

Daily Brief...



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What to do in a fire emergency at work If you discover a fire or hear a continuous fire alarm during work, you must ensure an emergency telephone call is made to the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS). Dial the number stated on the Local Fire Plan - usually either 666 or 999 – and provide the following information:

- State the nature of the fire or suspected fire
- Details of exact location: address, postcode, Fire Zone area or number, ward, floor, etc...

It does not matter if numerous calls are made to SFRS; if any doubt exists whether a call has been made, do not hesitate to pick up the phone to make that emergency call. All areas are required to have a fire plan, updated annually. You can find the templates on the intranet here: [Pages - Local Information](#) (networked devices only).

iMatter 2025 – managers, confirm your teams The iMatter Team Confirmation process is underway! Managers, [please log into the iMatter system](#) by close of play on Wednesday 14 May to review and update your team information. Completing this promptly will help ensure timely support if needed.

- **New to NHS Grampian or recently changed teams?** Your manager will ensure your details are updated in the system, so you receive your iMatter survey on 19 May.
- **Planning to be away during the survey period (19 May-9 June)?** Please inform your manager if you'd still like to participate in the survey. We can arrange for it to be sent via post, SMS or to an alternative email address.

Your feedback is valuable. The results of this survey will empower your team to make meaningful improvements to their experience at work, contributing to positive changes across NHS Grampian. Visit [the updated iMatter intranet page](#) for more information.

Message from Leigh Jolly, new interim Chief Officer, Aberdeenshire HSCP I would like to take a moment to say hello and introduce myself to you all. I'm Leigh Jolly and I am very pleased and excited to have been appointed to the role of Interim Chief Officer for the AHSCP. Until very recently (Friday!) I was the Head of Children Services and Chief Social Work Officer for Aberdeenshire Council and whilst I have spent the last few years working closely with colleagues from the AHSCP as Chair of the Social Care Sustainability Board (SCSB), I know I have a steep learning curve ahead of me. The work I have done with the SCSB has given me an excellent grounding in the work of the Partnership and I very much look forward to expanding my knowledge and leading Aberdeenshire HSCP as we navigate the challenges ahead of us. I hope to be able to get out and about and meet as many of you as I can over the coming months and hearing more about the fantastic work you do every day. From our community hospitals to our Care Management Teams and everyone in-between I very much look forward to meeting you.

Scottish Parliament debate on waiting times [Colleagues may be interested to watch this video](#), a record of a recent debate at Holyrood on the current waiting times challenges we face in Grampian.

New paediatric physiotherapy clinic – coming soon! Our paediatric physiotherapy team are pleased to have been successful in a Scottish Government funding bid to provide a new, specialist, multidisciplinary service alongside radiography and orthopaedic colleagues. The service will focus on supporting babies and young children who have developmental dysplasia of the hip. 'One-stop' clinics will provide improved timely counselling and support to families as well as providing specialist treatment to improve mobility and outcomes for children. We'll have more in this brief as the service gets ready to launch.

Policy consultation – draft staff immunisation policy A draft staff immunisation policy is currently out for consultation. Feedback on this document will be taken until close of play on Tuesday 3 June. Full [details are available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only).

Public Health Scotland blog – the continuing threat of measles For World Immunisation Week, Dr Cheryl Gibbons, lead healthcare scientist in vaccination and immunisation at PHS, reflects on the ongoing threat posed by measles: [Measles – a clear and continuing threat - Our blog - Public Health Scotland](#)

Parkrun celebrates International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day International Day of the Midwife will take place next Monday (5 May), International Nurses Day on 12 May. Midwives, nurses, and the teams who work alongside them, are being encouraged to take part in their local parkrun to mark the occasion. Parkrun offer the opportunity to run/jog/walk 5k, timed but for free, every Saturday morning. Everyone, no matter their ability, is welcome along. Locally, there are two parkruns in Aberdeen – at the Beach and Hazlehead Park – as well as events in Stonehaven, Crathes, Ellon, Inverurie, and Elgin. To find your nearest event and to register, simply visit [register | parkrun UK](#)

Prestigious recognition for breast surgeon Congratulations to consultant breast surgeon Ms Beatrix Elsberger who received the prestigious Hunter-Doig Medal from the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh (RCSEd) on Friday and features in a new national portrait celebrating exceptional women in surgery. Beatrix is to receive another mention in Parliament this week on the back of this achievement and is keen to highlight the contribution of those around her too. She says she is proud to have many strong women working alongside her and grateful to patients who take part in clinical trials and contribute to the diversity of studies taking place right here in Aberdeen.

Tune of the day Motown starlet Tammi Terrell was born on this day in 1945; she would die in 1970 at the age of just 24 after numerous surgeries to treat a brain tumour. During her short life she partnered with Marvin Gaye on some superb songs, including [You're All I Need To Get By](#) (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