

Daily Brief...



Monday 16 December 2024

Programming note This will be the last full week of briefs for 2024. We'll share updates on Monday/Tuesday next week (23/24 December) and then we'll be taking a break until 6 January. Global emails will be issued for **urgent or emergency** situations only.

Winter infection prevention – toolbox talk As we know from very recent experience, each winter brings additional challenges due to the increase in seasonal viruses. It's not just norovirus or other enteric illnesses either; Public Health Scotland figures are showing a sharp increase in the number of lab confirmed cases of 'flu: [Latest respiratory figures highlight the importance of vaccinations to winter protection - News - Public Health Scotland](#). The infection prevention and control team created a Toolbox Talk drawing outlining the key steps to take, to manage infections. You can access [this via the IPC intranet page here](#) (networked devices only) Let's stop the spread of winter infections!

Winter support Our updated winter support guide is now available to download on the NHS Grampian website. It's packed with helpful advice on staying well throughout the winter, as well as many useful contact numbers. Please share, not only with colleagues, but with friends and relatives too: [Winter Support](#)

Meet the prevention and management of violence and aggression (PMVA) team – today! The PMVA team will be on hand at the ARI Rotunda from 10am-3pm today. 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

Medical Illustration/medical photography service festive closure Medical Illustration photography services will close for the festive period at 12noon this Friday (20 December), reopening on Monday 6 January. During this time, patients may still make appointments [by visiting medphoto.uk](#). Consent forms for this service, along with information leaflets, [are available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only). The team at Medical Illustration would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Tune of the day Lisa Convery, nurse manager in the unscheduled dental care service, makes today's request, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas from the dental information and advice line (DIAL) and all dental services across Grampian. Her choice? [All I Want For Christmas \(Is My Two Front Teeth\)](#) by Spike Jones and His City Slickers (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