

Daily Brief...



Friday 30 May 2025

Stage 4 escalation – update Following confirmation KPMG will be the external organisation providing support to the board as part of our escalation, our first meeting with them is scheduled for next week. Once this has taken place, we hope to be able to share more information about the scope of their work and what may be required of individuals and teams. We should also have further information about the assurance board which will be established. Please keep an eye on these briefs for the latest news.

Agenda for Change pay award – dates confirmed The 2025/26 Agenda for Change pay award uplift will be applied to salaries in June 2025. Arrears from 1 April 2025 will be paid in July wages.

REMINDER: Adult Support and Protection Reporting Forms A new, easier to use, version of this form was introduced last year, however, the Public Protection Team is still seeing older versions of the form being used to report abuse and harm. Please use the current version to report concerns about harm/abuse for adults at risk and delete or remove any locally saved/printed versions of the older adult protection reporting forms. You can access the most up-to-date version of the reporting form from the [Public Protection Intranet pages](#) (under the 'Adult Support and Protection' section). This page also has 'worked examples' of well completed reporting forms, and useful guidance for staff. If there are any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot.

Pay Day Special Menu not available in Orange Zone cafe today Due to unforeseen circumstances, the catering team's Pay Day Special Menu (fish & chips) will not be available in the Orange Zone Cafe at ARI today. There will be a limited hot food service only, however, the Pink Zone Cafe will offer the special menu. We apologise for any inconvenience.

MSc Advancing Healthcare Practice We're pleased to share further information on this opportunity to study at RGU, for those who may be interested in either the Clinical Nurse Specialist or Clinical Practice route; simply follow the relevant link below. Please ensure you have had discussions with your line manager and approval received through the appropriate channels before applying for either of these routes.

- [Clinical Practice route](#)
- [CNS Route](#)

Grampian Research Conference The 10th Grampian Research Conference, entitled "Breaking Traditional Disciplinary Boundaries" will take place on 27 & 28 June at P&J Live in Aberdeen. This event will incorporate the NHS Research Scotland Reproductive Health & Childbirth and University of Aberdeen Interdisciplinary Institute event. Registration is free, but you must be signed up by 10 June: [simply complete this form](#).

Cycle training opportunities Would you like to learn to ride a bike? Or perhaps you already do but lack the confidence to commute by bicycle? An opportunity has arisen for some free bicycle training, from complete beginners to advanced on-road training and cargo bike training. If you are potentially interested, please complete this very short questionnaire: [Bicycle Training](#) Queries please to gram.activetravel@nhs.scot

That was the week that was

Monday 26 – C.Diff - change to monthly reporting, switch to second class for outgoing mail

Tuesday 27 – next steps for Foresterhill multi-storey car park, Dementia Awareness week event

Wednesday 28 – email good practice, Turas Learn system notification issue

Thursday 29 – reminder about battery disposal and fire risk, workplace pensions auto-enrolment

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STAR Award & retirement reminder No presentations to share this week; if you want to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR Award, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

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).

Tune of the day We're celebrating new beginnings today; Nikki Rae, a staff nurse on Ward 107 at ARI gets married this weekend. For the soon to be Mrs Fraser, from all your friends on the ward, here are The Dixie Cups and [Chapel Of Love](#).

Starting a new chapter is Kerry Main, part of the Aberdeen community paediatric speech & language therapy team. A stalwart of the team for many years, her colleagues want to say 'Thank you' to her and let her know how much they appreciate the support she has given them all over the years and just how much she will be missed. They don't want her to go but are happy she's going to get to spend more valuable time with her wee family. For Kerry, here's James and [We're Going To Miss You](#)

Also bidding farewell is Jan Edwards, a dental nurse at Spynie in Elgin. She retires today after many years of loyal service; I'm told she is a huge fan of singing and keeps her colleagues entertained throughout the working day. Apparently, Christmas songs in Spring are not unheard of! For Jan, from all the Spynie team, here's Ol' Blue Eyes himself and [My Way](#) (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