

# Daily Brief...



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**Love thy neighbour** Many of our sites are in the heart of our communities, in residential areas, or next to shops or offices. With this in mind, we want to encourage everyone to show consideration to our neighbours. If taking breaks off site, please keep noise to a minimum and remember to dispose of litter responsibly. If you are parking off site, ensure you abide by any local parking controls, and neighbours still have ready access to their property and vehicle.

We would also take this opportunity to remind everyone [of our tobacco policy available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only), and to underline smoking is not permitted in any of our buildings, premises, sites, and vehicles.

**Desperately seeking pharmacy cool packs** The pharmacy department at ARI is running low on cool packs. These are routinely used in deliveries across Grampian to ensure the cold chain is protected for refrigerated medications. Without these cool packs the medication delivery supply chain is at risk. Please return any cool packs to the Pharmacy Department ARI as soon as possible. Please note they do not have to be cold on return to the department.

**New Trakcare documentation process for 2222 Calls** A new document is now available on Trak for documenting 2222 clinical emergency calls. This document, titled 'Clinical Emergency Resuscitation', can be accessed under the 'Structure Note' tab. Please use this document for all 2222 call documentation in place of entering information in the patient's continuous care notes section.

This update is intended to streamline the documentation process, enabling practitioners to complete records more efficiently and ensuring clarity regarding the required information. Thank you for your cooperation in adopting this revised process. Should you have any comments or queries, please contact the Resuscitation Department at [gram.resustraining@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.resustraining@nhs.scot)

**Vaccination programme changes – adults and children** There are changes coming to the national vaccination programmes for both adults and children. The RSV vaccination will shortly be offered to adults aged 80+, along with those living in care homes for older adults. For children, there are changes to the schedule and the addition of varicella to the MMR jab, to protect against chickenpox. These changes follow guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation; for more information follow the links below:

[Protection against chickenpox as part of changes to childhood vaccination schedule - Our blog - Public Health Scotland](#)

[RSV vaccine: Expansion of older adults programme 2026 - News - Public Health Scotland](#)

**Aberdeenshire HSCP team talk – today** Colleagues are invited to a team talk, led by Aberdeenshire chief officer Leigh Jolly, today between 2-3pm. Leigh and the wider senior team will be covering topics such as the AHSCP 10 year strategic plan and how it will drive service delivery and recent changes to support with reducing delayed discharges. [No need to book, just use this link to join the conversation.](#)

**NHS Grampian Charity** Did you know the staff social activities fund is not just for Christmas parties? You can claim £10 for a social activity with colleagues which takes place off NHS Grampian sites. You have until 31 March 2026 to hold your activity and submit your fully completed claim form. We have received a huge number of forms for Christmas parties and are currently processing these. To help make the process run smoothly, please ensure you have fully completed your form and included an itemised receipt (please note, we cannot accept a booking deposit invoice/receipt or a non-itemised receipt). [You can find the application form and full guidance on the intranet via this link.](#)

**Tune of the day** We've got goodbyes of all kinds today, so without further ado...the Aberdeenshire HSCP pharmacy team are bidding a fond farewell and a big "good luck!" to Karen Proctor as she sets off on the next chapter of her NHS adventure with the Hospital @ Home Team. Karen, your experience and knowledge will be missed by many... although your new team will no doubt be delighted to inherit them (whether they realise it yet or not!). And, as a proud Deacon Blue fan, we couldn't resist noting that [Fergus Sings the Blues](#) suddenly feels very appropriate — though in this case, it might be **we** who are singing them

Sandy from KCC says he's thoroughly satisfied, and then some, to have worked alongside such brilliant colleagues over the past six months. Come what may, 'the farm' is forever. We can't possibly leave without one final rendition of ['Satisfaction' by Benny Benassi](#). Shout out to the boiler boys. Party time!

Finally, the eRostering Team want to wish Iain Elrick a very happy retirement. Words can't begin to describe the support, encouragement and guidance Iain has provided to many colleagues. After many years of dedicated service, both clinically and in Workforce, you'll be much missed. Enjoy your adventures, we want to hear all about New Zealand! For Iain, [Beautiful Sunday](#) (what better remedy for a weat Tuesday than a spot of the slosh?) (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)