

# Daily Brief...



Wednesday 3 June 2026

**Update from Executive Team** See below for a summary of this week's meeting of the Executive Team (ET).

Matters for escalation	Major actions commissioned/ work underway
<p>Infrastructure planning timescales remain tight for the national return due at year-end, creating a need to co-ordinate service strategy, estate strategy and national requirements at pace; immediate collaboration and engagement will support timely submissions.</p>	<p>Development of a single, consistent performance “source of truth” for planned and unscheduled care is needed and a single core slide deck for each, including benchmarking and clearer narrative.</p> <p>Funding plans for unscheduled care are being progressed, including consideration of reshaping selected programmes while continuing those demonstrating impact; further options and supporting evidence will be developed alongside Emergency Department workforce and frailty proposals and this paper with these 3 aspects will be considered at the 16 June 2026 Executive Team.</p> <p>Work is continuing to refine de-escalation criteria, notably unscheduled care and planned care metrics, with the agreed criteria and next steps for unscheduled care and planned care coming to the 11 June 2026 public Board.</p> <p>Preparation is underway for quarterly community conversations to commence 1 July to strengthen engagement with our communities,</p>

	<p>supported by a co-ordinated cross-system approach and Executive Director involvement.</p> <p>Programme management capacity and transformation support are being reviewed to help ensure priority programmes are appropriately resourced, including work to support the delivery of improvements to Clinical Governance across the organisation (and in turn clinical quality and safety).</p>
Positive assurances to provide	Decisions made
<p>Operational performance continues to show improvement in key areas, including the emergency access standard and reduced time to assessment, with progress supported by focused improvement work.</p> <p>Planned care trajectories remain broadly on track despite funding uncertainty for Quarter 1, with continued delivery slightly ahead of expectations in several areas.</p> <p>A sustained level of activity continues across inspections, improvement work and engagement programmes, reflecting organisational focus on quality, safety and improvement.</p>	<p>Endorsement of the approach to the unscheduled care funding plan, with further work to refine options and integrate these with workforce and frailty proposals so that a consolidated and rounded paper can return on 16 June 2026. .</p> <p>Agenda for next Extended Leadership Team meeting agenda (23 June 2026) was agreed and will be issued on 12 June 2026.</p>

**Message from Linen Service – scrub suits** Linen Services currently launders and reissues an average of 11,000 scrub suit sets (tops and trousers) per week. These garments are primarily intended for use within theatre environments and small procedure clinics. At present, the team is experiencing significant challenges in meeting demand for clean scrub suits. This is due to a combination of factors, including national supply chain pressures and financial constraints. However, the most pressing factor is the ongoing misuse of scrub suits. Please remember the following:

- Scrub suits are **not** an alternative to approve national uniform
- Do not alter scrub suits e.g., cut or sew them, as unauthorised alterations can leave them beyond repair.
- Don't leave pens in them. If not spotted before washing, 1 pen can stain (and therefore destroy) up to 100 garments per wash.

- Do not launder scrub suits at home. They must **only** be laundered by linen services.

Scrub suits are a shared organisational resource, not personal uniform, and must be used appropriately, returned after use, and not removed from the hospital environment or worn outside. Please help Linen Services help all of us and use scrub suits appropriately.

**Scottish Improvement Leader programme** Recruitment for Cohort 56 of the Scottish Improvement Leader (ScIL) programme, starting in November, is now open. It is designed for individuals who can influence systems, priorities, or ways of working, and who want to use quality improvement to support meaningful and sustainable change. [The application and guidance are available on the QI Zone via this link](#); this will include details of application requirements for the ScIL Programme. Applications will be accepted from Monday until 10am on Monday 31 August. To ensure applicants have foundational QI knowledge, you must complete the [QI Essentials e-learning](#) prior to applying to the ScIL Programme. Informal enquiries can be directed to Matt Jobson ([matthew.jobson@nhs.scot](mailto:matthew.jobson@nhs.scot)), Gillian Poskitt ([gillian.poskitt@nhs.scot](mailto:gillian.poskitt@nhs.scot)) or Karen Beaton ([karen.beaton@nhs.scot](mailto:karen.beaton@nhs.scot)).

**NAP-8 (National Audit Project 8)** The Royal College of Anaesthetists 8th National Audit Project (NAP-8) is now underway, examining major complications of regional anaesthesia (neuraxial and peripheral techniques) and perioperative nerve and spinal cord injury under general anaesthesia not due to direct surgical injury. The case registry phase commenced on 18 May and will run for one year. As some complications may present after patients have left anaesthetic care, multidisciplinary awareness is essential; colleagues are encouraged to highlight and report any relevant cases identified in both inpatient and follow-up settings. For further information or to report a case, please contact the local NAP-8 coordinator Dr Adriana Botello via [adriana-paola.botello@nhs.scot](mailto:adriana-paola.botello@nhs.scot) Further information can be [found via this link to this RCOA website](#).

**Pride 2026** June is Pride month, celebrating LGBTQ+ people and standing up against the discrimination they still face. Normally we would be gearing up for our participation in the Grampian Pride Parade, however, there is no parade taking place in Aberdeen this year. Instead, Four Pillars have put together a calendar of smaller events happening throughout the month. [You can check this out by following this link](#).

### **Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday**

- **Wellbeing Week** This gets underway on Monday 22 June; between now and then we'll be exploring self-reflection and the opportunity to better understand and support yourself. When it comes to wellbeing, you can't own what you haven't defined. Take a moment to notice what helps you feel steady and capable, and what drains you quickly. Pay attention to early signs you're struggling, and identify what restores your energy and focus. This isn't about perfection- it's about awareness. When you can clearly name your wellbeing needs, you're better able to protect them. [Follow this link to find out more about Wellbeing Week](#) and the events taking place.
- **Appraisal Subchannel in Managers' Development Forum launched** A new Appraisal subchannel is now live within the Managers' Development Forum Teams channel. Here you'll find key guidance, resources, and updates to support managers with Turas Appraisal. It's your go-to place for getting started, accessing support and keeping up to date. [Use this link to join the forum on Teams](#).

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

**Tune of the day** Our request today goes out to Alicia in critical care ahead of her final nightshift before maternity leave. Paula and everyone with Team 2&6 are wishing her all the very best and have asked for [Baby Love](#) by The Supremes (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)