

# Daily Brief...



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**First Minister visit to ARI** A huge thank-you to all the teams who took part in yesterday's visit to ARI by the First Minister, John Swinney. Mr Swinney learned more about our innovative approach to using AI, as well as meeting the teams responsible for frailty care and the Hospital@Home service. We were also able to include a visit to the Suttie Art Space and a meeting with the GHAT team, highlighting that healing and recovery takes many forms.

**Early authorisation deadline for bank shifts** Please note that the deadline for bank shifts to be authorised in SSTS or finalised in Optima this week will be **7am tomorrow (Wednesday)**, instead of the usual midday deadline. We apologise for the short notice and appreciate your support in meeting this earlier cut-off.

**Ask Laura – call for questions** The next episode of Ask Laura will be filmed shortly; this is your chance to put your question to the chief executive. Questions should be sent to [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot), remembering to state if you wish to be anonymous.

**Grampian Respiratory MCN 2026 professional conference 2026** Registration is now open for this year's conference which will take place on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at the Aberdeen Altens Hotel. As always, the event will emphasise networking, share challenges and successes, and feature a diverse range of educational talks and interactive workshops. Interested? [Follow this Eventbrite link](#) to see the full programme and book your slot.

**Save the Date – primary/secondary care adverse events forum** The next event in this series will take place on Wednesday 20 May 2026, from 12.30-2pm on Teams. The purpose of this forum is to provide a safe supportive space to discuss clinically important events spanning primary and secondary care. The aim is to foster a better understanding of the respective challenges we face, to identify learning from areas of concern and good practice and to consider, and potentially introduce, changes to our systems that might lead to improvements for patients and staff.

For joining instructions, or to put forward a case for consideration as a topic at a future meeting, please email [hazem.youssef@nhs.scot](mailto:hazem.youssef@nhs.scot) or [linda.downie@nhs.scot](mailto:linda.downie@nhs.scot) Taking part in these activities is recognised for CPD and Clinical Governance purposes.

**Eid al-Fitr celebration menu** There is a special menu on offer in the Orange and Pink Zone cafes today, to mark Eid al-Fitr. £6 will get you lentil and chickpea harira, lamb meatballs or falafel, and spiced cous-cous. Bon appetit!

**Awards success x2** We are delighted to share some recent awards success, highlighting the diversity of what we do here in Grampian. Firstly, Kerry Anderson, a nurse consultant in learning disability, along with her NHS Lothian colleague Scott Taylor, won the UK British Journal of Nursing 'RNLD' category at an awards event in London last Friday. Kerry and Scott co-chair the Scottish learning disability nurse leads group and have led some fantastic work in this field. Congratulations Kerry and Scott!

Secondly, Grampian Hospital Radio took home FIVE of the eight awards they were nominated for at the Hospital Broadcasting Awards. Entirely volunteer run, the station provides a vital service for patients, and we could not be more pleased for them!

**NHS Grampian Charity** Did you know you can apply to NHS Grampian Charity for funding to support non-core projects and activities which enhance the health and wellbeing of your patients? The charity accepts funding applications for activities across three broad themes: Patient Wellbeing, Staff Wellbeing & Development, and Research & Development. You can find more information about the types of activities the charity can and cannot fund [by following this link to its fund guidance](#).

**Tune of the day** 40 years ago today, Van Halen released their seventh studio album 5150. Here they are in all their permed glory with [Dreams](#) – time to screw your face up! (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)