

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Organisational priorities – all-staff briefing – today! You are invited to attend a 30-minute briefing at 2pm this afternoon, to hear the latest on progress against our organisational priorities. No need to book, [simply follow this link to join](#).

Value & Sustainability - Every Penny Counts In just a few weeks work on our savings plans for 2027/28 will get underway. Starting early will give us the time required to develop a robust programme to share with Scottish Government by the end of this year. As always, your input is crucial, which is why we are relaunching 'Every Penny Counts'. This is a simple form which enables you to submit savings ideas, anonymously if preferred. [You can complete the form by following this link](#). All ideas are welcomed.

In the coming weeks, the Value & Sustainability team will be offering drop-in sessions, both in-person and virtually, so you can ask questions or share ideas. Keep an eye on this brief for dates and locations.

REACH award – nominations now open The practice education and development teams are delighted to announce that the REACH Award nominations are open! REACH stands for **R**ecognising **E**xcellence, **A**chievement, **C**ontribution, and **H**ard work. It is for student nurses, to celebrate their dedication and brilliance!

You have until 16 August to nominate students **currently** on placement who demonstrate the values of REACH —those who truly shine through their excellence, achievements, contributions, and hard work. To make a nomination, [simply complete the form available via this link](#). If you have any questions, or need support with this, please contact your aligned PE+D team member. Let's celebrate and uplift the incredible student nurses who are shaping the future of our profession. Together, let's REACH for Excellence!

World Hepatitis Day 287 million people are living with viral hepatitis – the world's deadliest communicable disease. Most don't even know. Viral hepatitis often shows no symptoms, so many won't know they have it until it's too late. Chronic hepatitis B and C are the world's leading cause of liver cancer. More than 1.3 million people die because of hepatitis B or C each year – the most of any communicable disease. Each year, there are nearly two million new cases.

Hepatitis is preventable and treatable. We have fast and accurate tests, effective and affordable treatments, and a proven vaccine for hepatitis B. We already have everything we need to eliminate it. What's holding us back? Low awareness, misinformation, myths and stigma are stopping people from accessing hepatitis services – and leading to a lack of action by decision makers.

[For more information please follow this link](#) and look out for information stands in ARI and DGH today.

MenB vaccination - don't leave it to the last minute! The MenB vaccine requires 2 doses, 4 weeks apart. If you've got older teenagers or new students under 25 at home, make sure they get their appointments booked before the start of term. Appointments are available **right now**, to check eligibility and book appointments, please visit grampianvax.com/menb.

NHS Grampian Charity Did you know NHS Grampian Charity has a quarterly newsletter where we share stories of some of the projects and activities which we have supported across Grampian? It's a great way to keep up-to-date with what is happening in other wards, departments and hospitals, and it might spark an idea for an enhancement you want to make to your own department. The next issue is due out soon. Want to receive it? Just email gram.charities@nhs.scot with 'Newsletter' in the subject line and you'll be added to the list

Tune of the day Glenda Stewart, occupational therapy team lead at Kincardine Community Hospital, is retiring after dedicating her career to supporting patients, colleagues, and the wider community with unwavering commitment and professionalism. She will be greatly missed by OT colleagues across Aberdeenshire, as well as by the wider multidisciplinary team in and around Stonehaven. They want to express their thanks for everything she has contributed over the years and wish her many happy adventures travelling the world and spending precious time with her grandchildren. Glenda is a big fan of [Walking On The Waves](#) by Tide Lines so what better tune to play in tribute to her? (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