

Daily Brief...



Friday 7 August 2026

All-staff briefing – August session Our next all-staff briefing session takes place on Monday 17 August, between 2-2.30pm. These half-hour sessions give you the chance to hear the very latest on what's happening across the organisation. You can submit questions in advance (anonymously, if preferred) by emailing gram.communications@nhs.scot These sessions are recorded and a link shared in this brief for those unable to attend. [No need to book, simply use this joining link.](#)

When is a staff member, not a staff a member? While we are employees of NHS Grampian, there are times when we may be patients or visitors too. If you are at any of our sites, in your own time, either visiting friends or relatives, or as a patient, you **must not** use your staff ID badge to gain access to any area. It may be tempting as a shortcut or to save time, however, staff ID badges should only be used when you are on shift, to gain access to areas as required in the course of your work duties. As a reminder, if you see anyone in your ward/clinic/office who you don't recognise, or who isn't on shift, you should query why they are there and ask them to leave, as required.

Warp-it offline for upgrade Please be aware the Warp-it re-use portal will be unavailable from tomorrow (Saturday) until Tuesday (11 August). This is to allow for an upgrade. Portal management have recorded [the video available at this link](#) to walk users through the new system. There will be no change to the log on details for users.

Grampian diabetes MCN professional conference This year's event will take place on Wednesday 16 September at the Aberdeen Altens Hotel. As always, there will be a focus on networking, sharing challenges and successes, and a broad range of educational talks and interactive workshops. To check out [the full programme and register, simply follow this link](#). If you have any queries, please email gram.mcn@nhs.scot

Pre-secondary group The Occupational Therapy Department at RACH ran a very successful pre-secondary group yesterday. This group prepares young people with additional needs for the transition to secondary school, by running them through various scenarios, including ordering an afternoon snack in a busy canteen. The OT team want to thank the friendly staff at Aroma Cairngorm cafe, particularly Karen and Barbara, who provided a warm welcome to the young people who visited the cafe as part of their activities during the afternoon session.

Social media SOS – Share Our Stuff As we hope you are aware, there are NHS Grampian accounts on several social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. We use these accounts to share stories about our people and their achievements, and important health information for our communities. If you don't already follow us, we'd love to have you onboard.

If you do already follow us, please can we ask for some help? We regularly post information to help the public use unscheduled care services, like NHS 24, minor injury units, emergency departments, and Scottish Ambulance Service appropriately. If you spot one of these posts, please take 10 seconds to like and share them. Social media platforms no longer share posts in their order they are posted, but according to how many people engage with them. More engagement means more people see our posts, which means more people get guidance on how to take care of themselves and get the right care, in the right place. Thank you!

That was the week that was

Monday 3 – Chief Executive's blog, update to transmission-based precautions

Tuesday 4 – site safety and security, NHS Grampian Charity supports innovative genetic testing programme

Wednesday 5 – Every Penny Counts briefing sessions, welcome to new resident doctors

Thursday 6 – smoking/vaping on site, call for peer vaccinators for 'flu programme

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STAR Award We're all quiet on the presentations front this week, so consider this a reminder of sorts; 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 Brace thyselfes, ARI Ward 107 staff nurse Jade Moore is out for her hen do this weekend. Colleagues and friends tell me Jade is a huge Meat Loaf fan so turn up the volume and clear some time in your diaries (it's over 7 minutes long) for [I'd Do Anything For Love \(But I Won't Do That\)](#). Have a fantastic night, Jade.

Also celebrating are management accountants Calum Ruxton and Scott Thomson, who both have birthdays today. Calum is 30 and partial to Tame Impala so here's [The Less I Know The Better](#); Scott (age withheld) is a big Dandy Don, so here's [Every 1's A Winner](#)*

*So far this season. Terms & Conditions apply. If this ends up being a jinx, I really am very sorry.

A shoutout to Eve Bain in finance as she starts her maternity leave! Thank you for your contribution to the team, who wish you a wonderful maternity leave and all the very best as you prepare for this exciting new chapter with your growing family. [Mama by Spice Girls](#) will send you on your way

Have a weekend, folks. You've earned it. 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