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Site safety and security Our sites are large public spaces, and we want to keep them as safe as possible for you, for the people we care for, and for the wider public. We all have a role to play in this. If you see anything which gives you cause for concern, contact the site security team (if available) or report it directly to Police Scotland.

More generally, make sure you wear your staff ID clearly when on duty. Don't be afraid to challenge any unknown or unexpected visitors to your site/building/clinic/ward/etc. Don't be offended if someone asks you to identify yourself. Make sure security doors are properly closed. If there is a fault with a lock (of any kind) log a repair request with Facilities & Estates.

Infection Prevention & Control strategy for Scotland published A ten-year strategy, setting out a clear vision and priority statement for the future of infection prevention and control in health and social care settings has been published. As the first integrated IPC strategy of its kind in Europe, the strategy supports a vision of minimising preventable infection for everyone accessing or providing health and social care. The strategy has been developed using a human rights-based approach, recognising IPC measures should be proportionate, person-led, and attentive to the rights, dignity and wellbeing of individuals. [You can read the strategy for yourself by following this link.](#)

NHS Grampian Charity supports innovative genetic testing programme An innovative Scotland-wide testing project to identify people with Orkney and Shetland ancestry who have a higher inherited risk of developing certain cancers has been announced today. The project, which is being led by Professor Zosia Miedzybrodzka, service clinical director of genetics and Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of Aberdeen, will start in the Orkney and Shetland islands before rolling out across the Scottish mainland. It is being funded through generous charitable donations from NHS Grampian Charity, Friends of ANCHOR, and the official NHS charities in Orkney, Shetland, Highland, Tayside, Lothian, and Greater Glasgow & Clyde. This is the first time NHS charities anywhere in the UK have joined forces in this way to develop a nationwide project to improve health and wellbeing. [You can read more information about the project via this link.](#)

Cannulation support for FY1s Hospital at night cannulation SHCSW specialists are on standby during daytime hours to teach new resident doctors in ARI the skills of cannulation access and venepuncture. New resident doctors are encouraged to call 59003 this week today, tomorrow, and Thursday, during daytime and evening hours to access support from this friendly team.

Diabetic Foot Training Needs Assessment As part of our ongoing commitment to improving patient care, a staff survey focused on the management of the diabetic foot is now open. Running until October, this provides an opportunity for everyone involved in diabetic foot care to reflect on their current knowledge, experience, and confidence.

Your feedback will help us understand the strengths within our workforce, as well as identifying areas where additional support, training, or education may be beneficial. By benchmarking current competencies, we can ensure our services continue to evolve and align with best practice standards. Ultimately, this work aims to strengthen our collective capability and enhance outcomes for patients at risk of diabetic foot complications.

[Please take a few minutes to follow this link and complete the survey openly and honestly](#). All responses are anonymous and will contribute to shaping future professional development opportunities within our service. Any further information required, please contact Leigh Porter via leigh.porter@nhs.scot

Digital Bytes - Your Quick IT Fix The Digital Support Centre Training Team produce Digital Bytes – a growing series of bite-sized, 60-second videos designed to make your digital life easier. Each video delivers practical tips and tricks you'll wish you'd known sooner. We advertise new videos via this brief, while the full collection is [available to view by following this intranet link](#). Our latest Digital Byte focuses on HEPMA: Fallback Terminal Printer - Toner Requests, and HEPMA: Late Administration of Medication

Got ideas? [We welcome your feedback and topic suggestions via this form](#). You can learn more about the Digital Support Centre and access the full range of training resources at [GRAM – Digital Support Centre](#) – Helping support your digital journey.

Laboratory newsletters The latest newsletters from the laboratory team are available to read via the links below (networked devices only):

[The Primary Care newsletter is available via this link.](#)

[The Secondary Care newsletter is available via this link.](#)

Tune of the day Our first request goes out to Health Visitor – and, more importantly, proud mum, Anne Silcock. Anne's daughter Maddy, herself a physiotherapist at the Golden Jubilee, won a bronze medal in the team sprint track cycling event at the Commonwealth Games last Thursday. Anne and her husband Donald were there to cheer Maddy on; from all of Anne's colleagues in the Lower Marr health visiting/school nurse team, here's Queen and [Bicycle Race](#).

Our second request today is dedicated to everyone involved in Davanity Fayre, the shared decision-making council on Davan ward at Royal Cornhill, as they mark its second anniversary. [Celebration](#) by Madonna should cover the bases (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