

Daily Brief...



Tuesday 21 January 2025

Tobacco policy It is an offence for anyone to smoke within 15 metres of a hospital building in Scotland. Anyone who does so may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice. Signage outlining this is in place on all our buildings. Further information is available here: gov.scot/nosmokingzones.

Our local tobacco policy makes it clear smoking is prohibited in **all** NHS Grampian buildings, premises, sites, and vehicles. You should not smoke in uniform, personal protective equipment, wearing an ID badge or when otherwise identifiable as on NHS Grampian business.

Healthpoint offers smoking cessation support via telephone or Attend Anywhere appointments. Referrals for patients can be made through SCI Gateway, PMS Trakcare, Order Comms or Ward View, or calling the Healthline on 08085 20 20 30 (mention a hospital referral). Anyone can self-refer by:

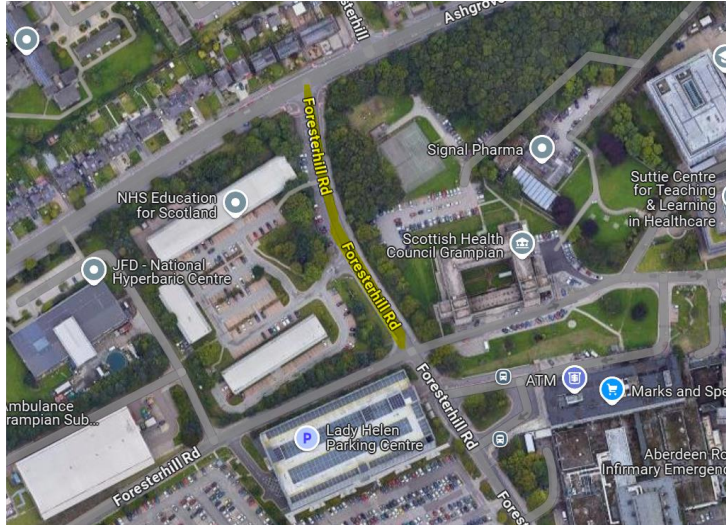
- calling the Healthline on 08085 20 20 30
- online referral [Smoking Advice Service – Hi-Net Grampian](#)
- emailing gram.healthpoint@nhs.scot

Supporting patients with mouth care/oral hygiene – product not available It has been brought to our attention the Green Swabs UN286-5 recommended in our recently shared [Interim Guidance document](#) (for moistening oral mucosa and lips), are no longer available to order. **The other products on the interim guidance are available and can be used as directed.** We have discussed with procurement and there is no obvious alternative at present, but we are reaching out to colleagues elsewhere to see what they use. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Bed Contingency Plan Update – Ward 308 Significant pressures continue to exist across our system. Conscious of this, the Chief Executive Team endorsed the enactment of contingency bed capacity expansion, and a small working group is working hard to identify extra capacity and associated staffing across the system. The first stage was 20 additional frailty beds open in Rosewell House since December. The second stage is Ward 308 in ARI which has been converted back into inpatient accommodation and is planned to open later this week adding a further 13 beds into the system. Although this is being progressed as short-term capacity the longer-term Bed Base Review team is linked into this work as we accept a need to increase our bed base on a sustainable basis. The CET would wish to thank everyone involved in this work

Datix surgeries – this morning With apologies for the short notice, there are two Datix surgeries taking place today, between 9.30-10am, and 10-10.30am. Book on to ask a question or seek advice on anything to do with Datix. Booking is via Turas (requires log-in): [Datix Surgeries | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)

Road closure - Foresterhill Health Campus To allow for resurfacing work, the section of Foresterhill Road between Ashgrove Road West and the start of the Loop Road (see image below) will be CLOSED between 10pm-6am each night, starting next Monday (27 January). During those hours, there will be NO access into or out of the site from Ashgrove Road West. Access to the shale car park and the multi-storey car park will be via Westburn Road/Loop Road only. The works will run over 5 nights, finishing at 6am on Saturday 1 February. Traffic management signs will be in place and must be followed. Further details have been provided to those site users directly affected e.g., those based in David Anderson Building, Scottish Ambulance Service, bus companies. Foresterhill Road will be open as usual during the hours of 6am-10pm. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Scottish SIM-posium 2025 – coming to Aberdeen We are pleased to announce the Scottish Simulation SIMposium 2025 will take place on Wednesday 27 August at the Suttie Centre. The theme of the SIMposium this year is: “Simulation amplified: expanding reach, scaling impact”. This will be an in-person event with keynote speakers, short presentations, panel interviews & poster presentations. Further information on booking and/or submitting a poster abstract is available here (networked devices only): [NHS Grampian News - Save the Date & Abstract Call - Scottish...](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day There will be a free event in Aberdeen next Monday (27 January) to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. It will take place in Cowdray Hall at Aberdeen Art Gallery; further information is available here: [Holocaust Memorial Day: For a better future | Aberdeen City Council](#)

Tune of the day Our request today comes via Claire Robertson, supporter engagement assistant with the NHS Grampian Charity; she’s keeping the ‘blue’ theme going with ELO’s [Mr Blue Sky](#). Can we manage another blue tune for tomorrow? Over to you...(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