

Tuesday 26 May 2026

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**Fire safety – a reminder** While the weekend fire on the Foresterhill site was successfully contained and thankfully didn't impact on the services we provide, it, and the recent fire at Westholme, is a timely reminder fire has the potential to cause significant disruption and in the worst cases to devastate lives and buildings.

Prevention is vital, which is where our fire safety e-learning comes into play. It is essential that colleagues keep this training up to date. More generally, everyone should be vigilant to the risks of fire and carry out practical evacuation drills and tabletop exercises to ensure everyone knows their role during a real fire.

Further information including how often this training should be completed can be found within the Fire Safety training home page [available via this Turas link](#). Further fire safety support is also available by contacting [gram.firesafety@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.firesafety@nhs.scot)

**HIS commissioned to undertake 8-week diagnostic review** We have asked the team at Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) to work with us on an eight-week diagnostic review to further strengthen safety and quality across our services. The first phase of this work will begin at Dr Gray's Hospital, while also considering how care is delivered across wider pathways and services across NHS Grampian.

A full update from Laura Skaife-Knight and executive colleagues [is available via this intranet link](#).

**Recycling rate hits new high** We recorded our best ever recycling rate in April, hitting 52.7% - a brilliant start to the new financial year. Thank to you everyone who has played their part by segregating waste properly. There's still more we need to do to get recyclable materials out of Orange and Black bags but well done on such a fantastic start to 26/27.

**Gypsy Traveller action planning workshop** Following completion of a Health Needs Assessment, the Gypsy Traveller working group is planning a workshop to develop a collaborative action plan. The session will take place in-person (venue TBC) on 22 June, 9.30am-12pm. Colleagues are invited to discuss how we can use the findings to shape focused work with Gypsy Traveller communities. If you are interested in attending, [please follow this link to complete the registration form](#). You'll be asked to include your area of work to allow organisers to better tailor the workshop.

Further information, including a summary of the Health Needs Assessment, [is available via this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact Evie McGhee ([eveline.mcghee@nhs.scot](mailto:eveline.mcghee@nhs.scot)) or Elaine McConnachie ([elaine.mconnachie@nhs.scot](mailto:elaine.mconnachie@nhs.scot))

**RGU/NoSCAR seminar series** Unfortunately the seminar due to take place tomorrow (27 May) has been cancelled. The next session is on Wednesday 3 June, between 12-1pm. It is entitled “A qualitative study of the perceptions of pharmacy educators regarding how the teaching, learning and assessment of antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) should be incorporated into the undergraduate pharmacy curriculum in the United Kingdom”. [Further information and the Teams invite are available via this link.](#)

**Innovate MedTech North 2026** This event will take place at ONE Bio Hub (Foresterhill) on Thursday 25 June, 9am-3.15pm. Participants will hear directly from companies taking innovation all the way to market, get honest and tailored feedback on their own ideas from a panel of expert advisors, and sit in on a Techscaler fireside covering what investors are looking for right now. The sessions are structured, the networking is genuine, and the room will be full of the right people. Sound interesting? You can register [by following this link.](#)

**Young people and vaccines** YouthLink Scotland was commissioned by Public Health Scotland to explore why some young people are missing from vaccine services. Their research saw more than 800 young people share their views; [you can read the final report by following this link.](#)

**NHS Grampian Charity** The NHS Grampian Charity funds a broad range of research projects which aim to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Grampian. The charity holds more than 40 dedicated research funds across various disciplines and medical conditions including cancer, diabetes, gastroenterology, stroke and trauma. We work closely with researchers from NHS Grampian, the University of Aberdeen, Robert Gordon University, and other institutions, to keep Grampian at the forefront of innovation. Want to find out more about how to apply for funding for a research project? [Follow this link to the charity's intranet page to find out more.](#)

**Tune of the day** After more than 40 years of dedicated service within medical records and clinical coding, Lorna Morgan retires today. Colleagues, led by Andrew Blight, have been in touch to thank Lorna for her significant contribution and wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement - she will be greatly missed. They've requested Michael Bubl  and [Feeling Good](#)

Agnieszka Dudzik takes up a new position in the pathology laboratory today; all her colleagues in haematology wish her all the very best and have requested [Horrors Of Pathology](#) by Lipoma. Watch your volume on this one... (EP)

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