

Friday 6 February 2026

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**Essential water works this Sunday – Foresterhill** Work will be carried out at Foresterhill on Sunday (8 February) to replace essential valves. During the work the pumped cold-water supply will be isolated. Between 7.30am and 1.30pm, the areas listed below should move to ‘water-light’ practice.

- ARI Yellow Zone - Water tank storage may be enough for the duration of work, but ‘water-light’ recommended
- ARI Purple Zone - Water tank storage **will not** be enough for duration hence ‘water-light’
- ARI Orange Zone - Water tank storage may be enough for duration of work, but ‘water-light’ recommended
- Link Building - Majority of the building will experience immediate loss of water; toilet facilities will remain operational.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works and thank you for your co-operation.

**M365 Copilot** Many of you will already be familiar with Copilot. All NHSG users currently have access to Copilot Chat within Microsoft Teams, which can help you search for information or summarise and improve text or documents.

We also have a limited number of licences for the more advanced M365 Copilot, which is integrated across Teams, Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint. This version of Copilot can search the contents of documents stored within the NHS Scotland M365 environment (where you already have access) to provide more comprehensive and tailored responses to your queries. If you are interested, more details about [what M365 Copilot can offer can be found via this link](#).

To be considered for an M365 Copilot licence, [please complete the form available at this link](#). Please note licences are limited. Usage will be monitored, and inactive licences will be withdrawn and reallocated.

**Blood Transfusion update** Version 2 of the national transfusion record is now live. Information about new version, along with ordering details, [can be found by following this link](#). Please share this update with your teams.

**Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) – updated form** Please use the updated Integrated Impact Assessment and Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment forms. [Follow this link to download](#) the forms.

**Ionising radiation examination – checking pregnancy status** There are changes to the way Radiology are checking a patient's pregnancy status. This would normally be achieved by using a LMP form for any female patient undergoing ionising radiation examinations of the lower abdomen or pelvis between the ages of 12-55.

This policy has been revised; operators are required to establish the pregnancy status for **all** patients undergoing ionising radiation examinations of the lower abdomen or pelvis between the ages of 12-55. A new inclusive pregnancy form has been created; [you can find it on the intranet via this link](#), under radiology RA4. A new inclusive pregnancy status for referrers and radiology staff e-tool box talk [can be found via this link](#).

**Closing soon – STV licence change request** In case you missed it, STV are proposing to centralise their news coverage in Glasgow, ending the local 6pm bulletin from Aberdeen. As an organisation, we support local journalism, as a way to share our stories with the public and to ensure bodies like ourselves are properly held to account. [We would encourage you to share your views with OFCOM, by following this link](#). The consultation closes on Monday 9 February.

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

Monday 2 – chief executive's blog, launch of HSCW competency framework, the importance of appraisals

Tuesday 3 – plea to return pharmacy cool packs, vaccination programme changes – adults & children

Wednesday 4 – update from CET, safe use of toasters, update on Ashgrove House heating

Thursday 5 – protecting your privacy, HCPC registrations renewal reminder

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**STAR Award** All the flowers this week to Dr David Miller, consultant in respiratory medicine, following his STAR Award presentation. Dr Miller is an exceptionally compassionate clinician who continually goes above and beyond for patients and their families. By keeping a family updated - even outside working hours - and ensuring dignity and peace for their loved one, David made a lasting difference never to be forgotten. Do 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](#).

**Fancy a kickabout?** If you are bursting with anticipation ahead of the World Cup, why not try out for one of our staff teams? The Aberdeen based team train on Wednesday nights 7.30-9pm at the Nelson outdoor pitches. All ages and abilities welcomed. Just drop David Barry ([david.barry2@nhs.scot](mailto:david.barry2@nhs.scot)) a line to join the gang. The team typically play 7 a side, with the occasional 11 a side, including an upcoming game against the DGH team. If you're based in Elgin, get in touch with Greg Dempster ([greg.dempster@nhs.scot](mailto:greg.dempster@nhs.scot)) to find out more.

**Tune of the day** Our first request is dedicated to Martyna Gratkiewicz who recently moved from RCH Pharmacy to ARI Pharmacy. Abigail and the RCH team hope she had a blast during her first week, and Martyna please, [Don't You \(Forget About Me\)](#).

Our second tune is for Mary Valenzuela, a phlebotomist at ARI. A patient recently got in touch to praise Mary's professionalism and skill, which a great deal to reduce their anxiety about having blood taken. Her supervisor Anna says this is well deserved recognition and has asked for [I Got You \(I Feel Good\)](#) by Mr James Brown.

Jenny Robb requests [Cold As Ice](#) for colleagues in Ashgrove House. Jokes aside, a big thank you to the team in Facilities and Estates who are doing their utmost to fix the heating in this building, along with Foresterhill House and the Annex.

It's almost the weekend and we can only be thankful. There's plenty of sport to amuse you, if that's your bag, with the 6 Nations (yes, I saw the game last night. No, I don't want to talk about it.) and the Winter Olympics. If you're working, have a safe shift. If you're off for half-term, enjoy. 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)