

Daily Brief...



Friday 5 June 2026

iMatter 2026 – the clock is ticking The iMatter 2026 survey window will close at 5pm on Monday. Taking part takes just minutes, helps your team focus on what is most important, and helps us as an organisation understand what it's like to work here. Our completion rate is currently sitting at 56%. Please take the time to complete the survey; the link has been emailed directly and there are prompts sent out weekly. If you are having any issues in taking part in iMatter, please email gram.imatter@nhs.scot without delay.

Robertson Family Roof Garden update We are pleased to confirm the Robertson Family Roof Garden will reopen on Monday 8 June as planned and will be open each day between 7am and 9pm*. Please remember this garden is a patient facility first and foremost and should not be used to take breaks, eat lunch, etc. There is a staff-only garden for this purpose at ARI. A huge thank you to colleagues in estates, to Gordon Strang and the spiritual care team, and to Robertsons for their work in bringing the garden back into use.

*Time sensitive use of the garden for patients and relatives may be facilitated out of hours via staff swipe badges, but otherwise the garden is closed overnight.

Bariatric bed locations A trial of the current bariatric bed locations within acute areas is underway to improve storage, availability, and equipment tracking. Relevant staff have been advised of the bed locations and the process for borrowing equipment directly from the designated wards.

Portering Supervisors will be trained on the eQUIP system, and all requests for sourcing and returning bariatric beds will go through the Porters. During this trial period, beds will remain based in the wards where admissions most frequently occur: 104/107/111/114/217. If you need to borrow a bariatric bed, please contact the Porters directly. If all available beds are in use, the equipment hire process will need to be followed.

Qualitative research methods workshop Are you interested in Qualitative research methods and would like to learn more about it? Or would you like to build on your existing knowledge? If so, we are holding a Qualitative Research Methods Workshop next Tuesday (9 June), 10am-12.30pm via Teams with Dr Louisa Lawrie, a lecturer at the Institute of Applied Health Sciences, University of Aberdeen. Booking is essential; you can secure your place by emailing gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot

Volunteers Week – spotlighting volunteers in catering As Volunteers Week draws to a close, we are [pleased to share the article available via this link](#), highlighting volunteering within catering. Members of this team support a whole range of community groups and charities in their spare time; a big thank you to support manager Jacqui Cumming for putting this article together.

That was the week that was

Monday 1 – change to the approval process on Datix, Practice Supervisor/Practice Assessor – supporting FAQs

Tuesday 2 – International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, VBRP® opportunities

Wednesday 3 – management of scrub suits, Scottish Improvement Leader programme open for applications

Thursday 4 – fraud awareness training update, proper disposal of blister packs and medicine cups

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STAR Award This week we tip our hats to the team on Muirton ward at Seafield Hospital in Buckie, following their recent STAR Award presentation. A strong culture of respect, warmth, and mutual support runs throughout the ward, sustaining morale and confidence even during challenging times. Well done to all of them! 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 Louise and the team at NHS Grampian Charity want to say a huge 'good luck' to everyone taking on the Aberdeen Kiltwalk this weekend, especially those taking part to fundraise for enhancements to their own departments. The forecast suggests drizzle and a moderate breeze; may your waterproofs be truly waterproof and your blisters minimal. What else could we play but The Proclaimers and [I'm Gonna Be \(500 Miles\)](#)?

Grace Ball, a location manager in Aberdeenshire HSCP, will also be on the Kiltwalk this weekend, walking for Dementia UK in memory of her parents. Grace has asked for [On Top Of The World](#) by Imagine Dragons

If you're not kilt-walking, Dr Craig Hewitt from Garthdee Medical Group suggests [YMCA](#) by The Village People, to mark Pride month and bring the disco for a Friday.

Another weekend glimmers on the horizon. I wish you a good one, whatever you have planned and, as always, thank you for everything (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