

Friday 25 September 2026

Staff 'flu vaccination A big thank you to everyone who has already taken up the offer of free 'flu vaccination. Nearly 30,000 jabs have been administered, across the programme, since it started on 8 September. This is a superb achievement and puts us as the second highest health board in Scotland.

Dedicated staff clinics, for appointments and drop-ins, will be on offer next week at Aberdeen City Vaccination and Wellbeing Hub in the Bon Accord Centre. All clinics in Aberdeenshire – Banff, Peterhead, Inverurie, Stonehaven, Banchory, Huntly, and Fraserburgh – are open for staff drop-ins, though please be aware you may have a wait at busy times. If preferred, you can book an appointment [at any vaccination centre in Grampian by following this link](#).

A 'flu vaccination is offered to all NHS staff, along with social care staff who have direct client contact, every year. We encourage everyone to take up the offer to protect you, your families and colleagues, and the people you care for.

Improving our approach to adverse event reviews We are improving our approach to Level 1 adverse event reviews. New tools, processes, and support arrangements will be introduced and tested to help ensure reviews are timely, meaningful, and centred on the needs of patients, families and you as staff. Find out what is changing and how improvement will be measured, [by following this link](#). If you would like to be actively involved in shaping this work, then please email gram.qiat@nhs.scot. You can find out more information on our approach to Adverse Events and Level 1 reviews including training, tools and templates [via this link to the dedicated QIAT intranet page](#).

Understanding the latest drug death statistics: implications for Aberdeen The National Records of Scotland has published 2025 drug-related death figures on Wednesday. On Wednesday 30 September, between 1-2pm, a webinar will provide an overview of the national and local picture, highlight key trends and emerging issues, and explore what the data may mean for services, partners, and communities across Aberdeen. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. The session will be recorded and available afterwards if you can't attend in person. [You can register via this link](#).

Research related seminars available The School of Pharmacy, Applied Sciences and Public Health & School of Health at Robert Gordon University (RGU) hold weekly seminars every Wednesday from 12-1pm via Teams. [The details of the next set of seminars can be found via this link](#), just scroll down to 'Forthcoming Courses'. There are a range of speakers covering a variety of topics, the sessions are engaging and informative. This collaboration with RGU and the NMAHP Research Network provides a great opportunity for local nurses, midwives, and AHPs to access a wide range of speakers discussing different areas of research practice.

Additional vaccination records now available in MyCare.scot MyCare.scot provides access to health and social care information in one secure place. People aged 18 and over across Scotland can use MyCare.scot on the web or the new downloadable mobile app to view some personal details, medications and allergies, Covid and flu vaccinations, and local health and wellbeing services. As of 10 September, people registered with MyCare.scot are also able to view additional vaccination records within the service. These newly available records include:

- Shingles
- Pneumococcal
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- MenB (Meningococcal B)

This update expands the vaccination information available to users and reflects records held by NHS Scotland.

Staff discounts – don't miss out We occasionally share ticket offers in this brief, but did you know there's a whole section of the intranet dedicated to staff discounts? Just click on the Your Space button on the homepage [or follow this link \(networked devices only\)](#). One of our latest offerings is from SpinLab table tennis centre, recently opened in Aberdeen.

That was the week that was

Monday 21 – national safety alert – patient hoists and slings, retirement processes and timelines

Tuesday 22 – ward stock/use of patient provisions, sharps-related adverse events analysis

Wednesday 23 – appropriate use of sanctuary spaces, Microsoft Publisher to be retired

Thursday 24 – Executive team weekly report, Invest to Save scheme

All briefs are stored online, [just click this link](#) or visit Working with Us>HR Portal>NHSG Staff Daily Briefs on the NHS Grampian website.

STAR Award Congratulations to the entire team on Skene Ward at Royal Cornhill on their recent STAR Award presentation. They were recognised for the kindness, patience and warmth shown to everyone and the person-centred environment for patients and families they have created. Every effort is made to help people maintain their dignity, individuality, and sense of self, from supporting personal choices to providing thoughtful wellbeing activities. Well done Team Skene! If you know a team, or individual, STAR, making a nomination couldn't be easier. All you need to do is complete the short form [available via this link](#).

Tune of the day How do you sum up a legend? I'm going to give it a go...HR service centre head Lorraine Hunter retires today after 46 years of service. She moved to the bright lights of Aberdeen from Macduff in 1980 to take up a job in payroll she freely admits her dad made her apply for, thinking she'd 'give it five years'. Between now and then, she's packed in a lot and what Lorraine doesn't know about the intricacies of HR systems and procedures, frankly, ain't worth knowing. I know she is going to be very much missed, but she leaves with all our very best wishes! Colleagues in the HR service centre have requested [Red Light Spells Danger](#) by Billy Ocean. Look out world (or maybe just golf courses), here she comes!

I'm a few days behind here, but it was confirmed earlier this week that Angry Anderson had died. For those of us of a certain vintage (i.e., me) he soundtracked **the** event of the century, when Scott Robinson wed Charlene Mitchell in Neighbours. In tribute, here's [Suddenly](#).

Next Thursday is national poetry day, so as always, we're after your poems for this slot. The theme this year is 'wonder' but all requests welcome.

It's a public holiday weekend – huzzah! If you're getting the break, enjoy it. If you're working through, thank you for keeping the show on the road (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.dailybrief@nhs.scot