

Daily Brief...



Thursday 19 December 2024

December payday If you are paid monthly, pay day for December is next Monday (23 December); electronic payslips are available today. If you're ever in doubt, all pay dates for monthly and weekly paid staff are on the intranet; just click on 'Departments' then 'P' for payroll.

'Flu vaccination for staff – ARI – today Following some queries yesterday, we want to clarify vaccinators will **visit** wards/clinical areas in the Green, Yellow, and Orange Zones today (times below), offering 'flu vaccination only'. There is a fixed clinic tomorrow, in the fracture clinic, details below:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday 19 December	ARI Green Zone wards	9.30am-12noon
Thursday 19 December	ARI Yellow and Orange Zone wards/clinics	1-4pm
Friday 20 December	ARI ED – Fracture Clinic	9.30am-4pm

There are also drop-in opportunities at Grampian vaccination centres today and tomorrow, details here: [NHS Grampian News - Drop-in vaccination clinics are taking place...](#)

Interim guidance - supporting patients with mouth care/oral hygiene Concerns have been raised both locally and nationally about current mouth care practices, with reports of areas misinterpreting information concerning mouth care products including their availability/use. As a result, there is an inconsistent approach with potential implications for the provision of high-quality nursing care and patient safety.

[A multi-disciplinary Short Life Working Group has developed this interim guidance](#) (networked devices only) on mouthcare products to highlight which products should be avoided and those which are recommended. This is intended for health & social care staff who are involved in supporting patients with mouth care. Work on a comprehensive guidance document is underway which will have evidence-based recommendations as well as links to other resources/education. Until this is completed, we ask you to use and share this interim guidance widely. Any issues please contact rob.bradley@nhs.scot or flora.watson2@nhs.scot, co-chairs of the SLWG.

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.](#)

News from Grampian Sexual Health Service The latest newsletter from the Sexual Health Service is out now: [NHS Grampian News - News from Grampian Sexual Health Service](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

Christmas presents for patients More than 1400 patients will receive a Christmas gift next week, thanks to the NHS Grampian Charity. They are continuing their tradition of buying presents, which will be delivered across 70 wards at 16 hospitals. You can read more about this here: [Santa to visit Grampian's hospital patients this Christmas < NHS Grampian Charities](#)

Tune of the day We've got a couple of farewells to share today; first up, Margo Urquhart is retiring from her post as unit support manager for gynaecology; the team wish you all the very best and have requested [Freedom](#) by George Michael.

Secondly, Linda Reid (renal medical secretary) also has her final working day today, after 35 (and a half!) years with the NHS! Colleagues want to thank Linda for all her hard work and wish her a very long, happy and healthy retirement. They've requested [Looking For Linda](#) by Hue & Cry, as she always brightens up the department and will be hugely missed by all her colleagues. If you ever wanted a friendly face and a chat, you just had to look for Linda. (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