

Daily Brief...



Friday 28 March 2025

Reminder - HEPMA/PSC and CDD scheduled maintenance HEPMA/PSC and CDD will be unavailable this Sunday (30 March), between 0.45-2.15am, due to clock change server updates. This will create a missing hour in the charting period which may impact medicines administration. All HEPMA/PSC and CDD users will be affected. [More information is available here.](#)

IT training – new dates Booking is now open for a range of IT training courses between April and June. There's more information on Turas (log-in required): [IT Training | Turas | Learn](#) **Online dates are included for staff in Moray and Aberdeenshire to participate without the cost of travelling.** If there are other Microsoft topics of interest, please get in touch with Anne Duffy via email: anne.duffy@nhs.scot

CONSOLIDATE project We are pleased to be working with Heriot-Watt University on a £2 million 3-year project called CONSOLIDATE (Co-designing Opportunities for Needs-led Solutions that Optimise Living Independently with Dementia by Accessible Technology Enhancement). It is one of four UK networks and the only one led from Scotland to be successful in a UKRI/NIHR-funded competition. More information is available here: [Harnessing technology to help people living with dementia – UKRI](#)

Step count challenge prize winner As part of this year's step count challenge, a star prize of £500 worth of hotel vouchers was on offer; congratulations to winner Kendra Hadden, a community nursery nurse based at Chalmers Hospital. Kendra is shown in the photo below (middle) with James Norman (public health, right) and Natalie Blevins from Paths for All (left), who sponsored the prize.



That was the week that was

Monday 24 – telephone security reminder, changes to Disclosure Scotland act

Tuesday 25 – car parking etiquette, selection and safe storage of urinary catheters

Wednesday 26 – vaccination centres on the move, spring lambs safety warning

Thursday 27 – use of staff badges when off-duty, portfolio review update

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STAR Award Felicitations to the renal service multidisciplinary team on their recent STAR Award presentation. They were nominated in recognition of the work which has gone into developing a new home haemodialysis service for Grampian – bravo!

We don't normally highlight nominees (there are lots and we don't have the space) but we do want to make a special mention of Ralph the therapist, who has picked up two recent nominations. Ralph is a black labrador, a well known face around ARI, and is top dog as far as the team on ward 105 are concerned. If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Like the STAR Awards but with a focus on sustainability – you can nominate any colleague, group or team who have undertaken a project or change in process/practice which has helped reduce our impact on the environment. [Nominate for a Green Star Award now.](#)

Tune of the day Right. I've got a lot to get through, so let's not hang about, eh? First up, Gladys Duncan is working her final day with the medical records team in ARI. She will be sorely missed by colleagues, who tell me her stirring renditions of [Single Ladies](#) make it the only song to choose. Angie McGregor is also retiring, after 41 years with the NHS, 26 of those with the diabetes/endocrinology service. For Angie, [Don't You Forget About Me](#). Freda Daly, described as a legendary administrator, is departing from Woodside Medical Group after 37 years. She's partial to a bit of Alfie Boe, so here's [As If We Never Said Goodbye](#).

We've also got a whole bunch of time tunes to rattle through (sorry to anyone I missed!) Viki Rafferty kicks us off with [Killin' Time](#) by Tina Cousins, Ann Stewart takes it to another level with [The Time Warp](#), and for Lesley Meldrum we're playing [Time](#) by Edwin Starr. I'm grateful to Lydia Henderson and Susan Godlington for suggesting the more soothing [Time After Time](#) and [Who Knows Where The Time Goes](#) respectively.

Remember, the clocks go forward this weekend. Your phone will do it by magic; as for your oven, you'll need the manual and a hammer. It's also Mother's Day on Sunday. Thanks to all the 'work mums' who keep us on the straight and narrow! Have a great Friday and a better weekend (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