

Daily Brief...



Thursday 31 July 2025

Stage 4 escalation – drop-in sessions You are invited to attend a drop-in session w/c 11th August, on Teams, to hear more about our improvement plan, following our Stage 4 escalation, and the external diagnostic report from KPMG. These sessions will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The same presentation will be given at each session, with an opportunity to ask questions at the end. The presentation will be recorded and shared, and we will prepare an FAQ, which will include the questions from all the drop-in sessions. If you are unable to attend, these will be available following the meetings. Dates and times are below, simply save the Teams link to attend:

- [Tuesday 12 August 1-2pm](#)
- [Wednesday 13 August, 4.30-5.30pm](#)
- [Friday 15 August 9.30-10.30am](#)

Reminder – error in on-call arrears for AfC staff With monthly salaries arriving in bank accounts today, we wanted to remind you of – and apologise for once again – an error in calculating some arrears in on-call allowances for AfC staff. **The error only applies to staff who have been paid on call allowances this year and are therefore due arrears on this aspect of their pay.** As a result, some of you may have been overpaid. Further information, including details of repayment, is being sent directly to those affected.

Temporary closure - Lady Helen Parking Centre, Foresterhill - tonight From 10pm this evening, there will be **no entrance** into the multi-storey car park on Thursday 31 July. If you are working overnight tonight into Friday, exit only will be permitted until 10am tomorrow. After that, the car park will be closed until 6am on Monday 4 August, for essential maintenance. There will be no vehicle or pedestrian access. As always, we encourage the use of alternatives like public transport, walking, cycling, etc. Please do not park on the core site as these spaces are needed for patients with limited mobility.

Reusable patient care equipment – electronic audit coming soon Do you use re-usable patient care equipment? Well, from Monday 4 August, the equipment audit will be available for recording responses electronically. The existing 20 pieces of equipment audit (Managing Patient Care Equipment SICP No. 5) is one of the 2 mandatory monthly audits; the other is Hand Hygiene. Both can be accessed via the Audit Launchpad, which is the same access point as the PVC bundle, SACCATs, Medicines Reconciliation etc. Please contact gram.infectioncontrol@nhs.scot or contact the Clinical Advice Line on Ext 53249 with any queries.

Green car salary sacrifice scheme As announced earlier this year we are planning to launch a green car salary sacrifice scheme. Such schemes are subject to very strict governance, which is taking longer than expected. We know many of you are interested in this scheme and we apologise for the delay. We remain committed to a green car salary sacrifice scheme and are working with a preferred provider. We will launch it as soon as we are able to; please keep an eye on the brief for more information.

Gonorrhoea vaccination programme People at increased risk of catching gonorrhoea can now be offered the Meningococcal B vaccination for protection against infection. Sexual health clinics will offer the vaccine to gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) at highest risk of infection, those involved in selling or exchanging sex regardless of gender, and those who sexual health clinic professionals assess as being at a similar risk level. The upcoming vaccination programme will complement existing interventions to reduce sexually transmitted infections (STI) transmission, preventing thousands of cases of gonorrhoea. More information is available on the NHS Inform website via this link: [Vaccination to help protect against gonorrhoea | NHS inform](#)

Aroma vouchers – now available at £5 Looking to treat a colleague? You can purchase vouchers for use in any Aroma outlet across Grampian, starting from just £5. Vouchers must be used within three months of purchase and must come with the original receipt attached. They cannot be exchanged for cash. Speak to colleagues at any Aroma outlet to find out more!

Tune of the day Kenny O'Brien (public protection team) makes today's request; he's asked for the Teddybears (featuring Iggy Pop) and [Punkrockers](#). This is on the soundtrack of the new Superman movie, which also gets the thumbs up from Kenny (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