

# Daily Brief...



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**NHS Grampian social media accounts** Got something you want shared on social media? Whether it's a special moment on a ward, a milestone for a colleague, progress with a project or anything else you think people should hear about, email [gram.socialmedia@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.socialmedia@nhs.scot) or post it to the platform of your choice and tag NHSG. We are active on Facebook, X (Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram.

**That was the week that was** Not sure when we shared a particular item? We know how that goes; here's a quick guide to this week's key updates:

**Monday 6** Updates on #MedSafetyWeek, paediatric pain service and recognising criminal exploitation. Arrangements for protected learning time for GP practices, the latest Moray Maternity Collaborative Newsletter and details of events and learning opportunities.

**Tuesday 7** A special edition of Ask Caroline where she grills National Clinical Director, Jason Leitch on a variety of topics. National campaigns on CPR for Feet and one of our very own nurses in Guts UK's pancreatitis awareness campaign. And info on uniform provision, patient catering and Culture Matters roadshows.

**Wednesday 8** Message from NHS Scotland's Chief Executive, Caroline Lamb, details of a supported route to an HNC in healthcare practice and a community grants scheme. We Care and iMatters updates too.

**Thursday 9** Leadership update on Adam Coldwells taking over from Prof Caroline Hiscox as Interim Chief Executive as Caroline moves to NHS Tayside. Plus, an instalment of Ask Caroline, an update on the Global Citizenship Programme and an ask of feedback from doctors and dentists in training.

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**Staff vaccination reminder** 'Flu and/or COVID-19 vaccination clinics for staff are available by appointment via the national portal. Please do not contact OHS directly to book; they will not be able to assist. The team will be at OHS, Foresterhill Lea, Foresterhill Health Campus on Monday 27 Nov, Friday 1 Dec, Monday 4 Dec, Friday 8 Dec, Monday 11 Dec and Friday 15 December from 1-4pm. They will also be at OHS, Maryhill House, Elgin on Thursdays 30 Nov, 7 Dec and 14 Dec from 9am-12pm. If you have any questions about the vaccination programme, and which jabs you are eligible for as health & social care staff, please visit the NHS Inform website at [www.nhsinform.scot/winter-vaccines](http://www.nhsinform.scot/winter-vaccines)

**Event next week** Are you curious about what it means to be a neurodivergent nurse? Want to learn more about how you can support neurodivergent student nurses and colleagues? Join the first monthly SUNN meet up next Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7.30-8.30pm. Book your free space now: <https://t.co/xlMitwVXS8>

**Amazing patient journey, full of praise** When we asked for a case study to help us promote updated Welcome Wards guidance, we didn't expect a journey like Laura's. [Read her story and find links to the guidance](#) on the news section of our website.

**World Radiographers Day this week** Well done to radiographers across the different modalities who came together this week to host an open morning for some of the third and fourth-year students from RGU. The students were able to see more of what the radiographers do on a daily basis within Grampian, getting access to areas they don't always get to see when out on placement and where this profession can take you when qualified. It was a successful morning with lots of positive feedback.

**STAR Award** We've had confirmation of two STAR Award presentations this week. The first is staff nurse, Elizabeth Dewars. Liz was nominated for her skills with being a mentor, educator, friend and a source of guidance for her team. Her dedication to patient care is truly inspiring, and her unwavering commitment to excellence sets the highest standard. Congratulations!

Next up is paediatric registrar, Stewart Cox, who was nominated for setting up Peer Support in RACH and the organisation of monthly 'Tea and Timeout' sessions. He also set up a trainee wellbeing initiative last year, which gives RACH registrars a safe space to share experiences with colleagues and talk about challenges they may face in a supportive environment. Well done, Stewart!

If you would like to make a STAR Award nomination, simply [complete the online nomination form](#), or email the details of the person/team you want to nominate to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**King's Honours for Liz** Heartfelt Congratulations to Liz Tait on receiving the well-deserved British Empire Medal (BEM) in the King's Birthday Honours! 🇬🇧 Liz's dedication to the NHS, British Red Cross, and her invaluable contributions to the Queen's state funeral reflect her outstanding commitment to service and compassion. The honour, presented by Lord Lieutenant Major General The Hon Seymour Monro CBE, LVO, in the chapel at Dr Gray's Hospital, underscores the significance of Liz's contributions. Liz was surrounded by colleagues and family. Congratulations once again on this well-deserved honour! Read more: [British Empire Medal presented to Moray's star of Health and Social Care](#)



**Tune of the day** There has been a lot going on for many of us this week as usual. A chilled one for a Friday with [Now and Then](#) by The Beatles, to help you sit back and relax when you get a moment. If you're on shift this weekend, we salute you. To all those who have been recognised for their efforts, however big or small, this week, well done. Have a good one! (KJ)

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)