

Daily Brief...



Tuesday 10 December 2024

Visiting restrictions – DGH We continue to restrict visiting at DGH as we deal with a sickness outbreak. This is a precautionary measure, recognising how widely these viruses are circulating in the community, and will be kept under regular review.

DGH kitchen works Work on the floors in the main production kitchen at DGH is nearing completion. Our current plan is to have all patients back on the standard menu in DGH and all community hospitals from next Monday (16 December). All level 4 IDDSI texture modified meals for all patients in the whole of NHS Grampian will also move back to our own menu from Monday. Meals at DGH will change from the temporary bulk trolley meal service to a trayed meal service from tomorrow (Wednesday), with the current menu choice until running until Monday.

Please note the portacabins and fencing associated with these works will not be removed until **Monday 23 December**, so parking remains reduced.

Meet the prevention and management of violence and aggression (PMVA) team The PMVA team will be on hand at the ARI Rotunda this coming Monday (16 December), 10am-3pm. You are warmly invited to pop down and meet them, find out how they can help, and the training provided to assist you in your role. Want to know more? Email gram.healthandsafety@nhs.scot

National Distribution Centre (NDC) Winter schedule Changes to this year's ordering and delivery schedule of goods from the NDC during the winter period are [available on the procurement intranet page](#) (networked devices only). If you are responsible for ordering, please plan ahead to avoid delays and additional pressure during these weeks.

Christmas meals – part 1 The Pink Zone cafe in ARI will be serving a Christmas menu tomorrow (Wednesday), consisting of Scotch Broth (£1.35), a choice of turkey, beef rib, or Quorn fillet, served with all the trimmings (£7.50), and Christmas cheesecake or Christmas pudding (£3).

The same menu will be on offer at Woodend and Royal Cornhill on Thursday and in DGH next Tuesday.

Christmas meals – part 2 Lots of you who will be working on Christmas Day or New Year's Day will already be organising your own snacks and celebrations as a team. However, if you would like to order a hot meal for 25 December or 1 January, the catering team are once again offering this option. All you need to do is pop along to your nearest retail catering outlet, or kitchen in the community hospitals, and speak to the catering team to place your order. These will be delivered along with patient lunches on 25 December/1 January. If you are based at Foresterhill, but not working on a ward, you will be able to collect your meal, by arrangement, from the ARI kitchen.

[The full menu and ordering details are available here](#) (networked devices only).

CSO NHS fellowships If you are a nurse, midwife, AHP, pharmacist, healthcare scientist, or paramedic interested in developing research skills and careers, the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) has opened its calls for both their researcher development and clinical academic fellowships. [The clinical academic fellowships](#) support health care staff to undertake a PhD; applications close at 12noon on 22 January 2025. [The researcher development fellowships](#) can be used to support an introduction to research or to develop a strong PhD application; deadline for submitting is 12noon on 5 February 2025.

Nurses and midwives working in NHS Grampian can seek support to develop applications from deborah.baldie@nhs.scot, AHPs can seek support from k.cooper@rgu.ac.uk.

Parliamentary praise for local projects What's better than a parliamentary motion in support of our work? Two! Our Innovation Hub team and colleagues who have supported the trial of a world-first Bedside Intelligent Cabinet at RACH have been congratulated in Parliament. You can read the full news release on our website: [NHS Grampian trials world-first tech for patients](#) and the Parliamentary Motion is available in full here: [S6M-15509 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Congratulations also to our estates team who have been recognised in Parliament for their work in making the switch to using hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) for back-up generators for all new buildings at Foresterhill. You can read the Parliamentary Motion in full here: [S6M-15509 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

Ticket offer – Aberdeen Arts Centre panto You can get 20% off pantomime tickets for Dick Whittington at Aberdeen Arts Centre, using code NHSXMAS20 here [Dick Whittington | Aberdeen Pantomime | Aberdeen Arts Centre](#). This code applies to all evening performances **except** Christmas Eve. Our thanks to the team at the Arts Centre for the generous offer.

Tune of the day Emily Christie gets the Christmas tunes started with today's request; the always wonderful [White Wine In The Sun](#) by Tim Minchin (he does let slip a swear in this version, for info) (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