

Thursday 13 February 2025

**Visit by Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care** We welcomed Neil Gray to Aberdeen yesterday. During a packed visit, he spent time in the flow navigation centre, AMIA, and Ward 105 at ARI, met with local GPs, and had discussions with our Chair, Alison Evison, and interim Chief Executive, Adam Coldwells. Alison said: *“I am pleased the Cabinet Secretary accepted our invitation to visit Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. We welcomed the opportunity to discuss current challenges, including waiting lists and our difficult financial position, with Mr Gray. We are committed to working with the Scottish Government to meet these challenges and to continue to provide the very best healthcare to the people of Moray, Aberdeenshire, and Aberdeen City.”*

**Band 5 nursing review – Royal College of Nursing roadshow** Representatives from the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Scotland will be visiting Grampian later this month to raise awareness of the Band 5 nursing review. As part of the 2023/24 Agenda for Change agreement, **all** Band 5 nurses are entitled to request a review of their position, with the potential to be re-banded. We are in complete support of this process and look forward to welcoming the RCN. Details of the roadshows are below:

- Wednesday 26 February – stall on ARI concourse (11am-4pm), walkabouts by RCN reps, and a Marketplace in the Green Zone Level 5 teaching room (11am-5pm) with Band 5 briefings at 11.30am, 1pm, and 2.30pm.
- Thursday 27 February – stall in DGH foyer (11am-4pm) and a Marketplace in Training Room 3 (Dunbarney House) with Band 5 briefings at 11.30am and 1pm.
- Thursday 27 February – Peterhead Community Hospital – open drop-in in staff room, 11am-1pm

**Application updates** The upcoming Trakcare upgrade means updates are required to the following systems:

- **ERFS (Electronic Request Forms):** ERFS is due to be updated on Wednesday 19 February between 9-10am. This will introduce the following functionality in Trakcare: users will be required to select a patient from the ward floor plan prior to select ERFS tab. First time users will be prompted to confirm and save their person details by enter their network password. Once completed users will automatically be taken directly into ERFS. ERFS will remain available during the upgrade and users currently using ERFS web version will not be impacted by this update.
- **CCP (Cancer Care Pathways):** CCP will be updated on Thursday 20 February between 9-10am. CCP will remain available throughout, further details will be issued direct within the CCP team.
- **CDD (Core Discharge Documents):** CDD is due to be updated on Tuesday 25 February between 8-9am. **It will not be available for use during this time, and you should have contingency measures in place.** The upgrade will fix existing bugs and introduce CDD drug edit and HEPMA drug importing scheme.
- **Observations/Child Growth Charts:** This is due to be updated on Wednesday 26 February between 9-10am. There will be no disruption to users.

**NHS Scotland Event** This year's NHS Scotland Event will take place on Monday 9 June at the Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. The event programme will be delivered in a hybrid format, giving delegates the option to attend in-person or remotely via a virtual platform. The poster exhibition will feature around 200 projects taking place across NHS Scotland and partner organisations which support key priorities. Grampian submissions are welcome from:

- NHS employees
- voluntary and partner organisations,
- public or private sector organisations on any aspect of work they are undertaking in, with or on behalf of NHS Scotland.

We know there is incredible work going on across the region, so now is the time to shine! For further details and key dates on submitting an abstract, poster – visit the NHS Scotland Event website: [Posters | NHS Scotland Events](#)

**Aberdeenshire Young Carer strategy & local carers events** We are pleased to announce that the [Aberdeenshire Young Carer Strategy 2025 to 2030](#) has now been published. A young carer is anyone under the age of 18, or 18 if still at school, who cares for a family member or friend due to illness, disability, mental ill-health, alcohol or drug dependency. The updated strategy covers key areas of health & wellbeing, education, Young Carer involvement and support for Young Carers and includes an [Aberdeenshire Carer Support Service](#) delivered by VSA. VSA are hosting Carers Rights events for Aberdeenshire carers of all ages to find out more on Carers Rights and how VSA can support carers:

- Mintlaw – 17 February 2025 (10am to 3pm), MACBI Community Hub, Newlands Road.
- Stonehaven – 25 February 2025 (10am to 12noon), Stonehaven Town Hall, Allardice Street.

For more information visit the VSA Aberdeenshire Carer Support Service website via the above link.

**Staff discounts – don't miss out** We occasionally share ticket offers in this brief, but did you know there's a whole section of the intranet dedicated to staff discounts? Just click on the Your Space button on the homepage, [or follow this link](#) (networked devices only). Recently added discounts include Thorn Kitchens & Bathrooms and Banks O'Dee Fitness.

**Tune of the day** You continue to come at love from every angle; Seamus Saunders (part of the sleep apnoea team) requests [Love Is Strange](#) by Everything But The Girl in memory of a love who has passed. Martin Urquhart (medical secretariat service) is feeling optimistic with [Love Can Move Mountains](#) by Celine Dion, while Lynsey McIntosh (tissue viability nurse specialist) is in no mood for the hearts and flowers, suggesting [Love Bites](#) by Def Leppard. Finally, Susan Godlington (digital directorate) poses the eternal question: [Ever Fallen In Love \(With Someone You Shouldn't've\)?](#) (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)