

Friday 8 August 2025

Patient Safety Alert A recent National Patient Safety Alert (*NatPSA/2025/002/UKHSA*) has highlighted outbreaks of *Burkholderia stabilis* linked to non-sterile and alcohol-free skin cleaning wipes. This is a reminder to all clinical staff that skin cleansing wipes not marked as 'sterile' may present a risk.

Non-sterile alcohol-free wipes must not be used for cleaning of intravascular devices, and non-sterile wipes must not be used for care of broken skin including wounds. Prior to accessing or changing needle free devices on Peripheral Venous Catheters (PVC) and Central Venous Catheters (CVC), the ARHAI 2022 guidance states that a single use antiseptic containing Chlorhexidine Gluconate in Isopropyl alcohol is used to clean the access hub.

Note: Please follow NHSG guidance for Chlorhexidine Gluconate and Isopropyl alcohol strengths for use in adult and paediatric patients; and for Chlorhexidine susceptibility.

Community healthcare providers should also advise patients to only use wipes marked as sterile on any broken skin including wounds.

Windows 11 Rollout Update: Action Required The roll out began this week and this is now beginning to extend to hybrid and home workers using laptops. To help tailor the rollout to your individual setup and ensure a smooth transition, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/HVJ5Jx9vHV> For more information about the roll-out and why it's important, visit: [Windows 11 Upgrade Required](#)

Pregnancy loss memorial service – Elgin A service of remembrance and reflection will take place at the Moray Pregnancy Loss Memorial in the new part of Elgin Cemetery, on Sunday 7 September at 3pm. This short service is for anyone who has been affected by a loss during pregnancy, whether recent or many years ago.

Health & wellbeing day – Banff With thanks to the NHS Grampian Charity for their financial support, there will be staff health & wellbeing days taking place in Banff – Chalmers Hospital, Doocot View, and Durnhythe care home – on Thursday 11 September. The events will have bookable sessions on yoga, creative writing, healthy eating, and getting started with Couch to 5K. The events are open to both NHS and HSCP colleagues. For more information get in touch with Chris Coldwell via chris.coldwell2@nhs.scot

Scotland's Health Awards There's just over a week to go until nominations close for the 2025 Scotland's Health Awards. There are 17 categories available, with Healthcare Scientist and Pharmacist new categories for 2025. You can make nominations here: [Scotland's Health Awards 2025](#) Please note you will need to create an account to nominate.

That was the week that was

Monday 4 – Storm Floris and Car Parking Update

Tuesday 5 – NHS Scotland Workforce Policies and Reduced Working Week

Wednesday 6 – Windows 11 Upgrade

Thursday 7 – Stage Four Escalation and Future Care Planning

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STAR Award A tip of the hat to Sylvia Anikamadu, a staff nurse on Loirston Ward at Royal Cornhill, following her STAR Award presentation. Sylvia was recognised for her extraordinary growth, reliability, and compassion on our learning disability ward. She fosters a culture of kindness and teamwork, checking in on patients and staff, sharing best practice, and stepping in whenever challenges arise. Her empathy, clinical skill, and dedication to patient-centred care truly embody the values of the NHS.

Do you want to nominate a colleague or team for a STAR award? All you need to do is complete this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#).

Green Star? Similar to the Star Awards but with a focus on sustainability – you can nominate any colleague, group or team who have undertaken a project or change in process/practice which has helped reduce our impact on the environment. [Nominate for a Green Star Award now](#).

Tune of the day In honour of 'oor Emma' (Pettis) who also received a Star Award this week, and while she's not around to protest such a grave indulgence and has given us free rein on the Brief, today's tune is [Teenage Kicks](#) by the Undertones. Emma's nomination recognises her work on the Daily Brief, and her genuine commitment to supporting colleagues through challenging times. 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