

Friday 3 October 2025

Storm Amy – Amber weather warning The weather warning for Storm Amy has been upgraded to an Amber warning for strong winds across Moray this evening and into Saturday. Yellow warnings for rain and wind remain in place across Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City. There is the risk of travel disruption, fallen trees, damage to power lines, and flooding. Please keep up to date with the forecast and plan service provision accordingly.

Windows 11 update Some concerns have been raised following yesterday's item about the Windows 11 update. To be very clear, the mention of devices being removed from the network **only** applies to those devices eligible for upgrade **and** which **have not** been upgraded by 15 October. Users of devices which can run Windows 11 will have received daily prompts to upgrade for more than a month. Upgrading, where possible, is vital to our ongoing cyber security. IT are now applying forced updates; however, it is still preferable for users to upgrade at a time which suits them, as devices are unavailable to use during upgrade.

Devices which are not compatible with Windows 11 will continue to be connected to the network and arrangements are being made to ensure their ongoing security. There's more information on the intranet here: [⚠ Windows 11 Upgrade – Final Push ⚠](#)

Challenge Poverty week (6-12 October) Starting Monday, this campaign provides time for people to campaign and challenge the stigma and discrimination which can often be associated with poverty, one of the main barriers for people getting the support they need. It is also an opportunity to promote key organisations and multi-agency partnerships that have been developed to support and deliver anti-poverty work across Grampian. Here's how you can get involved:

- Encourage colleagues to undertake the [Public Health Scotland e-learning on Challenging Poverty Stigma and Discrimination](#)
- Keep an eye out for – and share – social media posts from local and national partners. Remember to use #CPW
- Attend one of the local events through the week; check the [Challenge Poverty calendar](#). There will also a range of national online briefings and events throughout Scotland you can sign up to.

AI innovation wins parliamentary plaudits Congratulations to our multi-disciplinary teams whose work to trial the use of AI in the detection of lung cancer was recently recognised with a parliamentary motion. Their findings could be used as a blueprint for the rest of Scotland to follow. Innovation Hub colleagues work closely alongside clinicians and wider teams to liaise with industry partners, and sometimes university and/or NHS researchers as well as national bodies, to take things forward that will make a difference for many generations to come.

Read the full story on the use of Annalise CXR software in the detection of lung cancer: [NHS Grampian paves way for using AI in lung cancer care across Scotland](#)

That was the week that was

Monday 29 – clock changes and AfC payment arrangements, Women's Health CPD Day

Tuesday 30 – Speak Up Week, car parking at Foresterhill, menopause and menstrual health eLearning

Wednesday 1 – Reduced Working Week – phase 2 implementation, Aberdeenshire community hospital review

Thursday 2 – staff 'flu vaccination, Windows 11 update, 24/25 Discretionary Points

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STAR Award Congratulations to Leanne Strachan, paediatric oncology outreach nurse, on her recent STAR Award presentation. Leanne's leadership and compassion in coordinating paediatric end-of-life care made a lasting impact. Her early planning and collaboration with district nurses, GMEDs, out-of-hours services and the GP ensured the family's wishes were honoured with dignity and care. Nominating a colleague or team for a STAR award is super simple; all you need to do is complete this short form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

Retirement mementos If a member of your team is preparing to retire, remember to order their official retirement memento! This contains a certificate, an enamel badge, and a crystal retirement paperweight. Full details and a link to the request form are available on the intranet here (networked devices only): [Pages - STARRetirementPage \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

Tune of the day Lots of requests to get through, so we're doing this Top of The Pops chart rundown style. Strap in!

Holding steady at 7 is [I Dreamed A Dream](#) by Susan Boyle, for Sheila Hardie, who's retiring from the health records team at DGH after 20 years. Enjoy your adventures!

You saw them earlier in the programme, X-Ray Spex and [Germfree Adolescents](#) dedicated to Jillian Evans in health intelligence, who marked 25 years with the NHS this week.

A non-mover at 5, [Freedom Song](#) requested by ARI research nurse Azeezat Ogunbadejo to celebrate Nigerian Independence Day.

At 4, Taylor Swift and [Shake It Off](#) for physician associate (ARI ED) Emma Cameron. She's shaking off her 20s, hitting the big 3-0 tomorrow.

It's Ms Swift at number 3 too for Holly Sturrock, a community nurse in Kincardine & Mearns, heading off to pastures new in Tayside. She's asked for [Long Live](#), dedicated to her wonderful colleagues.

Straight in at 2, it's Super Furry Animals and [Rock 'n' Roll Flu](#) for Pauline McKenzie in corporate comms. She's giddy at their return to gigs after a decade.

Finally, a brand-new number 1, [Sweet Dreams \(Are Made Of This\)](#) for radiology senior staff nurse Eliza Shaw. She pushed out of her comfort zone to complete the Accelerated Anaesthetic Practitioner programme; your colleagues are so proud of you!

Right, pop pickers, that'll do you. Take care of yourselves, and each other (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