

# Daily Brief...



Monday 26 May 2025

**Clostridioides difficile (C.Diff) - change to monthly reports** The IPC surveillance team are changing the way they report *C. Diff* figures. New reports will include **ALL laboratory confirmed** samples. Previously the team only reported cases which fulfilled the epidemiological case definition of *C. Diff* infection (CDI). As such, some areas may see their infection rates increase. Not all these samples will necessarily reflect *C. diff* infection (CDI), and each laboratory confirmed sample will continue to require clinical assessment to determine antimicrobial management as per current guidance. This, more comprehensive, reporting will provide a holistic view on what is happening locally.

Further information has been shared with clinical and management leads and will be cascaded as required. Please contact the IPCN for your area, the clinical advice line (53249) or [gram.ipctsurveillance@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipctsurveillance@nhs.scot) if you have any questions.

**ICYMI - switch to second class postage for all outgoing mail** Remember, from next Monday (2 June), all our outgoing external mail must be sent second class. Teams/services with significant mail requirements must now plan their mailings on a 2–3-day delivery window. There are no exceptions to this policy.

**May payday arrangements** Electronic payslips (ePayslip) will be released on this Wednesday (28 May), with May monthly payday on Friday 30 May. Information concerning ePayslips can be found here (networked devices only) - [Pages - Self-Service \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://pages.self-service.scot.nhs.uk)

**Moving & Handling Awareness Day - poster Campaign** The National Back Exchange has released a series of posters to support Moving & Handling Awareness Day, taking place this Thursday (29 May). These highlight key facts about safe handling practices, including the impact on health, wellbeing, and workplace safety. [You can view and download the posters here](#); why not display them in your work area and use them to spark conversations about best practice? Let's work together to promote safer, healthier working environments.

**Loop: in-person support sessions** Over 50% of users in NHS Grampian have now switched from EOL to Loop. If you need some initial support to use Loop, [this Sharepoint page is available](#) (networked devices only) or you can check out this introductory video on YouTube: [Loop - signing up on the app](#). There are links in the description box to lots of other helpful videos too. If you would prefer to get face to face support, the eRostering team will be at the following locations this week:

- Tuesday 27 May – Day room, Summers ward, Peterhead Community Hospital, 10am-2pm
- Wednesday 28 May – Inverurie Health & Care Hub, 9.30am-12.30pm AND Conference Room, Bennachie View care home, 1-4pm
- Thursday 29 May – Medical Lecture Theatre, ARI, 10am-4pm
- Friday 30 May - Woodend, at Aroma Cafe, 11am-1.30pm

**Aberdeenshire parents & carers insight session - 'Consent Matters'** Aberdeenshire Child Protection committee and Rape Crisis Grampian will jointly present this webinar on Wednesday 11 June, between 6-7.30pm. It will cover the law around consent, both in-person and online, including issues related to pornography and intimate images. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of consent, including implied consent. You'll also earn effective responses to disclosures, including practical "Dos and Don'ts" and self-care strategies. [You can register by clicking on this link.](#)

**Did You Know...NHS Grampian Charity campaign** If you're based at Foresterhill, you may have spotted the charity's new signage in the multi-storey car park and ARO level 1 corridor to highlight its 'Did You Know' campaign - an awareness raising and fundraising campaign which will be spreading across Grampian in the coming months. They are going to be visiting wards and departments across ARI today and tomorrow to meet with staff, answer your questions about the charity, and share information packs. They will also be holding a drop-in tomorrow (Tuesday) between 12-2pm in the staff rest area (former board room) so come along to find out more about the charity - no need to book, just show up.

**Free Zumba at the Suttie Centre** A reminder there is a free Zumba class tonight and every Monday in the Suttie Centre (Room 217), Foresterhill, 6.15-7.15pm. More information here: [Pages - Zumba](#) (networked devices only). No need to book, just turn up! Queries to [gram.sports@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.sports@nhs.scot)

**Pause for thought** Imagine if, when reading a book, there was no option to turn back the page - how carefully would you read the book? What will you do now?

**Tune of the day** It took 35 years, 120 minutes, and \*ahem\* penalties, but the Scottish Cup is back at Pittodrie! The win guarantees we'll be singing a [European Song](#) well into the autumn.

Ebonny Dixon, part of the surgical practice education team, celebrated a BIG birthday last week. Since she took the week off to mark the occasion (fair), her colleagues have saved their request for her return today. Ebonny has an eclectic taste in music but [BOOP by Nelly Cottoy](#) is one of her favourites. I'd never heard it before, but it'll work its way into your brain real quick...(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)