

# Daily Brief...



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**For the record** Clearly and accurately recording all elements of the care provided to people in our hospitals – diagnosis, medications, allergies, dietary needs, to name but a few – is vital. Recent checks on records have found an increase in the use of abbreviations and text speak. Professional and regulatory bodies for clinical staff all produce guidance on record-keeping. While the details of these may vary slightly, they all agree on the key points: records must be clear, legible, accurate, completed in good time, and avoid the use of unnecessary abbreviations or jargon.

This is not just to help your colleagues – important though that is – it also recognises medical records can be taken as evidence at public inquiries, during legal action against a healthcare provider, or in criminal cases. Records can also be requested at any time by patients, or their relatives. Think about the notes you have completed. Would a patient understand what we had said? Would the language we use upset them? Would they recognise themselves in those words?

If you have any concerns about your record keeping, please speak to your line manager.

**Children's ward in full swing at DGH** The children's ward at Dr Gray's is once again offering round-the-clock care and has fully re-opened as a combined inpatient ward and assessment unit. The enhancement of services follows investment in staff made possible through the Maternity Collaborative and the success of the 'Wish You Worked Here' recruitment campaign. The expansion of maternity services includes a requirement for additional paediatric expertise and more dedicated resident doctors.

The team was represented at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Conference in Glasgow last week, showcasing the incredible career and lifestyle opportunities in Moray as part of the campaign. Their stall featured cutting-edge VR technology, giving 1,500 attendees from around the world the chance to enjoy a virtual tour of Moray's stunning scenery. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive, with 62 professionals expressing interest in potential roles.

**Celebrating Excellence – register now!** The next Celebrating Excellence event will take place on Thursday 19 June at Curl Aberdeen. The event brings together nurses, midwives, AHPs and HCSWs to share good practice. Please share this with staff in your teams, especially those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Celebrating Excellence event.

[Registration is via this link](#), or the QR code below. The registration form also has options to sign up to be a presenter or to share a poster at the event. If you've never done this before, don't worry, the team are on hand to help.

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**Datix surgeries** There are two Datix surgeries taking place next Tuesday (8 April), between 1-1.30pm and 1.30-2pm. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in): [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

**Eid al-Fitr celebration event** There will be a special menu on offer in the Orange Zone cafe at ARI today, to mark the end of Ramadan and celebrate Eid al-Fitr. The menu has been developed in partnership with Aberdeen Mosque & Islamic Centre, with 3 courses on offer for the bargain price of £7. All welcome.

**Free Zumba classes – Foresterhill** Courtesy of the sports committee, there is a free Zumba class every Monday (except public holidays) between 6.15-7.15pm, in room 217 of the Suttie Centre at Foresterhill. No booking required, just show up and get dancing. Queries? Contact [gram.sports@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.sports@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** Today's tune goes out to the RACH nursing team. Late last week, they submitted their Magnet® document, the product of seven years of hard work, with the aim of achieving Magnet® designation for the hospital. There's still work to be done, including a site visit later this year, but it's a significant milestone. There are too many involved to name them individually, so for all those who've played a part, here's [High Hopes](#) by Panic! At The Disco

It's April Fools' Day. Treat everything today (apart from this brief, obviously) with a high degree of scepticism... (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)