

Thursday 29 January 2026

Chief Executive Drop-in Session As mentioned in the last *Ask Laura* video, our new Chief Executive, Laura Skaife-Knight, will be hosting a very informal drop-in session at Dr Gray's canteen between 12.30pm and 1.30pm on Friday, January 30. Pop along to say hello, ask a question, raise an issue, or just have a chat. There might even be a coffee and a fancy piece in it for you.

Heating Update – Ashgrove House, Foresterhill House & Annex A major issue with the steam pipe feeding Ashgrove House has required our teams to isolate the supply for safety. This affects Ashgrove House, Foresterhill House, and the Annex. Colleagues are actively working on a permanent fix for the steam pipe issue.

Temporary one-way road system To allow for essential works to the Baird Family Hospital, the west (outgoing) side of the main Emergency Department access road, will be closed from Monday, February 2, until Thursday, February 5. There will be no entry to ED from Cornhill Road or Westburn Road.

Speciality Doctor/Dentists/Services and Medical Managers Career Progression [This circular](#) provides updated policy guidance for the Career Progression/Regrading of Specialist Doctor/Dentist to Speciality Grade for all medical and dental staff.

In summary, where a Specialty Doctor or Dentist demonstrates that they possess and consistently apply the skills and experience required for the Specialist grade, and a service need for such a post exists, they may progress to the Specialist grade provided all conditions of the circular are met.

This policy is effective from August 1, 2025. Pay should be backdated to then, for candidates who submit their application before February, 2026, and are successful in the process. Please note that the extension to the timescale noted in the circular has been agreed in partnership through BMA LNC to ensure both Specialty Doctors and Managers have the necessary time to consider any requests.

It should be noted this policy does not cover or replace the process to be followed in the event of competitive recruitment into a vacancy role.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact email gram.sasregrade@nhs.scot

[View and download application forms.](#) A [process map](#) and [table](#) are also available.

AHP research drop-in clinic On the first Thursday of each month, between 12-1pm, there will be an online drop-in for any allied health professional undertaking research or interested in getting started. This is a relaxed, supportive, space and all AHPs are welcome. [To take part, simply save this link.](#)

Tune of the day Today's tune marks the retirement of June Tytler, bowel screening and endoscopy pre-assessment lead nurse. Her colleagues "wish her well in her next chapter". Coincidentally, on this day, in 1983, Men At Work went to number one in the UK and US charts with [Land Down Under](#), so that will be our song for today.

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