

Daily Brief...



Friday 4 September 2026

'Flu vaccination clinics Dedicated staff clinics open on Monday. There are still plenty of appointment slots available at all clinics, across Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray. These are the only confirmed dates for dedicated staff clinics; while more dates may be scheduled, along with use of roving vaccinators and peer vaccination, we would strongly encourage getting your vaccination in the coming weeks.

The clinics are a mix of drop-in and appointments. Appointments are booked via the national booking portal, [which you can find at this link](#). If you qualify for 'flu vaccination for reasons other than being NHS staff, and usually get an appointment issued to you, please be aware you will not be able to view and book the staff clinics. If the appointment you have been given is suitable, please keep it. If you would prefer to attend a staff clinic, you will need to cancel the appointment allocated and then book a new one via the portal, selecting the NHS staff 'flu vaccination option.

Not sure what your username or password are? Don't panic. [The short video available via this link](#) will guide you through the process of recovering them.

Foresterhill multi-storey car park planned closure – next week The car park will close at 10pm on Thursday 10 September and remain closed until 6am on Monday 14 September for essential maintenance. There will be no access to the facility during this period; please ensure vehicles are removed before 10pm on Thursday 10 September. All other car parks will be busier as a result, please car share or use alternative transport wherever possible. Remember, no vehicles should be parked on double yellow lines or in hatched areas. Designated Blue Badge and ambulance spaces are for those vehicles only. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Update your bookmarks – Clinical Audit Launchpad The Audit Launchpad for clinical area audits (Hand Hygiene, Care Assurance Tool, Five Factors etc) [has now moved onto the intranet via this link](#). This will avoid anyone needing to request additional permissions to view this in the future. The old link will remain in place for the time being for ease but please update your bookmarks if you use this regularly.

Consultation – display screen equipment policy This policy is currently out for consultation. Further information, including the draft policy, [can be found on the intranet via this link](#). The consultation will close on Thursday 8 October.

Hospital@Home update The Hospital@Home service continues to support patient flow across the secondary care system by helping patients avoid hospital admission where appropriate and facilitating earlier discharge from acute hospital settings. Service activity for May to July 2026 is summarised in the [infographic at this link](#).

Full information about the Hospital@Home service, including referral criteria, [is available via this link](#) to the Hospital@Home intranet page. For any further questions on the service please contact the team at gram.hospitalathomeadmin@nhs.scot.

Scottish Nurse Transplant Network Conference Available to attend in person or virtually, this event will take place in Aberdeen on Friday 9 October, 10.30am-3.30pm. It is open to nurses who care for patients with any type of organ transplant, including kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas and multi-organ transplants. Suitable for nurses at all levels, and in a range of roles, the day will provide valuable learning that can be applied directly to practice while supporting your NMC revalidation and CPD requirements. To sign up to attend in person or virtually, [please complete the form available at this link](#). Contact chloe.england@nhs.scot if you have any questions about the day.

Aberdeen Dental Outreach Centre – treatment offer The Aberdeen Dental Outreach Centre is currently inviting unregistered patients for treatment within student teaching clinics. Student treatment, provided within NHS Grampian dental clinics is free of charge, and is supervised by fully qualified and experienced dentists. If you are over 18 years of age, are not currently registered with a dentist, and are able to attend appointments during working hours, further information can be obtained by calling Argyll Dental Practice on 01224 551581 ext. 51581. An assessment is carried out prior to a patient being accepted to the student clinic to ensure student teaching requirements are matched to patient treatment needs.

That was the week that was

Monday 31 – August edition of Ask Laura, new maternity triage phonenumber launched

Tuesday 1 – ordering process for gluten free products for patients at ARI, introduction to BSL training

Wednesday 2 – response to Programme for Government 2026-31, ANPR system to go-live at Foresterhill

Thursday 3 – pensions – annual benefit statements, hot water flushing required at Foresterhill

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STAR Award A warm 'well done' to medical secretary Nicola MacKinnon on her recent STAR Award presentation. Nicola demonstrated exceptional innovation and initiative by developing the Follow-up CT Results Phone Clinic for Post-op Lung Cancer Patients, helping improve how patients receive and understand their results. Bravo! 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 Family development worker Maureen Teague celebrated a 'big' birthday earlier this week. All the gang at Fyfe Park clinic send their love and have requested some Luke Combs; I've plumped for [Beautiful Crazy](#).

Spare a thought for the youngsters preparing to tread the boards in night two of Garioch Youth Musical Society's latest show 'Back to the 80s' at Inverurie Town Hall tonight. At least two of them belong to NHS Grampian colleagues who've been hiding in the back trying to make sure those quick changes aren't a disaster, and the light sabers make it on stage at the right time. Here's [Footloose](#); break a leg, folks!

It's been an action-packed week, hasn't it? If the weekend offers you some time to stop, please take it. If you are working through, stay safe. Thank you (EP)

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