

Daily Brief...



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World Hepatitis Day Each year, more than a million people lose their lives to hepatitis and the number of deaths is rising. But why? We have fast and accurate tests, effective and affordable treatments, and a proven vaccine that could prevent 95% of newborns from getting hepatitis B. Low awareness, misinformation, myths, and stigma are stopping people from accessing hepatitis services. Today is World Hepatitis Day, aimed at tackling these issues. An estimated 39,000 people across Scotland are chronically affected by hepatitis C – with just under half not yet aware of their infection. Available data suggests hepatitis B affects approximately 9000 people in Scotland, with more than half unaware of their infection. There's lots more information on testing and treatment on the intranet here (networked devices only).

New booking system for interpreter request via ARI General Office (acute sector only) As part of our ongoing work on Value and Sustainability, analysis of interpreter usage in the acute sector suggests costs may be reduced by using Language Line (telephone interpreting) instead of a face-to-face interpreter. However, in some clinical settings and with exceptional circumstances, telephone interpreting does not replace the use of face-to-face interpreter. Effective immediately, please use this form: [Face-to-Face Interpretation Request \(Acute Sector\)](#) to request an interpreter.

For same day urgent requests, please email gram.interpreterbooking@nhs.scot

Replacement of the guest Wi-Fi service Due to a change of service provider, the free guest Wi-Fi service provided in NHS Grampian buildings has changed name. The new guest Wi-Fi network, named *NHSG Guest*, replaces the previous *Aberdeen-city-connect* service and is available now. To ensure a smooth transition, both services will run in parallel until Wednesday 6 August. From now on any guests and patients asking for guest Wi-Fi, should be informed to use *NHSG Guest*. The new *NHSG Guest* service, is managed by the Digital Directorate in partnership with BT, utilising the national SWAN (Scottish Wide Area Network) framework. The service remains free to use and only requires acceptance of BT's terms and conditions upon initial connection.

Lady Helen Parking Centre – we only get one shot Over the last three weeks we have been sharing updates in the run up to the opening of the new Foresterhill car parking registration process. We now have **one week** to go. This work has been prompted partly by the temporary variation in planning permission for the Lady Helen Parking Centre. We must all remember this is, in 'NHS-speak', a test of change. If, at the end of the two-year test, planners are not satisfied we can share the multi-storey car park, without detriment to patients and visitors, they have the power to enforce the original planning permission. This would mean **no staff usage** of this facility. We need to work together. This means following the registration process, only using Level 6 and above, supporting the colleagues managing car parking, and challenging those you work with who aren't sticking to the parking rules, anywhere on site.

July payday arrangements Electronic payslips (ePayslip) will be released tomorrow (29 July), with July monthly payday on Thursday (31 July). Information concerning ePayslips can be found here (networked devices only) - [Pages - Self-Service \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://scot.nhs.uk/Pages-Self-Service) As previously confirmed, colleagues on Agenda for Change contracts will receive arrears (from 1 April 2025) in this salary.

Adult Support & Protection (ASP) Training update The Grampian ASP Learning & Development Group are pleased to announce the third issue of their quarterly newsletter - GrASP Insights. This provides up to date information about ASP developments, locally and nationally, and includes the Grampian ASP Training Catalogue as well as lots of useful links, updates and learning opportunities.

[The newsletter can be accessed via this link](#) (networked devices only); if you want it sent direct to your inbox, then subscribe here: [Subscribe to GrASP Insights](#)

Pause for thought Angela N. Blount wrote: “*Sometimes the most scenic roads in life are the detours you don’t mean to take*”. Where, if you allowed it, might the journey take you next, and what scenery might you enjoy along the way?

Each Monday’s pause is taken from the previous week’s Guided Journaling sessions. Kirsten Clark, team lead for the newborn hearing screening service, has asked us to share her feedback on these sessions: “*I have found it to be a power tool which has helped me process my thoughts, gain clarity and have a more positive mind set. Guided journaling has become an essential part of my self-care, and I highly recommend it to everyone!*” Guided Journaling sessions take place weekly on Teams and can be booked via this Turas link (log-in required): [Guided Journaling Session | Turas | Learn](#)

Tune of the day Belated birthday wishes to Phil Chalmers in the Digital/Telecoms team, who my spies tell me hit a BIG number last week. [In The Midnight Hour](#) by Wilson Pickett was a hit the year he was born, so I’ll leave you to work that one out for yourselves...

The Women’s Euros reached their climax last night; congratulations to England, commiserations to Spain. Penalties are a thrilling way to win a game and an awful way to lose it. As ABBA correctly pointed out [The Winner Takes It All](#) (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