

Daily Brief...



Friday 3 July 2026

Reminder - all-staff briefing – next Monday The next all-staff briefing session takes place next Monday (6 July) between 4-4.30pm. This is your opportunity to hear the very latest on what's happening across the organisation. You can submit questions in advance (anonymously, if preferred) by emailing gram.communications@nhs.scot. These sessions are recorded and a link shared in this brief for those unable to attend. [No need to book, simply use this joining link.](#)

Critical care ultrasound machines Two of these devices have gone missing in the last few days, leaving the wards short of a vital piece of kit. It is likely that they have been borrowed from the unit and not returned. All areas are asked to check their equipment and if ultrasound machines belonging to critical care (Wards 201 and 106b) are found, they should be returned without delay.

New glucose/ketone meters – training We will shortly be going live with new glucose and ketone meters. To support this, staff training sessions are being arranged. These will place from next Monday (6 July) in the Ward 105 teaching, for the next 5 weeks, as follows:

- Monday – 11.30am/1pm/2pm/3pm
- Tues – Thurs – 9.30am/1030am/1130am/1pm/2pm/3pm
- Friday – 9.30am/1030am/1130am/1pm

A maximum of 20 staff can attend each session. We will try our best to accommodate all staff who attend but on busy sessions staff may be asked to come back later. Please contact the Point of Care Team if you have any questions regarding the new meters and training via gram.poct@nhs.scot or on ext 52831/59272. Training is initially scheduled for ARI wards, with other sites; including community hospitals, to be confirmed.

FMT/Synbiotix system – attention all users The updated FMT/Synbiotix system is now live. If required, [please use this link for PC/laptop access.](#) All users will need to ensure the previous link, which may be saved in their favourites or desktop, is removed and replaced with this link. Please contact nss.fmtsupport@nhs.scot with any further queries.

HOPE Collaborative - sharing HOPE at clinical board The HOPE Collaborative brings together our person-centred and relational approaches across Grampian, including Getting it Right for Everyone (GIRFE), Realistic Medicine, Trauma-Informed Practice and Putting People First. Would you like to learn more about this approach, including lived experiences demonstrating the impact of relational approaches in practise?

If so, join us at Tuesday's clinical board meeting to hear from colleagues in Moray. They'll share their experience of developing a sustainable Community Appointment Day model, helping people waiting for MSK Physiotherapy services access information, support and self-management opportunities earlier, while strengthening connections with community resources. The meeting takes place between 4.15-5.15pm; to receive the joining instructions, email gram.qiat@nhs.scot. For general queries about HOPE, email gram.HOPE@nhs.scot

Research and Development update A reproductive health and childbirth study led by Tommy's National Centre for Miscarriage Research in Birmingham has recruited 58 participants in Grampian, above the target of 24. Well done to the principal investigator Dr Andrea Woolner and the wider study team. [More information about the research is available via this link.](#)

Bringing prevention to the forefront: partnership working on cardiovascular disease Colleagues and partners came together on Monday for a highly successful multidisciplinary workshop focused on embedding cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention across our health and care system. Held at Curl Aberdeen, the workshop brought together stakeholders from across primary and secondary care to take a whole system look at how we strengthen prevention as it forms one of our core organisational priorities. To read a detailed report of the day, [simply follow this intranet link.](#)

That was the week that was

Monday 29 – Elected Chair of Staffside/Employee Director Re-appointment, carers events in Aberdeenshire

Tuesday 30 – focus on clinical safety and quality, research into palliative care for Parkinson's Disease

Wednesday 1 – executive team portfolio responsibilities, update for medical physician associates

Thursday 2 – security is everyone's business, change to operational management of acute frailty services

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STAR Award No presentations to share this week, just your weekly reminder: if you know a team, or individual, STAR, making a nomination couldn't be easier; [all you need to do is complete the short form available via this link.](#)

Tune of the day Our request today comes from Simon Winstanley in payroll. He returned this week after taking part in the World's Toughest Mudder, a 24-hour endurance event. As he's mainly focused on an upcoming 100-mile ultramarathon (anyone else feeling slightly inadequate?), he spent most of the 'Mudder' helping other competitors, including This Morning presenter Ben Shepherd, over an obstacle. In that spirit, he's asking for The Hollies and [He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother](#)

Congratulations to Gemma, Amy and Vicky, chemotherapy nurses who work in the Spey Unit at Dr Gray's Hospital, who were presented with an impressive 13 DAISY Award nominations between them this week. For the tremendous trio, here's [Skerryvore – Take My Hand.](#)

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