

Wednesday 29 July 2026

Organisational priorities – all-staff briefing Thanks to everyone who attended yesterday's briefing. If you were unable to attend, [you can watch a recording of the session via this link](#).

Appropriate use of sanctuary spaces We are fortunate to have several chapel/sanctuary spaces across our sites. These are spaces for patients, visitors, and staff to find peace and quiet and pray, ponder, or meditate according to their belief system. While some of these spaces, such as the Sandpiper Sanctuary in ARI, were designated as break areas during COVID restrictions, this has come to an end. Chapels/sanctuaries must not be used for this purpose. Spiritual Care colleagues have had feedback about litter, feet on furniture, and other behaviour which has made it impossible for chapel/sanctuary users to find the space they need. Please put yourself in their shoes and respect these spaces, helping to keep them as the quiet refuge someone might really need. If you'd like to give feedback on any of these spaces, please email gram.spiritualcare@nhs.scot

Emergency Oxygen (first-line) resuscitation equipment Due to upcoming changes to these oxygen cylinders, we are replacing O2-driven suction equipment, as the new cylinders will no longer support the additional suction attachments.

To prepare for this change, O2-driven suction equipment will be replaced with a Laerdal Suction Unit (LSU) over the coming weeks. The LSU will be kept alongside the oxygen cylinder, and all areas currently using O2-driven suction will retain their standalone O2 cylinder for oxygen delivery only. Although the suction regulators will remain attached, all tubing and canisters will be removed when the LSU is delivered. Once the LSU is in place, O2-driven suction should no longer be used and will no longer require checking.

Many of the O2 regulators are beyond their scheduled refurbishment date. This has been risk assessed, and we ask that you continue to use them and carry out your daily checks. If any issues are identified during these checks, please contact us and we can advise on the best course of action. These will no longer be required once the cylinder changes are implemented. For any questions, please contact the resuscitation department on gram.resustraining@nhs.scot

Blood tests at Secondary Care Hubs – urgent action required Blood test requests must be in place before referring patients to a Secondary Care Hub. Patients are still being referred for blood tests without a valid TrakCare Order Comms request. The responsibility for ensuring a request is entered sits with the requesting clinical team. Effective 1 September, blood tests will **not** proceed without a valid request.

If a request is not available, the appointment will be cancelled and the patient asked to contact their clinical team before rebooking. This may lead to delays in treatment, investigations, and follow-up care.

For advice or clarification, please contact Paul Bachoo, Medical Director (Acute Sector) via paul.bachoo@nhs.scot

Reminder - future of the ARI Orange Zone cafe Plans to close this cafe are currently on pause, to allow for a wider consultation on the facility. [Please follow this link to complete a short survey](#). This will be open until 12noon on Wednesday 12 August.

Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- **Giving Feedback and Receiving Feedback** Feedback is one of the most powerful tools for learning, development, and improvement. If sharing feedback with others or receiving it yourself, having the right skills can make conversations more productive and positive. Join our Giving Feedback or Receiving Feedback sessions to explore practical techniques, build confidence, and develop a growth-focused approach to feedback. Sessions are open to all and will help make the most of everyday conversations in the workplace. Book a [Giving Feedback session via this link](#), or the [Receiving Feedback session via this link](#).
- **Developing as a Leader using the Leadership Success Profile** This webinar, taking place on Monday 24 August, will help you explore your unique leadership approach and strengths using the Leadership Success Profile Self-Assessment Questionnaire. To learn more and book your place, [use this link](#).
- **Coaching Skills for Managers** Spaces are available for the next cohort starting on 19 August. Join this highly rated programme to improve communication; [follow this link for further information](#).

For more information on any of these items or to raise any queries, please contact the team via gram.wcd@nhs.scot

Tune of the day Our request today comes from Fiona, one of our medical secretaries. Having recently discovered Angine de Poitrine, she's asking for [Sarniezz](#), dedicated to a couple of colleagues who've had a lot on their plate lately (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