

Daily Brief...



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Keeping information secure - lock your screen when you're away from your desk It's a simple measure, but it prevents others from seeing information they're not authorised to see. It's also important to be aware of who is around you and can see your screen when you are working with sensitive information and to make sure that it's not being read over your shoulder, through a window behind you etc. To keep it simple, up off your seat? Ctrl-Alt-Delete.

Shaping the future of AHP advanced practice in Scotland Next Thursday (13 November) there's an opportunity to hear from Professor Carolyn McDonald, chief AHP officer for Scotland, as 'Transforming Roles Paper 9: AHP Advanced Practice' is launched. A webinar will take place between 2-3pm to discuss the paper and how it will support the development of AHP advanced practice roles. This session is particularly aimed at AHPs with an interest in advanced practice, service leads, practice education leads, and AHP higher education academics. [To attend the webinar, please complete this short form.](#)

SafeCare 1-1 support The eRostering Team offer 1-1 support sessions, via Teams, to colleagues who update the SafeCare system to make their RealTime Staffing Assessments. You can book a slot to get individual support and answers to your SafeCare questions, [simply follow this link for dates and times.](#) To help the team make the most of the time, please provide some details of your query on the booking form linked above. The team can still be contacted on gram.safecare@nhs.scot. The booking system does not replace this way of contacting us, and we would ask that you continue to use email if you need to contact us urgently.

Gypsy/Traveller culture and practice awareness session This online event will take place via Teams on 13 November from 10-11.30am. Open to all colleagues, it will look at widely held perceptions about the gypsy/traveller lifestyle and explore how relationships with this community can be improved. [More details and the joining information can be found via this link](#)

HELP for families across Grampian (Health Equity + Learning Project) Some families are struggling to get to appointments due to lack of funds to pay for transport. Financial support is available via a new test of change project which links Grampian families to funds – they contact Cash First and talk about what they need via welfare.rights@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by calling 01467 538555.

HELP has been working with a group of people with lived experience, an expert panel, who have shared valuable experiences and ideas relating to barriers to healthcare appointment attendance. Living rurally can increase the difficulty of getting where a family needs to go. This project will run from November 2025 until February 2026. It brings together ourselves and Aberdeenshire Council and is funded by the Scottish Government through the Child Poverty Practice Accelerator Fund. We are also working with The ARCHIE Foundation. For more information about the project, please email catherine.garrow@nhs.scot

Grampian Palliative & End of Life Care Network Professional Conference There is still time to register for this year's conference, taking place on Wednesday 19 November at the Aberdeen Altens Hotel. This year's conference delves into the complexities of palliative and end of life care, with a particular focus on managing long-term conditions such as renal disease, diabetes, MND, and chronic lung disease. We'll explore how these diagnoses shape care planning, influence symptom control, and challenge conventional approaches to support. View the programme and [register by 12 November via Eventbrite](#). If you have any queries, please contact the organisers on gram.mcn@nhs.scot

Would you like to complete a research fellowship? There are different streams for medics, NMAHPs, and GPs and you can find out more on the [NHS Research Scotland Fellowships – Chief Scientist Office](#) website. Note the 9 December deadline for applications.

Special menu at Pink and Orange Zone cafes, ARI Our catering team have been flexing their creative muscles again, with support from colleagues, to create a special menu today celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali. The menu will have a choice of meat and vegetarian options, with sides, priced at £6, and will be served 11.30am-1.30pm

Book Blether – tonight! Join us this evening, at 7pm, for a chat about what you're currently reading and a wee think about Friendships in Books. Sam & Frodo, Holmes & Watson, Ginger & Black Beauty. Email cornhill.library@nhs.scot for a joining link.

Scotland's Health Awards – good luck Wendy! We want to wish our very own Wendy Harper the best of luck at Scotland's Health Awards, taking place in Edinburgh this evening. Wendy is a finalist in the Support Worker category; whatever the result tonight, she's already a winner in our eyes!

Tune of the day Alan Skene, part of the finance team, has a big birthday today (no number specified...) and all his work chums have requested [Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life](#). An excellent sentiment, today and everyday.

We also have a request in to celebrate SCN Ashleigh Brown. It's one year this week since Haematology/Oncology/Bay 9 at RACH became a separate ward led by Ash who we understand has worked hard to improve everything for patients and their families. The team tell us Ash is so motivated and supportive of staff that they would like to show their appreciation for all she does. You've guessed it! Here's [Simply the Best](#) (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