

Daily Brief...



Friday 28 August 2026

MenB vaccination - don't leave it to the last minute! The MenB vaccine is being offered to older teenagers and new students under 25. It requires 2 doses, 4 weeks apart. If you've got potentially eligible young people at home, appointments are available **right now**. To check eligibility and book appointments, please visit grampianvax.com/menb. If your young person is going elsewhere in Scotland (or the UK) for university, they can get their first dose locally and their second anywhere else in the UK.

Blood glucose meter training The final ARI training sessions for these new devices will take place on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday next week. [Please follow this intranet link for further information](#).

Research Capacity and Culture Tool (RCCT) Survey All nurses, midwives, and AHPS (NMAHPs) are invited [to complete the survey available via this link](#), to help us continue to develop the most appropriate research support structures and activities for them. Whether you consider yourself to be 'research active' or not, your views matter.

The survey has the support of the Executive Nurse Director and AHP Director. It has been ethically approved by Robert Gordon University's School of Health Research Ethics Committee (Ref SHS/26/19) and registered as a service evaluation with the local QIAT team.

Engagement 101 – 'Why you should be engaging with patients every day and how to get started' This relaxed and informal session has been designed by our Public Involvement Team as an introduction to patient and service user engagement. The session will be of interest to those who may be new to engagement or interested to find out more so they can make a difference in the service they work in.

It offers colleagues a 'whistle stop tour' through engagement good practice to demystify what is involved and provide you with some simple next steps for how to get started. September and November dates now available, [please use this Turas link \(log-in required\) to secure your place](#).

Sharing HOPE at the Clinical Board The HOPE Collaborative brings together our person-centred and relational approaches across Grampian, including Getting it Right for Everyone (GIRFE), Realistic Medicine, Trauma-Informed Practice, and Putting People First. Attendees at the September Clinical Board will hear about a project using the Liberated Method approach to better understand the experiences of people with substance use issues who frequently use emergency care services, to understand the experiences of staff supporting them, and to test practical ways of improving how services and partners work together. If you aren't an attendee at Clinical Board, [please follow this link](#) to view the HOPE resource pack, or contact gram.HOPE@nhs.scot.

Research advisory opportunity The Grampian Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC), one of 21 set up across the UK, is inviting expressions of interest from staff with chief or principal investigator experience to join an advisory panel to support the Director. The expected commitment is 1.5 hours per month for 12 months, which can be reimbursed. Interested staff should email gram.vpag@nhs.scot by 25 September.

The King's Birthday Honours Nominations are being sought by Scottish Government for the 2027 King's Birthday Honours. If you know a colleague worthy of an honour, please contact us (in confidence) via gram.communications@nhs.scot. Nominees should not be told their name is being put forward.

That was the week that was

Monday 24 – reminders for managers and budget holders, Use Ketamine? Stop and Think

Tuesday 25 – NHS Grampian Charity – update on funding for staff wellbeing and development, preventing salary overpayments

Wednesday 26 – Cabinet Secretary visit to DGH, finance and procurement resources

Thursday 27 – planned maintenance closure of Foresterhill multi-storey car park, keeping waste secure

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STAR Award Congratulations to Lorna and Alisdair on receiving a joint STAR Award in recognition of their outstanding leadership, professionalism, and support during a challenging period for their ward and team. Their dedication to patients and colleagues, along with their calm and supportive approach, made a significant positive difference and helped ensure the team continued to provide high-quality care. 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 Audrey Fraser, part of the team at the Forres Treatment and Care Hub, retires today; colleagues say she will be a huge miss and want to send her on her way with a tune from her beloved Queen. What else but [Don't Stop Me Now](#)?

Kirsty Shearer, NRS Cancer Research Network north and east manager, has asked for a bit of Bon Jovi and [Livin' On A Prayer](#), going out to everyone heading to Murrayfield to see them tonight.

Viki Rafferty, part of the Community Mental Health, Learning Disabilities & Substance Misuse Service, wraps up our colour tunes with her request of early noughties banger [Pretty Green Eyes](#).

We've needed the colourful tunes this week, as it's been a grey one literally and metaphorically. Have a weekend, folks. We've earned it (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