

# Daily Brief...



Thursday 10 April 2025

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**Financial position** As the finance paper at today's board meeting (Item 10, available here: [10 April 2025](#)) describes, we are reporting the highest forecast financial overspend in value terms for 2025/26 in Scotland. The Scottish Government requires us to develop a financial recovery plan by 7 June to reduce this forecast deficit to £45million. This is the maximum amount of brokerage (a type of government loan) they have approved. Achieving this will require a further £23million of savings to be found, in addition to those which services have already committed to and ongoing value and sustainability work. To support this urgent and important work, finance will be speaking with senior budget holders over the coming weeks and would appreciate your support in prioritising these meetings. The Scottish Government is also commissioning an external review and more detail on this work will be shared once available.

**iMatter 2025 – get ready to have your voice heard!** We're launching the 2025 iMatter staff engagement campaign to ensure your experiences shape the future of our organisation. Why? Because engaged staff provide better patient care, create safer environments, and build a stronger, more supportive workplace for everyone. By participating, you'll directly contribute to positive change, helping to identify areas for improvement, and celebrate success. This is your opportunity to empower yourself and your colleagues to make a real difference. If you are a team manager, you will shortly be asked to check and confirm the members of your team so that we can ensure everyone receives an invitation to take part in iMatter 2025. For the 2025 schedule, [please visit our updated intranet page](#) (networked devices only). More details on how to participate are coming soon!

**Last-Minute APLS availability, 15 & 16 May Suttie Centre** We still have limited availability for our Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) course which is scheduled to take place on 15 and 16 May. Places can be offered to anyone from a medical, ECP, ACP, ODP, RTO or PA background for whom APLS is relevant to their working practice (please note that our places for nursing candidates have already been filled). You must have already attended a basic paediatric life support course such as PLS.

If you are interested in attending and would like an application form or to know more about the course (e.g. fees, timings), please contact [clinicalskillscourses@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:clinicalskillscourses@abdn.ac.uk). Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and we would ask that you contact us by Monday 14 April if you are interested. This leaves us time to send you the manual and give you access to the online materials ahead of the course.

**Appointment of new clinical lead to the Grampian Guidance team** The Grampian Guidance team (part of the PIP Directorate) are very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Amy Farrell as our new clinical lead. Amy comes to the team with a wealth of experience in the NHS, including holding the role of clinical lead for GMED, being active in out of hours primary care, as well as daytime general practice as a sessional GP.

## Aberdeen Sports Village Corporate Games update

- **Racketball** We are looking for people to fill the racketball team. The event is on the evening on Monday 21 April, and there are two training events next week (Tuesday & Thursday) which you only need to attend if you are new to the sport. For more information or to nab your place on the team please email [gram.sports@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.sports@nhs.scot)
- **Table Tennis** A shout out to NHS Grampian's team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their event – well done!

**Tune of the day** Ann Stewart, resilience and health & safety officer in Aberdeenshire HSCP, was one of many packing out P&J Live at the start of the week for 'Ball & Boe'. She's requested their take on [Sway](#) as our tune of the day, as it conjures up visions of sandy beaches, lovely sunsets, and cocktails (yes, please!). Paul Toseland has also been in touch; he's a keen angler and recently enjoyed a day fishing on the Balmoral Beat of the River Dee. He didn't catch anything, but fellow angling enthusiast (and unit operational manager) Stuart Stephen did bag the first salmon of the season (safely returned). Paul assures us he was very pleased for Stuart, though his choice of [Jealous Guy](#) might suggest otherwise!

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)