

Daily Brief...



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Annual reports and accounts 2023/24 Our annual reports and accounts for 2023/24 were laid before parliament this week and have now been published and can be accessed here: [GRAMPIAN HEALTH BOARD \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/grampian/annual-reports-and-accounts-2023-24)

Speak Up Week – day 2 Today we're highlighting the role of our Speak Up Ambassadors. Speak Up Ambassadors (Confidential Contacts) are available to offer support and advice to anyone wishing to raise a concern. This includes anyone working, supporting, volunteering, or undertaking training in any place providing NHS services in Grampian, regardless of their role or who they are employed by. You can find out more about the role of the Speak Up Ambassadors in this video: [Speaking Up in NHS Grampian \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Profiles and contact information for each of our 17 Speak Up Ambassadors can be found here: [NHS Grampian Speak Up](https://www.nhs.uk/grampian/speak-up) Further information on the speak up process can be found here: [Whistleblowing \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/grampian/whistleblowing)

National Fraud Initiative We participate in a biannual national data matching exercise operated by the Public Sector Fraud Authority to prevent and detect fraud. This exercise is about to commence with the release of supplier and payroll data. The data protection arrangements for this are set out in this privacy notice: [Pages - Staff Privacy Notice \(GDPR\) \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/pages-staff-privacy-notice-gdpr) (intranet link, networked devices only).

First Aid training – update Staffing changes in the occupational health service (OHS) have left them unable to deliver First Aid training at present. They are aware of the backlog of those who need to complete both the online modules and practical training. OHS are working hard to restart training, prioritising those areas without clinical staff. Further updates will follow and the OHS team thank you for your ongoing patience.

Referrals for the inpatient diabetes team now available on TrakCare From **today** routine referrals for the inpatient diabetes team can be made via TrakCare. The request is made in the same way as other service referrals ([see guide here, networked devices only](#)). Urgent referrals should continue to be made by paging registrar or consultant. Guidance on who to refer to the inpatient diabetes team can be found on Grampian Guidance: [Inpatient Diabetes Referrals Guidance.pdf \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Please complete the TrakCare form as accurately as possible as this will help with prioritisation of referrals.

Small research grants The NHS Grampian Charity is delighted to announce the opening of its Small Research Grants programme. This funding programme is open to researchers across Grampian and awards up to £20,000 for a pilot or preliminary research project which will impact on health or social care. The charity particularly welcomes applications which have an emphasis on promoting health and wellbeing, improving health outcomes in seldom heard patients groups, and listening to patients and their families. For more information on the programme and how to apply for a small research grant, please visit: [Small Research Grants Programme < NHS Grampian Charities \(nhsgrcharities.com\)](https://www.nhs.uk/charities/grampian-research-grants)

Audit of Trauma Management The Scottish Trauma Audit Group (STAG) is one of a number of national audits within the Scottish National Audit Programme (SNAP). STAG aims to improve the quality of care, overall experience and long-term outcome of patients with significant injuries through measuring compliance against standards of care to support local quality improvement.

The latest [Audit of Trauma Management Annual Report 2024 \(external link\)](#) was published on in August by Public Health Scotland. This report includes new analysis on frailty and real length of stay, and for the first time, contains recommendations for greater understanding and improved service delivery. For further information please contact: gram.staglacsabdn@nhs.scot

Ninth annual Grampian research conference – webinar link available Our annual research conference will take place on 4-5 October at the ONE BioHub in Aberdeen. Medical Director Prof. Nick Fluck will open the event, while Scotland's Chief Scientist (Health) Professor Dame Anna Dominiczak will deliver the keynote address. A total of 50 speakers are lined up, with the event focus on NHS Research Scotland's reproductive health and childbirth speciality that is led from Aberdeen. While tickets for in-person attendance are sold out, anyone interested in a webinar link can contact gram.conf24@nhs.scot by **12 noon tomorrow**

'I'm Fine' Festival taking place in Aberdeen Healthy Minds and the Aberdeen City library service are hosting a festival next week (7-12 October) on the theme of mental health to try and get more people talking and reducing stigma. There will be information stalls every day from a range of local agencies which offer support as well as interesting talks and workshops. In addition, there is an exhibition of creative writing, art, and artefacts from the former Sunnyside Royal Hospital in Montrose. All sessions are free, however talks and workshops need to be booked through the library service. More information and booking links are available here: [Search results | Aberdeen City Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](https://www.spydus.co.uk/SearchResults.aspx?ID=1423)

Tune of the day First up, it's Nigerian Independence Day so we're shouting out all our Nigerian colleagues. Research nurse Azeezat Ogunbadejo has requested a Nigerian song, so here's [Spyro ft Tiwa Savage - Who is your Guy?](#)

Secondly, Adrian Hunter and all the team in the haematology lab are sending best wishes to Amye McLeod, as she completes her first day as a biomedical scientist trainee. They've asked for Kanye West and [Runaway](#) (beware of the swears in this one) (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