

Thursday 7 May 2026

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**Car parking behaviour** Over the past week some particularly poor car parking has been observed, most notably (but not only) at Foresterhill. We understand it is frustrating to arrive at work and have difficulty in parking, however, this does not permit unsafe, even dangerous, parking. Please remember the following:

- Access roads, such as the road to the car park at the rear of Ashgrove House, are not car parks. Emergency services may need access to any of our buildings, at any time. If they cannot get in, they cannot do their job.
- Hatched areas must not be used for parking; these areas must be kept clear for emergency vehicle access.
- Spaces reserved for patients in front of our clinical buildings must not be used for parking when you are on shift.
- Ambulance bays are for ambulances. Blue badge spaces are for blue badge holders. No exceptions.
- Loading bays are not parking spaces. They must be kept clear to ensure ease of deliveries and collection of waste.
- Do **not** park on double yellow lines or move cones to be able to park. Traffic markings are in place to ensure **all** vehicles can move safely around our sites.
- If you are parking off site, ensure you abide by any local parking controls. We want to ensure our near neighbours can get in and out of their properties.

**Aberdeen HSCP Team Talk - today** Leigh Jolly, Chief Officer for Aberdeenshire HSCP, is holding a Team Talk today at 10am - [you can join by following this link](#).

**Moray Macmillan Service – temporary service reduction** The Moray Macmillan Service is currently operating a temporary, significantly reduced, service due to staff shortages. During this period, there will be **no** hospital cover at Dr Gray's Hospital, and community support will be provided by telephone **only**. Priority will be given to patients requiring complex home visits; however, capacity remains very limited. Other referrals, assessments and follow-ups will be managed via telephone consultations or clinic appointments where clinically appropriate.

If a situation is urgent, please contact Roxburgh House directly for advice and support on 01224 557057. We appreciate this may require flexibility and understanding, and we will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. Our priority remains to ensure safe, appropriate and timely support for patients with the resources currently available. Thank you for your continued support.

**Talking Mats training – next week** Talking Mats is a visual framework which uses picture symbols to help people with communication difficulties. It has the potential for use with a wide range of people and is an approach which helps them think about issues and provides them with a way of expressing their views more easily. The Learning Disability Service have in-house trainers, and training is available on 12 May and 16 June. These are half day sessions, and you must attend both sessions. [Follow this link to further information on the intranet.](#)

**Coming soon - Professional Advanced Practice Oversight Group (PAPOG)** Launching next week, PAPOG has been set up to provide assurance and good governance for advanced practice roles, including clinical nurse specialist and advanced practice posts. If your service is considering the creation, review, or approval of these posts, PAPOG will ensure they are properly governed within NHS Grampian structures, fit for service need, aligned with national policy drivers, and compliant with NMC Principles for Advanced Practice. Before a post can be advertised, a service needs analysis will need to be completed and signed off from a Chief Nurse **and** PAPOG. For more information, please get in touch via [gram.acateam@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.acateam@nhs.scot)

**One week to go - XI Annual Grampian research conference** Join us for two inspiring days of learning, collaboration and discovery as we work together towards 'Better Cancer Outcomes'. Last year's conference proudly received the Collaboration Award from Aberdeen Convention Bureau, and this year promises to be even more exceptional, with an outstanding line up of speakers at the forefront of research and care.

Day 1 will feature sessions on the role of NMAHPs in cancer research, innovation for better outcomes, and improving inclusion in cancer trials. The Aberdeen Breast Unit clinical trials evening dinner will highlight ongoing collaborative research across NHS boards and academic partners. Day 2 is centred on reproductive health and childbirth, alongside further contributions from cancer researchers across the region. [To register for the conference, simply follow this link.](#)

**Adult Autism Assessment Team newsletter – Aberdeen City & Moray** The latest newsletter from this team is out now [and available to read via this link.](#)

**Cancer Care Spring 2026 webinar** Registration is now open for this webinar taking place on the morning of Wednesday 10 June, 9.30am-12.15pm. This session will include information regarding the Cancer Referral Guidelines, SPOC and Direct, and cancer service updates. To register for the webinar, [simply follow this link.](#)

**Tune of the day** Dietitian Jen Still turns 50 today; her colleagues in the acute dietetics team describe her as their 'dancing queen' [so y'all know where this link will take you...](#)

Tomorrow Amanda Fleming celebrates 21 years of service with NHS Grampian. Colleagues want to wish her all the best in celebrating this milestone and starting her new chapter with the Integrated Alcohol team. For Amanda, [She's Electric](#) (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)