

# Daily Brief...



Tuesday 11 March 2025

**ICYMI - Trakcare T2024 upgrade** TrakCare will undergo an upgrade **and be unavailable** on **Monday 17 March** between **8pm-1am**. This support pack: [News Articles - TrakCare T2024.5 Upgrade Go Live Support...](#) is available to help all users plan for this downtime. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the service desk and raise a helpdesk call.

**Fire safety training – have you done yours?** Fire has the potential to devastate lives, buildings, and whole communities. Prevention is vital, which is where our fire safety e-learning comes into play. At present, we are struggling to get above 60% compliance with annual refreshers. We are asking all managers to encourage and support their teams to maintain this training, especially if their role means they don't have easy access to a computer.

More generally, all teams should be vigilant to the risks of fire and carry out either tabletop exercises or practical evacuation drills. This will test your local fire plan and ensure everyone knows their role during a real fire. Further information including how often this training should be completed can be found within the Fire Safety training home page on Turas: [Fire safety | Turas | Learn](#)

Further fire safety support is also available by contacting [gram.firesafety@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.firesafety@nhs.scot)

**Change of address for Aberdeenshire health & social care partnership (AHSCP) drug and alcohol team and Step-In service in Inverurie** Please be aware the Drug and Alcohol Team and Step-In Service previously based in 93 High Street, Inverurie are now based in Lumphart Cottage, Port Road, Inverurie, AB51 3SP. Please ensure you update any local contact lists; phone numbers are unchanged.

**Datix surgeries** There are two Datix surgeries taking place next Tuesday (18 March), between 9.30-10am and 10-10.30am. 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 \(nhs.scot\)](#)

**Paediatric MTC education session – this Thursday** A session focusing on major incident management in Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital will take place on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm via Teams. Please send enquiries to [gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot)

**Blood donation – you've got it in you to save a life** Our friends at the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service have been in touch with a reminder of how easy it is to donate. Appointments are available at the Aberdeen donor centre at Foresterhill Tuesdays-Fridays, and Sundays. There are also a range of community donation events taking place across Grampian. To find your nearest venue and to check you're eligible to donate, visit the Scotblood website: [Scotblood | Homepage](#). You'll be assured of a warm welcome and a Tunnocks teacake!

**Staff social activities fund 24/25 – deadline approaching** Remember, if you are planning to make an application to the staff social activities fund, activities need to take place before 31 March. The fund, operated by the NHS Grampian Charity, allows claims of £10 per colleague, towards a social event which improves physical or mental health. [Further guidance is available here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

**The charity is pausing the processing of new applications (except to the staff social activities fund) from 16 March to allow for essential financial year-end work.**

**Research Round-Up** The latest edition of the research and development newsletter 'Research Round-Up' is out now and available to read here: [Research Round Up - NHS Grampian Research and Development Bulletin March 2025](#)

**Tune of the day** We're partial to a bit of Eurovision around here, so I give my thanks to Shona McLeman (sexual health service) for requesting this year's UK entry [What The Hell Just Happened?](#) by Remember Monday. They'll go up against 25 other countries in the grand final in Basel on 17 May (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)