

Friday 25 July 2025

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**HIV, Stigma, and You** While newly diagnosed infections are reducing, HIV related stigma remains a significant barrier within health and care settings. NHS Education for Scotland have adapted local work to create the HIV, Stigma, and You e-learning module, [available via this link](#). Participants will be better informed about HIV and be able to work in a person-centred, anti-discriminatory way, with those with the virus or at risk of it.

**World IVF Day** This is an opportunity to show our appreciation of our embryologists and andrologists at Aberdeen Fertility Centre and around the world. The level of skill, precision, dedication and care that is showcased has helped people globally. Between 1991 and 2021, there were over 390,000 births because of Fertility treatment. 52,500 patients having in vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment at Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) licensed fertility centres in the UK in 2022 alone!

**GHAT 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition** The Grampian Hospitals Art Trust is marking 40 years of healing through art this year. As part of the celebrations a special exhibition is taking at the iconic Bon Accord (Uptown) Baths in Aberdeen. Between 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday, you can see a range of pieces from GHAT's collection, some of which have not been on display for years. Entry is free, but donations to support the restoration of the Baths are welcome.

**Paediatric occupational therapy - visit to Aroma Cairngorm** The paediatric occupational therapy team run a pre-secondary group for children who may require additional support transitioning from primary to secondary school after the summer. For one of their activities, the children leave the OT department in RACH and visit Aroma Cairngorm. This enables them to practice some of their skills. This year's students undertook their visit yesterday and really enjoyed it. The OT team have asked us to use this brief to pass on their thanks to all the Aroma Cairngorm team for their support, which is very much appreciated!

## That was the week that was

Monday 21 – interim director of improvement appointed, planned closure of Foresterhill multi-storey car park

Tuesday 22 – equality & diversity toolbox talks, labs – do you need a paper report?

Wednesday 23 – Think Before You Throw waste campaign, transport support from THInC

Thursday 24 – Stage 4 escalation update, blood donation clinics at Aberdeen Vaccination & Wellbeing Hub

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**STAR Award** After a bit of a break, we now have a lovely long list of award recipients to share! Without further ado, we tip our hats to Dave Morton Sutherland & Carl Christopher, both part of the grounds team and jointly nominated for working their magic on Kildrummy Garden. Congratulations also to Jackie Low, acute Learning Disability nurse advisor, nominated for her focus on the comfort of carers required to stay overnight with patients. Finally – for now – the AMH theatre trauma & recovery team received a STAR award for their phenomenal hard work during an extremely busy period. Bravo, everyone! Do you want to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award? All you need to do is complete this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#) to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award.

**Ticket offer – Beyond Van Gogh** Discounted tickets to the immersive Van Gogh exhibition at P&J Live [are available by clicking this link](#). Tickets are available for showings from today until the exhibit closes on Sunday 10 August, but they are limited. Following your feedback on previous offers for this venue, it appears accessing the ticket site via a personal device is an easier experience. As a reminder, NHS Grampian is not responsible for these offers and we do not benefit from them.

**Tune of the day** The Tall Ships certainly inspired you, request-wise, this week, so to wrap that up, Susan Jensen suggests [Barrett's Privateers](#) by Stan Rogers and Simon Winstanley puts forward Enya and [Orinoco Flow](#). And finally, for no reason whatsoever (looks to camera), here are The Presidents Of The United States of America and [Peaches](#).

It's been a heck of a week. As we move towards the weekend, I hope you get some time to do whatever it is that brings you joy. Thank you (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)