

Wednesday 26 August 2026

Cabinet Secretary visit to Dr Gray's Hospital We were pleased to welcome Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care to Dr Gray's yesterday. During the visit, she met SAS colleagues as well as members of the team in the emergency department and on Ward 3. After the visit, Ms Constance said: *"Following the temporary suspension of paediatric surgery last week, I have shared my concerns and sought urgent assurances from NHS Grampian that the necessary improvements are being progressed at pace and that services will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so."*

"Patient safety must always come first and whilst NHS Grampian carries out its review of paediatric surgery at Dr Gray's Hospital, I expect the Board to liaise with any affected patients and their families. I also expect that the local community be kept updated of any changes to services at the earliest possible opportunity, as I recognise the frustrations caused by last week's announcement."

"Regarding obstetrics, I am clear that services must be returned to Dr Gray's to ensure women in Moray receive full, safe, local care and support to meet their needs throughout pregnancy, birth and the weeks which follow."

In response, Laura Skaife-Knight said: *"Our people are at the heart of Dr Gray's Hospital. By investing in their skills, expanding the workforce and providing the facilities and equipment they need, we are strengthening services today while building firm foundations for the future."*

"We are grateful to the Scottish Government for its continuing support and investment in NHS Grampian services. This partnership is helping us to invest in the people, infrastructure and services needed to deliver high-quality care in Moray and across Grampian."

Finance and procurement resources – a reminder The Finance and Procurement intranet pages provide guidance, tools and resources to support you to manage public funds and comply with our policies and procedures. Whether you are managing a budget, raising a purchase order, approving expenditure or seeking procurement advice, [the intranet site available via this link](#) should be your first point of reference.

Please remember your responsibilities under the Standing Financial Instructions, [available via this link](#). If you are unsure about any financial or procurement matter, please seek advice from your line manager, Finance Manager or the Procurement Team before committing the organisation to expenditure. Remember: Check the guidance, confirm your authority, and seek advice if needed.

Sectra PACS – successful implementation We made the move to Sectra PACS last weekend; thanks to all colleagues involved for such a smooth implementation. Further information for users of this system [can be found via this intranet link](#).

Complaints Linked to Adverse Event Reviews (Level 1 and Level 2 Reviews) Where complaints are linked to an AER/Level 1 or Level 2 review, they should not routinely remain open solely because it remains in progress. Where appropriate, complainants should be contacted to discuss how their concerns are being addressed through the review process, provided with a named point of contact, and supported using the agreed communication templates. Template letters for both Level 1 and Level 2 reviews are available within Datix.

If you are currently managing a complaint linked to a Level 1 or Level 2 review, please ensure you are familiar with the agreed approach and available template correspondence. If you have any questions regarding complaints linked to Adverse Event Reviews, or the use of the associated template letters, please contact the Complaints and Feedback Service via gram.nhsgrampianfeedback@nhs.scot

Reminder - Dragon Medical Workflow Manager - essential maintenance start today Users of Dragon are advised that essential maintenance work will take place from 5pm this evening until 12pm tomorrow (Thursday). During this period the system will be unavailable. This work is required to replace a legacy Dragon component that will cease to function at the beginning of September. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience while this essential work is carried out.

Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- As we settle back into routines after the summer, it's worth checking in with one of the simplest wellbeing habits: taking regular breaks. When we're busy, it can feel productive to work through lunch or move from one task to the next without stopping. However, breaks are not a luxury, they're an important part of maintaining our wellbeing, concentration and energy throughout the day. Following last week's theme, taking your break isn't just good practice, it's an important part of protecting your health, wellbeing, and ability to provide safe, effective care. Short breaks can help improve concentration, reduce fatigue, and support overall wellbeing. Is it time to review your boundaries? Returning from leave is a good opportunity to reset healthy boundaries. Protect your breaks, prioritise workload, and remember that wellbeing is part of performance.

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 Today we celebrate the life of Dolly Rebecca Parton Dean, who has left the stage for the final time. Multi-award-winning singer/songwriter, actress, philanthropist, and ally in all senses of the word. She might have donated \$1M to research which led to the Moderna COVID vaccine, or made sure millions of children in the US and UK developed a love of reading via her Imagination Library, but she never took herself too seriously; remember, it costs a lot to look this cheap. Choose your Dolly mood for this morning; will it be [Jolene](#)? Or [Coat Of Many Colors](#)? Perhaps [I Will Always Love You](#). Or indeed, alongside Kenny Rogers with [Islands In The Stream](#). We'll not soon see her likes again (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