

Thursday 30 April 2026

ICYMI - planned hot water switch off – Yellow Zone, ARI To allow for essential maintenance works, the hot water and steam supply in the yellow zone at ARI will be switched off from 6pm tomorrow (Friday), with the supply due to return to normal by 9am on Saturday. There will be no running hot water during this time. Cold water supply will be unaffected; all Yellow Zone toilets will be cold water only, but otherwise functional.

In addition, from 6pm tomorrow there will be some works in the main concourse around M&S, WH Smith, and Aroma Cairngorm. These outlets will be open as usual, please follow instructions from the works crew.

Hot water supply will also be affected between 6pm Saturday (2 May) and 2am Sunday (3 May) and between 6pm Sunday and 2am Monday (4 May) on level 2 of yellow zone (concourse). We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience to allow for these essential works to be completed.

Microsoft 365 add-in product licences The Digital Directorate is currently in the process of renewing Microsoft 365 add-on product licences, such as Microsoft Visio and Microsoft Project, which are set to expire by the end of May 2026. If you currently hold one of these add-on licences, you will shortly receive an email asking whether you wish to renew your licence or have it reallocated. Further information and an example of the email being sent [is available via this intranet link](#).

Don't miss the last green car webinar If you've missed the recent webinars about our new Green Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme operated by Zenith, there is still one to come on [Tuesday 5 May from 7-8pm](#). There is no need to register in advance – just save the link in your diary. To find out more, [follow this link to the green car salary sacrifice intranet page](#) (networked devices only), where you will find more details of the scheme.

Wound formulary study day Staff, and students currently on an NHS placement, are invited to book a space at our upcoming Wound Formulary study day. This is an opportunity to get hands-on with the products used and get expert guidance. The event takes place at Curl Aberdeen on Tuesday 12 May; you can choose between the morning session (8.45am-12.15pm) or the afternoon session (1-3.30pm). The event is free, booking is via Eventbrite, just follow the relevant links below:

Morning event: [Wound Formulary Study Day Tickets, Tuesday 12 May • 8:45 - 12:15 | Eventbrite](#)

Afternoon event: [Wound Formulary Study Day Tickets, Tuesday, May 12 • 1 PM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Deaf Awareness Week 2026 We will mark Deaf Awareness Week 2026 next week. This year's theme is 'Right to understand - Together, we break barriers'. [Please follow this link to our website](#) for activities and resources to raise awareness on the communication needs of the deaf community and how we can improve accessibility, deliver better patient and staff experience, and build a more inclusive society. For more information, email gram.equalitydiversity@nhs.scot

Grampian Respiratory MCN 2026 professional conference 2026 There's still time to register for this year's conference which will take place on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at the Aberdeen Altens Hotel. As always, the event will emphasise networking, share challenges and successes, and feature a diverse range of educational talks and interactive workshops. Interested? [Follow this Eventbrite link](#) to see the full programme and book your slot. Registration will close on **Wednesday 6 May**.

2026/27 post-registration degree funding Applications for nursing & midwifery post-registration funding for degree courses and professional development are now open. [Please follow this link to apply](#). For further queries please contact gram.acutepostregfunding@nhs.scot. Applications must be received by 4pm on Tuesday 12 May.

Tune of the day Our first tune today is dedicated to Clarice Courtney, training co-ordinator for catering. She rode the Loch Ness Etape – all 66 miles of it - for the first time last weekend, achieving a personal goal and raising funds for Macmillan. Her catering colleagues are so proud of her and have asked for the extremely appropriate [Bicycle Race](#) by Queen.

Quite separately, Clarice herself has been in touch, partly to blow her own trumpet (which I fully approve of. 66 MILES, people) but also to thank her colleagues for their encouragement and support; it really made all the difference. Clarice has requested [Unstoppable](#) by Sia.

Elsewhere, Denise Rae, a nurse in occupational health, is retiring after more than 40 years' service. A devoted Dandy, her colleagues have asked for [The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen](#), sung here by Iona Fyfe (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