

# Daily Brief...



Friday 31 July 2026

**Foresterhill site – hot water issues** As per the Global sent earlier this morning, there is currently no hot water available on the Foresterhill site. The cold-water supply is unaffected. Colleagues in Facilities & Estates are working hard to resolve the issue; in the meantime, contingency measures, including water light practice, are in place. Alcohol based hand gel should be used where possible for hand hygiene, remembering the key instances where this is not appropriate e.g., norovirus or C.Diff. Foresterhill is the only site affected. Updates will be shared as they become available and we apologise for the inconvenience.

**Staff 'flu vaccination 2026** It might seem premature to discuss 'flu vaccination on the last day of July, but September and the start of this year's programme will be here before we know it. As in 2025, all NHS staff, and social care colleagues with direct client contact, will be offered a free 'flu jab. In line with JCVI guidance, a free COVID jab will only be offered to those aged 75+, residents in older adult care homes, and those aged 6 months or older who are immunosuppressed, as per guidance in the Green Book.

We will have more to share about staff vaccination opportunities in the coming weeks. For now, we want to encourage everyone eligible to take up the offer of vaccination. 'Flu is a serious illness, and it evolves, hence the need for annual immunisation.

**Patient Demographic Ethnicity Codes changes** As of Monday (3 August), the following Ethnicity codes will no longer be available for selection in TrakCare:

1E White English  
1G White Northern Irish  
1F White Welsh

The following code should be used instead: 1B White British. No changes are being made to any other ethnicity codes. Any patients with an end-dated code recorded on the patient demographic screen will have an invalid code. Therefore, it will require updating before saving changes and exiting the demographic screen. Any questions? Please contact the IT service desk.

**SQA results day** If you've got young people in your life, you'll already know next Tuesday is SQA results day. As usual, the Skills Development Scotland helpline will be available, offering expert career advice, no matter the grades. The number is 0808 100 8000 and it opens at 8am on Tuesday 4 August.

**Sharing HOPE at the Clinical Board** The HOPE Collaborative brings together our person-centred and relational approaches across Grampian, including Getting it Right for Everyone (GIRFE), Realistic Medicine, Trauma-Informed Practice and Putting People First.

Attendees at the August Clinical Board will hear how listening to what matters to patients and staff can empower action around everyday issues, such as the temperature of our care and work environments. If you aren't an attendee at Clinical Board, [please follow this link to view our evolving resource pack](#), watch for upcoming open space events, or contact [gram.HOPE@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.HOPE@nhs.scot)

**Public Health at Turriff Show** The annual Turriff (or 'Turra', if you prefer) Show takes place this coming Sunday and Monday; colleagues from Public Health will be at Stand 146, emphasising the importance of good hand hygiene. They'll also be running a prize draw for children and young people, thanks to a donation from Netherton Tractors.

### **That was the week that was**

Monday 27 – staffing update – DGH general manager secondment, Migraine Trust international symposium

Tuesday 28 – nominations open for REACH awards, World Hepatitis Day

Wednesday 29 – appropriate use of sanctuary spaces, blood tests at Secondary Care hubs – action required

Thursday 30 – Executive Team weekly report, information on phishing attacks

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**STAR Award** This week we tip our collective hats to Gillian Poskitt, associate director for Quality Improvement and Assurance, following her recent STAR award presentation. Gillian was nominated for the exceptional difference she makes to colleagues, patients and the wider organisation. Her kindness, integrity and commitment to helping others truly set her apart. If you know a team, or individual, STAR, making a nomination couldn't be easier; all you need to do is complete the short form [available via this link](#).

**Tune of the day** Comfort Mshelia (paediatric clinical trials pharmacist) makes today's request, dedicated to colleagues Jill and Nic, both paediatric research nurses. Comfort says they are both brilliant to work with, so for them both, here's Sia (with Kendrick Lamar) and [The Greatest](#).

ARI pharmacy assistant Lisa Purves is off to Glasgow to see Calvin Harris this weekend, and she's got her fingers crossed she'll hear [C.U.B.A.](#) Also, Lisa clearly has the coolest dad ever, as he'll be her partner in crime at the gig. Rave responsibly, folks.

Finally, the Central Tillydrone district nursing team have been in touch to request [Loch Lomond](#) as a fond farewell to Aimee Cant, who is leaving to start a new post as a fully-fledged district nurse. Best of order on the dancefloor, please.

As ever, thank you (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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)