

Daily Brief...



Wednesday 8 April 2026

Update from Chief Executive Team Here is the summary of this week's meeting of the Chief Executive Team (CET).

Matters of concern or key risks to escalate	Major Actions Commissioned/ Work Underway
<p>Ongoing risk with some unreported results. Local service meetings and governance tracking are being strengthened to address this.</p> <p>Discharge concerns at ARI remain under review, with escalation through the acute governance process and the Unscheduled Care Programme Board.</p> <p>Delays in radiology system upgrades across five boards have led to business continuity actions; downtime and reporting gaps are being actively managed.</p> <p>Uncertainty around future funding for planned care and operational improvement projects beyond Quarter 1 of 2026/27, with risks to performance and sustainability flagged for further discussion with Scottish Government.</p>	<p>A reprioritisation workshop for Unscheduled Care projects is scheduled to ensure evidence-based funding decisions and improved project oversight.</p> <p>Digital solutions for patient monitoring and records management are being explored as part of the Invest to Save framework, with a call for high-level proposals to be reviewed at the next Value & Sustainability Programme Board.</p> <p>Population Health Programme Board launched, focusing on cardiovascular disease prevention and cross-system collaboration; Terms of Reference are being finalised.</p> <p>Culture Programme Board is refining its delivery plan and Terms of Reference for three supporting pillars, with a focus on actionable priorities and resource needs.</p> <p>A new Deputy Chief Executive rota is being established for 2026/27 following an Expression of Interest process, with four colleagues rotating to cover the role during CEO absences.</p>

Positive Assurances to Provide	Decisions Made
<p>Staff report improved system pressures and morale, with early signs of stabilisation and reduced breaches in operational performance.</p> <p>Three-year financial plan has been approved for the first time in several years, providing greater certainty for future planning.</p> <p>Social care capacity is improving, particularly in city and rural areas, supporting better patient flow.</p> <p>External facilitation for the Executive Team development session was well received, with plans for a longer-term programme to support leadership through upcoming changes.</p> <p>Clinical engagement and collaboration are being prioritised in sub-national planning, with dedicated PMO support and strengthened links to trade unions.</p>	<p>Agreement to circulate feedback from the Executive Team development session and prioritise next steps at the following meeting.</p> <p>The approach for Invest to Save proposals was agreed: one-page summaries to be submitted for review, focusing on deliverable cash-releasing savings.</p> <p>Shared Executive Team objectives for 2026/27 will be updated to include population health, with final review and sign-off at the next meeting.</p>

Organisational Priorities 2026/27 - recording of briefing session Thank you to everyone who came along to our first briefing session on our organisational priorities for 2026/27 yesterday. [The session was recorded and is available to watch via this link](#). A second briefing session will take place next Tuesday (14 April) 11.30am-12pm. No need to book, [just follow this link to join](#). Want a closer look at the slides shared during the briefing? [Simply follow this link](#).

Medicines Management intranet page migration The Medicines Management intranet webpage is currently undergoing an update and migration to a new platform. During this period, anyone who usually accesses medicine related documents via this page should instead use the public website, [available via this link](#). Please use this page until 14 April.

Out of Date stocks – update Following previous articles around the disposal of out-of-date stock, we have been made aware Clinical Skills teams can use a lot of these items for training purposes. Please contact clinicalskillscentre@abdn.ac.uk based within Suttie Centre, or gram.morayeducators@nhs.scot in Dr Gray's to find out if they can take your items before disposing of them at ward level.

Greenways Project – launching next week This project seeks to promote walking and cycling for colleagues. Five circular routes have been developed, beginning and ending at Peterhead Community Hospital, Turriff Community Hospital, Inverurie Health & Care Hub, Glen O'Dee Hospital, and Kincardine Community Hospital. Secure cycle storage will be installed at four of these sites, as well as at Jubilee Hospital and Ellon

Health Centre, expanding accessibility. The 'Greenways' are all way marked and the project was supported by two local artists; Lynne Strachan and Mary Bourne. You can find out more at the official launch, next Monday (13 April), 10.30-11.30am, [simply follow this link to join the event](#).

Research & Development update Well done to Professor Roy Soiza, chief investigator of the Moderna-funded Widening Access to Trials in Care Homes (WATCH) project for exceeding study recruitment target on time. For more information about this study, [simply follow this link](#).

Wellbeing, Culture, and Development Wednesday

- **Leading for the Future programme – applications closing soon** There's just over two weeks left to apply for this national senior leadership programme (open to those at Band 8a+ or equivalent), which focuses on adaptive leadership and systems thinking. More details and the application form [are available via this link](#). The final information session on this programme takes place next Wednesday (15 April) on Teams. No need to book, [simply follow this joining link](#).
- **Time Management** A 90-minute course to identify poor habits, set goals, and use practical tools to plan and prioritise. Boost your productivity in 2026; [you can book your place via this Turas link \(log-in required\)](#).
- **Coaching Skills for Managers** Join this highly rated programme to improve communication and strengthen your coaching-focused leadership style. The next cohort begins on 6 May; [complete the form available via this link to book your place](#).

For more information on any of these items or to raise any queries, please contact the team via gram.wcd@nhs.scot

Tune of the day Aislinn from the Central Stores warehouse is lacing up her runners for the London Landmarks Half-Marathon this coming weekend; Millie and the team say they are all so proud of her. As they are fond of making the '6-7' joke in the warehouse (ask your kids...), Millie has asked for [67 Merry Rizzmas](#) by TUZYA.

If that's not quite your speed for this morning, let me suggest [Safe From Harm](#) from Massive Attack's first album, Blue Lines, released 35 years ago today (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