

Daily Brief...



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Access to patient information Many of us access patient information during our work. Remember, every time we access patient data there must be a clear and legitimate patient care or administrative/operational reason to do so. If you've any doubts about whether it's ok to access patient data, check with your manager and/or Information Governance via gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot. We can and do review/audit access to systems.

Accessing data inappropriately can have significant negative consequences for our patients, for NHS Grampian, and for you. It can trigger HR, professional regulatory, or even criminal processes. Examples of things we must not do include looking at the medical information of friends and family, neighbours, colleagues, or our own medical records. If you're asked to care for a friend, relative or someone else who is known to you personally, let your manager know so appropriate steps can be taken.

Foresterhill Health Campus car parking We previously advised our new car parking management scheme at Foresterhill would start in late October/early November. Unfortunately, we do not have a confirmed start date yet; please be assured work is underway to fit the required barrier technology and the 'go-live' date will be shared in this brief. In the meantime, a few things to remind you of:

- [The car parking registration form is still open via this link and will remain open](#) - this is a rolling process.
- Registering to park will not guarantee you a space; if no staff parking is available, you will be expected to park off site.
- All previously issued permits will be void; you must register using the above form if you wish to use staff parking at Foresterhill.
- We are **not** issuing new permits as part of this scheme; we will use number plate recognition instead.
- We encourage everyone who is able to use public transport or active travel like cycling or walking to do so

Medicine Safety Week From today, until Sunday, there's an extra focus on medicine safety. The theme of this year's event is 'We can all help make medicines safer'. Anyone can report an issue with a medicine, vaccine, medical device, or blood product via the Yellow Card scheme. You **don't** have to be in a clinical role or even working for the NHS. The more reports, the safer medicines and medical devices can become. You can find out more about the Yellow Card scheme by reading the latest edition of [the MedWatch newsletter, available via this link](#).

Dr Gray's to host mobile MRI unit From 1 December until the end of March 2026, a mobile MRI unit will be in placed at DGH. Funded by the Scottish Government, this will increase scanning capacity and help reduce waiting lists. Patients eligible for the unit will be contacted directly to be offered an appointment; those requiring complex scans, or with mobility needs will continue to be seen in Aberdeen.

New process for microbiology clinical referrals From Tuesday 25 November, referrals to the Microbiology Clinical team will be made via email to gram.microbiologyclinical@nhs.scot This service will be in operation 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. The team will endeavour to respond to any email received within but will respond the same working day to all referrals received before 5pm.

For urgent queries, the telephone extension 50495 will also be in operation 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. You may be asked to send your referral in an email if your call is deemed non-urgent. At weekends, and after 5pm during the week, referrals should be made via switchboard as per current arrangements, otherwise emails received outside of these hours will be responded to the next working day. For any queries related to the above, please contact kal.cave@nhs.scot

Pathway to Excellence Programme – progress continues Last Friday the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Services nursing team proudly submitted its Pathway Standards Document, a major milestone in the journey to achieve Pathway to Excellence designation. The Pathway to Excellence Programme is a prestigious global accreditation recognising healthcare organisations committed to fostering the well-being, growth, and empowerment of their nursing workforce. This achievement reflects the dedication and collaboration of many individuals across our services. While it's impossible to name everyone, please know that your contributions (past, present, and future!) are deeply valued and appreciated.

2024-25 Discretionary Points – deadline this week Consultants eligible for the 2024-25 Discretionary Points round must have their applications checked for factual accuracy by your medical line manager and returned by email to gram.discretionarypoints@nhs.scot by this Friday (7 November). More information can be found on the intranet page: [Pages - Discretionary Points](#)

Pause for thought We have intention, take action, and have impact - but these things are not always aligned. Where might your intention and impact have differed? Is there alignment now?

Tune of the day Joanne Grant makes today's request, dedicated to all the nursing team in Mental Health and Learning Disability Services, who are to be congratulated on submitting a key Pathway to Excellence document (see above). Well done on being able to [Push The Button!](#) (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