Local poster exhibit opportunity** Colleagues are invited to contribute a poster for exhibit at the Innovate Medtech North on 3 July. This innovation event at ONE BioHub on the Foresterhill site is being delivered in collaboration with Techscaler, ONE Life Sciences, TayMed Connect, Robert Gordon University, University of Aberdeen and NHS North of Scotland Innovation Hub. It will bring together MedTech founders, clinicians, researchers and investors. If you would like to submit a poster for inclusion, please email [info@onebiohub.com](mailto:info@onebiohub.com) before 3 July. There is no need for your poster to focus on medical technology specifically; all examples of excellent work across the NHS, including those from other conferences including the NHS Scotland event, are welcome.

**NHS Grampian Charity** Did you know the NHS Grampian Charity legally cannot provide funding to support projects or activities which are core or statutory? The charity exists to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Grampian by enhancing the services of the health board – not by replacing core responsibilities. Is there an enhancement you would like to make to your area? Visit our intranet page to find out how you can apply for funding: [NHS Grampian Charity intranet page](#).

**Tune of the day** Simon Winstanley (payroll) gets us started today. He had tickets to see The Cranberries back in 2017 when the concert was cancelled due to illness. Sadly, lead singer Dolores O’Riordan passed away the following year and the group disbanded. To mark what could have been and possibly reflecting his state of mind as he gets ready for a 24-hour endurance challenge, he’s asked for [Zombie](#).

We’re saying cheerio to Rosemary Murray, who retires after 30 years with the NHS, the last 17 with the newborn hearing screening service. Kirsten and all the team say she’s a real workhorse and her banter will be very much missed. For ‘their Rose’ here’s [Rose Garden](#) by Lynn Anderson (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)