

Daily Brief...



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Do you know who you're talking to? Do not share any information (either in-person or over the phone/by email) if you are not sure who you are speaking to. It is ok to pause and check someone's identity; genuine callers will not object to you taking the time to confirm. If you're still unsure, end the call and check. It's better to ring someone back than to disclose information in error.

ePayroll, eExpenses, ePayslips – March Due to End of Year processing, there will be no ePayroll & eExpenses system availability between Friday 28 March - Monday 31 March. It is anticipated systems will be available on Tuesday (1 April); however, this cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, there will be no ePayslip access during this time.

ePayslips have been released early – today - in anticipation of this system unavailability. Monthly wages for March will be paid on Monday 31 March. Information concerning ePayslips can be found here: [Pages - Self-Service](#) (intranet link, networked devices only).

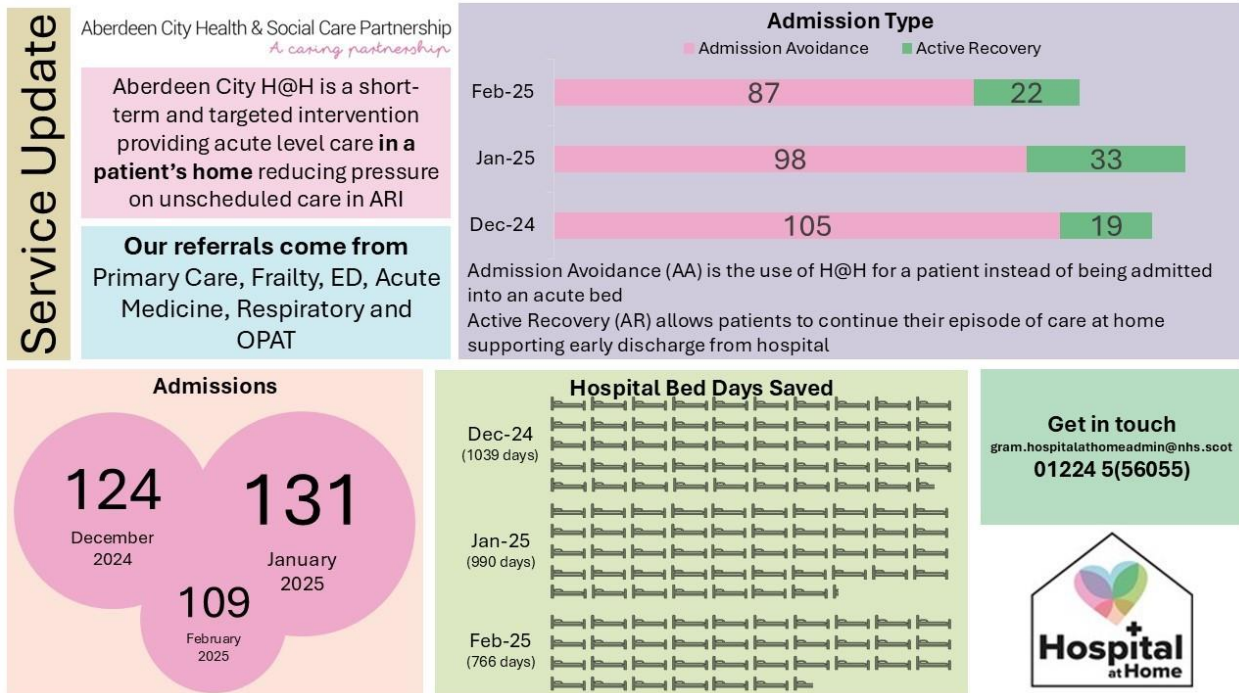
World TB Day - today Tuberculosis (TB) is the world's deadliest infectious disease. TB continues to affect millions globally, inflicting severe health, social, and economic consequences. Although the trend worldwide has been a decreasing number of new cases, Public Health Scotland reported an increase of 40.8% in the number of cases in 2023 compared to the previous year (283 cases reported). This is an increase in incidence from 3.7 to 5.2 per 100,000 people ([2023 Tuberculosis Annual Report for Scotland published - News - Public Health Scotland](#)) This year's theme is "Yes! We Can End TB: through prevention, case identification and treatment. For information about the local service, contact the TB Nursing Service via gram.tbnursingservice@nhs.scot

COVID-19 act of remembrance To mark 5 years since the first lockdown took effect, there will be in-person services of remembrance in the chapels at ARI and DGH today, at 2pm. The service will be for those of all faiths and none, and all are welcome.

Disclosure Scotland Act – changes coming soon! This act will come into effect on Tuesday 1 April, making it mandatory for employees to become members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme if they are in a 'regulated' role. **Advice from Disclosure Scotland is that this will now include roles with any form of patient contact, face-to-face or verbal, as part of their normal duties.** These roles did not previously qualify for PVG as they normally fell under a Standard Disclosure. Employers can be prosecuted if they employ someone in a regulated role who is not a Member of the PVG Scheme. There will also be an end to lifetime membership of the scheme; instead, membership will require to be renewed every 5 years.

The recruitment team continue to work closely with managers to identify those staff who fall into the regulated role category and who are now required to become Members of the PVG Scheme. You can read more about the upcoming changes here: [Changes to our services - Disclosure Scotland](#)

Aberdeen City Hospital@Home update Here's the latest update from the team providing the Hospital@Home service in Aberdeen. Questions? Get in touch via Ext 56055 or gram.hospitalathomeadmin@nhs.scot



ICYMI - retail catering – price increase There will be a 10% price increase* at all retail catering outlets from 31 March. This is due to increased costs and prices increases by suppliers. Hospitality booking forms will also reflect the price increase.

*The price of Sandwich Larder products will increase by more than 10% due to higher increases from the supplier

Pause for thought What value does your experience bring to your work? What about inexperience, what does that add?

Tune of the day I gave you a theme and you have risen to the occasion! We're thinking about time this week, ahead of the clocks going forward; Fiona McAllan (secretary in the RACH ophthalmology team) gets us started with [We're Going To Have A Real Good Time Together](#) by The Velvet Underground. Pauline Ganley wants to dedicate [Time Is On My Side](#) by The Rolling Stones to all our clinical research nurses; time isn't always on their side, but they work hard to ensure the safety and wellbeing of clinical trial participants

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