

Tuesday 24 December 2024

Christmas greetings from the Chair and interim Chief Executive Here is the 2024 digital Christmas card, to everyone working in health and social care, from Alison Evison and Adam Coldwells:



IT service desk – festive opening hours The IT service will be open until 8pm today (24 December) and then **closed** Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Opening hours for the rest of the festive period are as follows:

- Friday 27 December, 8am-8pm
- Saturday 28 December – Tuesday 31 December (incl), 8am-4pm
- Wednesday 1/Thursday 2 January – **closed**
- Friday 3 January, 8am-8pm
- Saturday 4 January/Sunday 5 January, 8am-4pm

Foresterhill sewing room The sewing room will close for collections and fittings at 2pm today; it will reopen at 7.30am on Monday 6 January.

Retail catering – adjusted opening A reminder our retail catering units will be operating different hours over the remainder of this week, and next. These are on display in all units and available to view here: [NHS Grampian News - Festive opening hours for our retail units...](#) (networked devices only)

Free tv at Christmas & New Year Spark TSL, the providers of our bedside tv sets, will be offering free access to their services at Christmas and New Year. From 0.01am on 25 December, until 11.59pm on 26 December, and again from 11pm on 31 December until 11.59pm on 1 January, all bedside sets will automatically move to free provision. Please share this information with ward colleagues and patients.

Tune of the day Thanks (I think) to Viki Rafferty for her suggestion of [Christmas Robot](#) by The Retrobot (before you click, a warning: this song will live in your brain for the rest of the day. Possibly longer.)

Spare a thought for the folk with birthdays at this time of year, like our own Gary Grubb, part of the substance misuse service at Royal Cornhill. He hits the big 3-0 on Friday and Karen and the team send him all the very best. For Gary, [In Da Club](#) by 50 Cent (Go Shorty, it's your birthday...)

Whether tomorrow is a day of celebration, or just another day, whether you are with friends and family, or far from home, I wish you rest and peace. Thank you for everything you do. You are seen and valued. The brief will return in 2025 (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