

Daily Brief...



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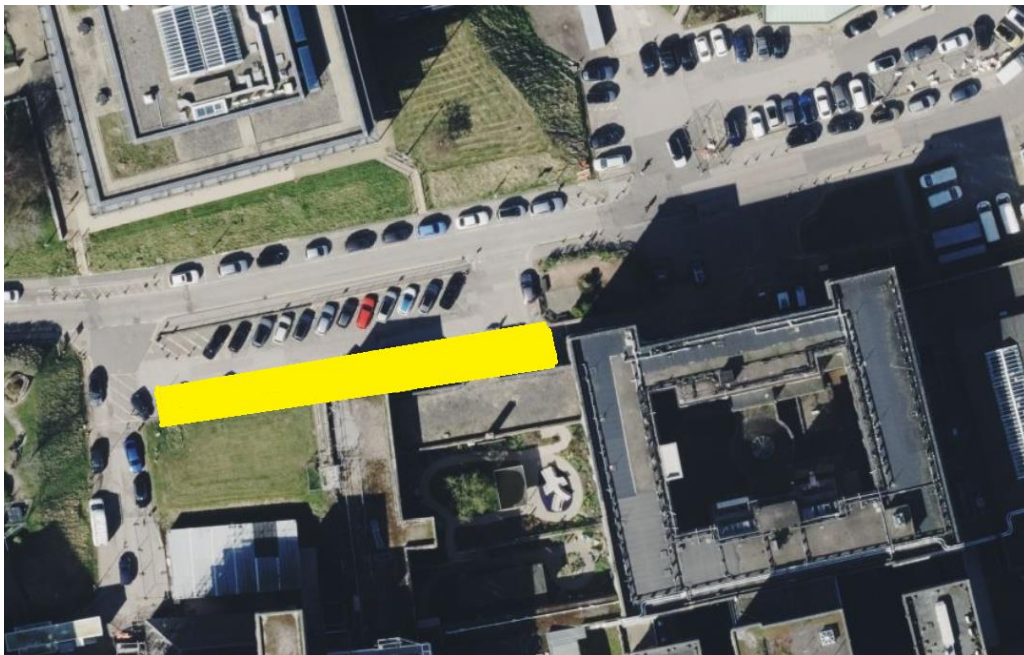
Chief Executive's blog It's time for another blog post from Laura Skaife-Knight. This month Laura is reflecting on our progress against our organisational priorities in Quarter 1, iMatter action planning, and completion of statutory and mandatory training. [Follow this link to read her update in full.](#)

New director of people & culture As highlighted in Laura's blog this month, today is Jay O'Brien's first day with NHS Grampian in this role. We are delighted to welcome him to north-east Scotland. Melanie Saunders, who has been interim director, will continue in this role into September to ensure a proper handover and to complete some important projects. Our thanks to Melanie for all her work and support during her time in post.

Updates to transmission-based precautions (TBPs) - today The National Infection Prevention & Control Manual (NIPCM) will be updated today to reflect changes to Transmission Based Precautions (TBPs). We will receive formal confirmation from ARHA Scotland when this work is complete; this may mean the existing guidance will still be visible in Chapter 2 of the manual for part of the day. There continue to be information sessions on offer this week and next, to help you understand what the changes are and what they will mean for you. To see details of these and to download a helpful Toolbox Talk, [simply follow this link.](#)

Foresterhill car parking reminders We've got some important reminders for colleagues based at Foresterhill, particularly as we welcome new starts to the organisation:

- Staff may only use Level 6 and above of the multi-storey car park when parking for work. These floors are shared with patients/visitors. Please remember, permission for staff to use this facility when working is temporary, as per a planning decision from Aberdeen City Council. In addition, there are designated staff car parks around the site e.g., Shale, rear of Ashgrove House, etc. To register your wish to park your vehicle in staff areas at Foresterhill, [please complete this form.](#) This form can only be accessed on an NHS Grampian device OR on a personal device which has the appropriate security settings applied. You will need to confirm your name, pay number, vehicle registration, and your line manager's name.
- There is no designated parking for students attending lectures and we would encourage them to use the dedicated bus service between Kings College and Foresterhill. Students on placement, or working for us while studying, may use staff car parks.
- The spaces highlighted below at the Rotunda are for Blue Badge holders **only**. The car park opposite the Rotunda is for patients **only**.



Competency documents for healthcare support workers The practice education and development team are delighted to introduce competency documents for all levels of healthcare support workers. These align with the NMAHP development and education framework and support colleagues in developing, evidencing, and sustaining the knowledge, skills, and behaviours required for their roles. The documents are housed on the HCSW page on Turas, [simply follow this link \(log-in required\)](#). There are individual core documents for all HCSWs levels and some for those in specialist fields. If you are interested in compiling a document for your speciality, please contact gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

Pause for thought What do you need to let go of today to have the mind-set required for success?

As a reminder, Guided Journaling takes place weekly, with occasional breaks for annual leave; [booking is via this Turas link](#) (log-in required).

Tune of the day Catering assistant Katelyn Hendry is requesting [Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now](#) by Starship for mum Alana, part of the practice education team, on her birthday. Many happy returns, Alana!

RACH research nurse Carla Kierrulff celebrated a big birthday recently; as she returns from leave, her colleagues have requested [Walking On Sunshine](#).

Finally, a request from Rachel Medich, senior charge ODP at AMH. On Friday she marked the end of an era with her final drop-off at Woodend Nursery. Between 2011 and last week, at least one (sometimes more than one) of her kids were at the nursery. It's been quite the 15-year journey, but as Nelly Furtado sang, [All Good Things \(Come To An End\)](#) with much love and thanks to the nursery team (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