

Friday 13 December 2024

Grampian to be a research hub in multi-million UK project We are delighted to share we have been named as one of 20 research hubs under a new scheme from the UK government. Commercial Research Delivery Centres (CRDCs) will act as regional hubs for pioneering clinical trials, creating opportunities to test innovative new treatments with the latest equipment and technology. The other Scottish hubs will be based in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, NHS Lothian, and NHS Tayside. There's more information available here: [£100 million public-private health research boost - GOV.UK](#)

Board meeting – update from the Chair The Grampian NHS board met yesterday; as usual our chair, Alison Evison, has prepared a short report, which you can read here: [Board Briefing - December 2024](#)

Clinical Biochemistry – specialist samples during the festive period Please be aware results for tests referred to external laboratories may be delayed over the festive period due to disruptions in the postal service. All samples received will be stabilised and stored prior to sending. If sending any samples for non-routine biochemistry tests over the festive period, it would be advisable to check the laboratory information pages to see whether this is a referred test. The test index [can be accessed here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

Referred tests required urgently must be discussed with the Duty Biochemist on ext 51122 (option 3) prior to sending as courier transport may need to be organised.

Virtual Carol Service 2024 Our annual virtual carol service, filmed at ARI, Roxburghe House, and DGH and led by our chaplaincy team, is available to watch on YouTube here: [NHS Grampian Virtual Carol Service 2024](#) Thanks go to the NHS Grampian Charity for their support in producing this.

That was the week that was:

Monday 9 – new acting general manager for DGH, accessing patient information, adjusted opening hours for IT service desk

Tuesday 10 – kitchen works at DGH nearing completion, National Distribution Centre winter schedule

Wednesday 11 – keep your devices secure, tissue viability – healthcare support worker pathway

Thursday 12 – winter vaccinations for staff – further opportunities, end to ordering of non-patient provisions

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STAR Award A round of applause for Liz MacLeod (Stoma Team Administrator) on her recent STAR award presentation. Liz was nominated for, amongst other things, her dedication, efficiency, and hard work. If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [4866 STAR Awards v2](#)

Retirement mementos If a member of your team is preparing to retire, remember to order their official retirement memento! This contains a certificate, an enamel badge, and a crystal retirement paperweight. [Full details and a link to the request form are available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only).

Tune of the day We've got two sides on the festive coin today. Theresa Higgins, part of the admin team in the liver service, requests [Jack Frost and The Hooded Crow](#) by Jethro Tull. An alternative Christmas song, encouraging us to remember those less fortunate.

Heather Campbell and the health centre team at Bydand Medical Group in Huntly have got their Christmas night out this weekend and have asked for a seasonal standard – [Merry Xmas Everybody](#) by Slade.

The corporate communications team have our festive 'do' later today, so apologies in advance if you should come across us; we don't get out much! Whatever this weekend holds for you, take care and thank you for all that you do (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