

# Daily Brief...



Tuesday 14 January 2025

**National Distribution Centre - orders delayed** Deliveries from the National Distribution Centre (NDC) to Grampian are currently **one** working day behind schedule. The delay has been ongoing since the beginning of the winter schedule, due to the volume of orders into the NDC from all health boards and the operational capacity available with the NDC. They have deployed maximum overtime and weekend working to recover; however, this delivery delay is expected to continue for the next several weeks.

The procurement & logistics team are working to support local areas over this period; deliveries from the NDC into Aberdeen Central Stores will be delivered to wards as soon as possible. If you have placed an order with the National Distribution Centre, please anticipate this arriving late. All orders placed will arrive with you so please avoid raising a duplicate order due to the delay.

**Inspiring NMAHP winners** At the very end of 2024, we named Lynn Findlay and Julie-Anne Stuart our Inspiring NMAHPs. Lynn is a staff nurse in the surgical ward at RACH and was nominated for her tireless work in supporting breast feeding in the hospital. Julie-Anne Stuart is currently Prison & Custody lead nurse, a position she has been seconded into for a year. During this time, she has brought examples of person-centred end of life care into the prison setting. Congratulations to them both!

**2025 MCN conferences** Dates have been confirmed for the 2025 programme of MCN conferences. Details below; more information will follow, but to join the mailing list and get the latest updates directly, please email [gram.mcn@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.mcn@nhs.scot)

- Respiratory MCN conference – 7 May, Aberdeen Altens Hotel
- Stroke MCN multidisciplinary conference – 21 May, P&J Live
- Diabetes MCN conference – 17 September, Aberdeen Altens Hotel
- Palliative & End of Live Care Network conference – 19 November, Aberdeen Altens Hotel

**Shining a Light – interactive event from RCN Scotland** On Thursday 6 February RCN Scotland will be holding an interactive learning event for nursing support workers as part of our *Shining a Light: A history of nursing support work* exhibition which is currently on display at our Edinburgh office.

The event will take place in person at our Edinburgh office at 42 South Oswald Road, or online via MS Teams from 2-4.30pm. We're hoping support workers from across Scotland will join us to have a chance to network and tell us what matters to them in their role. The event is free, and you don't need to be a member of RCN Scotland to take part. More information and joining details are available here:

[Hidden Voices \(hybrid\) | Event | Scotland | Royal College of Nursing](#)

**Welcome Wards: Refer to the guides** All areas should have access to NHS Grampian Welcome Wards guides for visitors. We're as flexible as we can be with visiting these days, recognising that friends, family and carers have an important role in a person's recovery. Please work together with family members and friends to support those in hospital in the best way possible. Re-visit the Welcome Wards page on our website to access the guides: [Visiting Guide](#)

**2025 Step Count Challenge** Less than a week to go until the start of our 2025 step count challenge! One lucky participant will win £500 of hotel vouchers, funded by Paths for All and there are other smaller prizes. It's not too late to join the fun; teams can comprise a maximum of 5 people, so get the names together and email [gram.activetravel@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.activetravel@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** This came on shuffle during my walk to work this morning; please allow Richie Havens to get your Tuesday started with his version of [Going Back To My Roots](#) (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)