

Thursday 4 June 2026

Fraud Awareness training update As part of the changes to Protected Learning Time, a new national mandatory training module focused on fraud awareness was launched earlier this year. Approximately 38% of you have already completed this module. This is encouraging progress; however, this is a mandatory module for all and must be completed by 2 September 2026 to meet national compliance.

The module raises awareness of fraud risks, supports public trust, and forms part of your terms and conditions of employment. You should complete it during protected learning time, within working hours, in discussion with their manager. [You can access the module via this Turas link](#) (log-in required) where your completion status is recorded. As part of an ongoing review of the new 'Once for Scotland' modules, we would really encourage you to share feedback when invited to at the end of the module.

Thank you for continuing to prioritise learning, keeping our organisation safe and compliant.

ICYMI - Reduced Working Week - business systems update Following updates to business systems in respect of the Reduced Working Week, managers should check their systems to ensure team members are correctly recorded. This includes contracted hours, staff grade, and whether staff are on the correct roster. This is vital to ensure your team are paid the correct wage. All managers need to check eESS, plus Optima rostered areas should also check Optima. Please carry out these checks no later than Friday 12 June. For assistance to make corrections in eESS, please consult the user guides on [the eESS National Website, available via this link](#). If corrections are required in Optima, forms can [be found via this intranet link](#).

Planned downtime – cardiac physiology/ETT system The cardiac physiology department will be installing a new Exercise Tolerance Test (ETT) system on Tuesday 16 June. As a result, there will be **no** inpatient ETT availability on this date. The system will be online and available again on Wednesday 17 June. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Radiology Sectra PACS – user communication In preparation for the Radiology Sectra PACS go-live scheduled for 22 August, email communications containing Turas training instructions were issued to all known PACS users yesterday (3 June). All PACS users are asked to check their inbox for this correspondence. If you have not received an email and require access to Radiology PACS, please contact the project team at gram.rispacsproject@nhs.scot.

Please put blister packs and medicine cups in blue waste bins Any item that has been in contact with medicines **must** be disposed of in a blue bin. This includes empty blister packs and medicine cups; these could contain residue and must be classed as medicinal waste. A Toolbox Talk on Disposal of Medicinal Waste & Containers is available via Turas. This should be prioritised by all clinical staff. Clinical waste audits across all sectors regularly highlight wrongly segregated blister packs and medicine

cups - these should never be disposed of in orange (clinical), black (general waste) or clear (mixed recycling) bags. Any questions, please email neil.duncan3@nhs.scot

Introducing the Leaf Project The Leaf Project uses clear visual symbols to quickly identify patients at risk of falls and promote safer mobility. The system has been tested across several inpatient areas and has been shown to help staff—including new, bank, and agency colleagues—identify at-risk patients at a glance. [The resource pack available via this link](#) includes implementation guidance, a flowchart, audit tools, and a PDSA template, and is designed to complement—not replace—existing falls assessment and safety processes. The pack can be found in Grampian Guidance, under Nursing Documentation Section 8b Falls Risks. Use of the Leaf Project is optional, and inpatient teams may choose to adopt and test it locally as an addition to, not to replace, existing falls prevention processes. A single leaf indicates a patient identified as at risk, while multiple leaves show a fall has occurred during admission.

Innovate MedTech North 2026 This event will take place at ONE Bio Hub (Foresterhill) on Thursday 25 June, 9am-3.15pm. Participants will hear directly from companies taking innovation all the way to market, get honest and tailored feedback on their own ideas from a panel of expert advisors, and sit in on a Techscaler fireside covering what investors are looking for right now. The sessions are structured, the networking is genuine, and the room will be full of the right people. Sound interesting? You can register [by following this link](#).

Aberdeen Half Marathon/NHS Grampian Charity We are excited to announce the NHS Grampian Charity will be a charity partner for the Aberdeen Half Marathon on Saturday 18 July, securing a limited number of charity spaces for this sold-out event. The charity team will be attending on the day to support the event, cheer on runners, engage with the public, and shout about the great work of NHS Grampian. If you would be interested in joining them on the day as a charity volunteer, please get in touch with louise.bone3@nhs.scot for more details.

Tune of the day Thirty-six years ago today, James released their third studio album, 'Gold Mother'...from that record [Come Home](#) is our tune of the day (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