

Daily Brief...



Monday 27 July 2026

Updates to transmission-based precautions (TBPs) - one week to go Daily information sessions continue to take place in advance of an update to the National Infection Prevention & Control Manual (NIPCM), taking effect next Monday (3 August). From that date transmission routes will be described as contact transmission or air transmission, rather than contact/droplet/airborne. To attend an information session, [simply follow this link to see the times available and the joining links](#). You can also find a helpful toolbox talk via that link.

The updated guidance will also introduce respiratory categories (R1, R2, R3) which help form the basis of a risk assessment to support healthcare workers in selecting the most appropriate mask or respiratory protective equipment (RPE) when delivering care to individuals with suspected or confirmed respiratory pathogens. Staff must undergo a successful face fit test before wearing any tight-fitting respiratory protective equipment (RPE). Each time RPE is donned, a fit check must be performed.

iMatter 2026 – have you agreed your action plan? Completing an iMatter survey is only half the story; teams need to read and reflect on their reports and develop an action plan in response. You only need to identify one thing you will commit to as a team over the coming months, with the aim of improving the workplace experience for all. Action plans should be submitted by 12noon on Monday 17 August; remember, your action doesn't need to be complete by then, but you do need a plan in place.

Staffing update – Dr Gray's Hospital Lucy McLeod will begin a secondment as general manager at DGH on Monday 17 August. This follows confirmation Alasdair Pattinson is undertaking his own secondment as Senior Responsible Officer in the North East System Transformation Group.

Migraine Trust international symposium This prestigious event takes place in Glasgow, 3-5 September; the first time it has taken place outside London. Our local headache team will be providing some of the teaching sessions and the event has options for both clinicians and the general public. For more information and booking forms, [please follow this intranet link](#).

Advanced School on Chest MRI – 15-17 September The University of Aberdeen is hosting an Advanced School on Chest MRI in September, aimed at clinicians, radiographers and MR physicists. This event will explore key challenges and emerging directions in lung imaging, from fundamental physiology to cutting-edge developments in MRI across field strengths. Further information, including the programme and registration details, [can be found by following this link](#).

Pause for thought What have you learnt in the last week? What does that tell you, and what will you do now?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day Country singer Bobbie Gentry celebrates her birthday today; she's something of a mystery, having retired completely and disappeared from public view more than 40 years ago. Also a mystery? Her best-known song, [Ode To Billie Joe](#) (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