

Daily Brief...



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A renewed focus on clinical quality and safety Clinical Quality and Safety has now been formally recognised as one of our six key Board priorities for 2026/27. This reflects both the importance of quality and safety as well as our collective ambition to continually improve. Our governance arrangements need to become more consistent, more visible and more systematic - so that we can identify risks earlier, respond to them more quickly and demonstrate clearly where learning is applied and improvements are achieved. You can read more on this, from medical director Hugh Farrow Bishop and executive nurse director June Brown, [by following this intranet link](#).

Essential works - ARI main entrance/busport - tonight To allow for essential works, the front doors to ARI at the busport will be CLOSED from **8pm tonight**. Access will still be available via the side (ambulance) doors until 10pm, after that, public access into the hospital is via the Emergency Department only, as per usual arrangements.

The works will also require the closure of the busport itself from 8pm. Local bus companies are aware and will make stops on Foresterhill Road instead. Work is scheduled to be completed by 5am tomorrow morning. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Blood transfusion intranet page You can find all the blood transfusion resources you need, including links to policies and procedures, transfusion reaction flowcharts, and contact details for relevant staff teams. [Follow this intranet link and be sure to bookmark it for easy access](#).

HPB cancers diagnostic pathway – engagement session The Cancer Improvement and Earlier Diagnosis Team in Centre for Sustainable Delivery has been working with colleagues across NHS Scotland to develop an optimal diagnostic pathway (ODP) for HPB cancers. They are now inviting colleagues to an engagement session on Tuesday 4 August, 2.30-3.30pm. This session will provide an update on the development of the ODP, provide an opportunity to ask questions, and start to consider next steps/implementation. [If this is of interest, please use this link to register](#).

Participate in Research on Palliative Care for Parkinson's Research at RGU exploring palliative care for people with Parkinson's in Grampian is entering its second phase. This involves participating in a 45–60-minute interview online over Teams. The team are keen to recruit staff who are involved in the care of people with Parkinson's Disease, especially members of the Parkinson's Excellence Network. Your insights will help improve services, training, and support for patients and families. To take part please email c.howat@rgu.ac.uk Thanks to the NHS Grampian Charity for their funding of this research.

MedWatch – June edition The latest edition of the MedWatch newsletter is out now and available to [read via this link](#).

NHS Grampian Charity Every donation made to the NHS Grampian Charity stays local, with every penny raised is used right here in Grampian to enhance the care, treatment and experience of people in hospital, and the health and wellbeing of people in our communities. The charity has more than 230 funds dedicated to different hospitals, services, and medical conditions, so generous supporters donate to make a difference in an area that matters to them. [Follow this intranet link to find a full list](#) of our charity funds.

Tune of the day Our tune today is dedicated to Eunice Darnell, who is retiring from the wheelchair service after 28 years' service. Colleagues say she will be very much missed and have requested Ray Charles and [Hit The Road Jack](#)

Our second request is from Caroline Clark, chief nurse at RACH, to mark the inaugural National Children's Nurses Day. It comes hard on the heels of RACH attaining their Magnet ® with distinction designation, so it's celebrations all round. Caroline has requested [A Million Dreams](#) from The Greatest Showman soundtrack (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