

Daily Brief...



Wednesday 25 March 2026

Update from Chief Executive Team Here is the summary of this week's meeting of the Chief Executive Team (CET).

| Matters of concern or key risks to escalate | Major Actions Commissioned/ Work Underway |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information Governance (IG): Sustained pressure within the IG function was acknowledged as a key constraint with plans to address the backlog presented. Prioritisation work to be incorporated into ongoing review of project management resource.Operational Improvement Plan: Scottish Government funding allocation for 26/27 supporting planned and unscheduled care improvement activity was highlighted as a potential riskHealth and Safety: Need for improved oversight around RIDDOR was acknowledged. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthening Clinical governance: Targeted engagement with senior clinical leaders to establish a clear baseline of current governance arrangements to support development of an action plan for improvement.Rebalancing the Bed Base: Further development of proposals for acute bed reconfiguration at ARI, including workforce implications and alignment with available funding. |
| Positive Assurances to Provide | Decisions made |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Immediate operational pressures are being managed alongside longer-term improvement work, with patient safety being the overriding priority. Positive improvements to report re: fewer 8/12-hour breaches, 30% reduction in General Medicine boards since the start of this year. We have reduced corridor care. Back in January we were averaging around 35-38 beds in use each day with a peak of 43. This has gradually come down and we are now at 23-25 (Monday at 20), there are more beds. the number patients waiting for a bed in ED at 08:00 each morning has come | |

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| down from an average of 12-14 to 8-9 each day). We have closed 5 general surgery wards to boarders. | |
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Chair and Chief Executive – reflections on 2025/26 In case you missed the letter written by Laura Skaife-Knight and Alison, shared via Global email yesterday, [it's available to read on the intranet by following this link](#).

Spring forward clock change impacts HEPMA/PSC and CDD will be unavailable this Sunday (29 March) from 00:45 to 02:15 BST due to clock change server updates. This will create a missing hour in the charting period which may impact medicines administration. Please print HEPMA MAC and MAP reports in advance for all patients who may need medicines between 0.45-2.15am, especially those with regular or stats doses due in these hours.

When HEPMA is accessible after down time, nursing teams should chart any as required medicines given, recording the time they were given to ensure the last dose of administration presented to the clinical teams on HEPMA is correct and to prevent early administrations or overdoses in error. Unless the system downtime is longer than expected, there should not be any requirement to chart regular medicines over this period as these should all have been moved to the appropriate BST time.

New Public Protection training page now live on Turas This updated resource brings together all Public Protection learning in one place, providing a clearer and more accessible structure to help you stay up to date with your training requirements.

The site hosts three dedicated areas: Public Protection, Adult Support and Protection, and Child Protection. Content has been fully aligned to the Safeguarding Children and Young People & Children and Young People in Care: Competencies for Healthcare Staff (2025) and the Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff (2024) ensuring our training reflects current national expectations and supports consistent, evidence-based practice.

This platform replaces all legacy child protection and adult protection training guides. Please access the refreshed pages for up-to-date modules, guidance, and learning expectations dependent on role and level of training needed. [To explore the new page, simply follow this link](#) (log-in required) and ensure you remain compliant with your Public Protection training requirements.

Sewing room closure - annual stock take The ARI sewing room will be closed to all on Thursday 26 March & Friday 27 March, due to the annual stock take. The sewing room will be back open Monday 30 March at 7.30am for fittings and collections.

Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug support and information website relaunch The Aberdeenshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP) has re-launched their website to provide comprehensive information about alcohol and drug support available across Aberdeenshire. To check out the new website, [simply follow this link](#). The Aberdeenshire ADP will also be working to promote advice, services, support and information about harm reduction through their Facebook page; just search Aberdeenshire ADP on Facebook.

Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- **Leading for the Future – information sessions** If you're a senior leader (Band 8a+ or equivalent) and considering applying for the Leading for the Future programme, why not come along to a virtual drop-in session? Find out whether this programme is the right one for you, simply follow the link to the more convenient date: [Friday 27 March, 12-12:30pm](#) or [Wednesday 15 April 3.30-4pm](#). Applications close on Friday 24 April; [there's more information available via this link](#).
- **Understanding Your Resilience** These 90-minute sessions offer space to reflect on own resilience, as a personal and dynamic capacity for change. [Booking is via this Turas link, log-in required](#).
- **Confident Presenting** Transform how you feel about presenting with our practical, confidence-boosting session designed to help you manage nerves and deliver with clarity and impact. [Booking is via this Turas link, log-in required](#).
- **ICYMI - Wellbeing Talk- Men in Mind Takeover** This will take place this Thursday (26 March) 2-3pm. All welcome, there's more [information available via this link](#).

For more information on any of these items or to raise any queries, please contact the team via gram.wcd@nhs.scot

Tune of the day For Wednesday, some Prince, because why not? Please enjoy [The Cross](#) (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