

Friday 29 August 2025

Staff 'flu clinics – new date added A reminder our staff 'flu clinics begin next week. You can see the complete list under 'Latest News' on the intranet, but we wanted to draw your attention to a new date added in Aberdeen; this coming Wednesday, Woodend Hospital (Ward 17), between 9.30am-4pm, by appointment or drop-in.

Windows 11 Upgrade – automatic rollout to begin on Monday Thank you to everyone who has already taken advantage of the optional Windows 11 upgrade via the pop-up notification or desktop icon. Your proactive approach is helping us move towards a more secure and modern digital environment. As we approach the end of support for Windows 10, it's essential we ensure all devices are up to date and protected. Starting on Monday (1 September) compatible devices which have not been upgraded already will be upgraded automatically. What to expect:

- The upgrade will **download in the background**.
- It will be **applied on the next reboot**, with **no user interaction required**.
- If you wish to keep control over when your device upgrades, we strongly recommend using the **optional upgrade prompt** before your device is automatically updated.

Devices or software identified or reported as incompatible will not be included in this phase of the rollout. These will be addressed separately at a later date. For more info on incompatible devices see [UPDATED: Windows 11 Upgrades: Important Information for PCs and Laptops](#) If you experience any issues or have concerns about compatibility, please contact the IT Service Desk, using the desktop shortcut, or refer to the FAQ [Windows 11 Upgrade](#) Thank you again for your cooperation and support as we transition to Windows 11.

ED discharge letters to GPs The temporary delay in the electronic transmission of ED discharge letters to GPs—within the newly implemented Scottish Edition ED module in TrakCare—has been successfully resolved. All authorised letters will automatically be sent to the patient's GP electronically so will only need to be printed if a copy is required for someone else. Thank you for your patience while we resolved this issue.

International Overdose Day – update Our apologies for the missing link in yesterday's item on International Overdose Day; the brief saved online has been updated and the information omitted is available here: [International Overdose Awareness Day - 31 August 2025](#)

National Hyperbaric Centre & Doors Open Day We are delighted to tell you the National Hyperbaric Centre at Foresterhill is part of this year's Doors Open Day, taking place in Aberdeen on Saturday 6 September. The centre will be open between 10am-2pm, with small group tours taking place every 20-30 minutes. The facility is based at 123 Ashgrove Road West, with parking and disabled access available. The team look forward to welcoming you!

That was the week that was

Monday 25 – increase to normal minimum pension age, the return of Book Blether

Tuesday 26 – Care of patients' property & valuables – new guidance, check your TrakCare preferences

Wednesday 27 – NHS Scotland workforce policies, ARI switchboard temporary relocation

Thursday 28 – update on AfC non-pay reform, Talking Mats training

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STAR Award No new presentations to share this week but you can take this as your regular reminder that nominating a colleague or team for a STAR award is super simple. All you need to do is complete this short form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

Tune of the day To mark International Overdose Awareness Day and on behalf of our Substance Misuse Service, Viki Rafferty and Marie Casserly would like to dedicate [Leave A Light On](#) by Tom Walker to anyone affected by addiction - there is hope and help out there. They are also requesting [Thank You](#) by Dido, for all the wonderful, hard-working staff in the service, who provide such a valuable and supportive service to those with addiction issues in Aberdeen City, they are truly amazing.

It's almost the end of August. The days and weeks continue to whip past at warp speed. Whatever this coming weekend holds for you, I hope you have a moment or two to draw breath. Thank you (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