

Thursday 27 June 2024



[We are pleased to present episode 3 of 'Ask Adam'](#). This is the first episode to be filmed in person, which brings a different feel to proceedings. Today, Adam outlines his top 3 priorities for the organisation and dives into your most pressing questions including staff regrading, the future of Dr Gray's Hospital as a District General, car parking, and much more. As always, we have provided timestamps for individual questions, to allow you to skip to the section most relevant to you:

[0:22](#) Top three priorities for Adam as NHSG Chief Exec

[05:36](#) Abuse of staff challenging people smoking on our sites

[08:41](#) Clinical stock expiry due to bulk order restrictions

[11:14](#) Dental Technician band 2 regrading?

[13:34](#) Adam's regrading appeal to band 5 nursing staff

[14:46](#) Repairs needed at Foresterhill on Cornhill Road near life sciences entrance

[15:55](#) When will car parking restrictions return at Foresterhill?

[18:10](#) Adam's commitment to getting further clarity for people awaiting autism or ADHD assessment.

[20:42](#) What is Dr Gray's status in the north of Scotland? Is it actually a district general?

Have a question for Adam? Email gram.communications@nhs.scot and please remember to say if you'd like to be anonymous. Thanks for watching!

Tobacco policy As this was raised in Ask Adam (see above) we want to remind everyone 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. Staff 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. Our advisors are trained to provide specialist smoking cessation support where we can advise and support clients to stop smoking. 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 NHS Healthline 08085 20 20 30
- online referral - [Smoking Advice Service – Hi-Net Grampian \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/smokingadvice/)
- emailing gram.healthpoint@nhs.scot

Spiritual care – on-call changes Due to staff shortages in the Spiritual Care team, a derogation of the on-call service will be in place from next Monday (1 July) until mid-October when the provision of service will be reviewed. During this period, Chaplains will be available during normal working hours (8.30am-4.30pm) and available for out-of-hours emergencies up until 8.30pm Monday to Friday. Out-of-hours cover at weekends and on public holidays will be limited to 8.30am to 8.30pm. During this period, there will continue to be 24/7 on call provision by a local Roman Catholic priest.

Furthermore, during the same period, Woodend Hospital, Roxburghe House, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, the neonatal unit, and the community hospitals, will only be covered on a referral basis. This decision has not been taken lightly and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the interim Head of Spiritual Care and Lead Chaplain, Katrina Blackwood.

Value and sustainability – meeting hospitality Effective immediately, there should be no ordering of sandwiches etc for any internal, in-person meetings. We're asking everyone to contribute to savings and reducing our food waste by bringing their own lunches/snacks. Teas, coffees, and cold drinks may still be ordered from catering. There are also some exceptions to this rule:

- Retirement teas can be ordered for anyone with 20 years or more continuous service. Full [information is available on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only)
- Catering may still be arranged for events which are externally funded

Emergency proxy voting If a sudden hospital admission means an individual will be unable to vote in the general election next Thursday, it may be possible for them to apply for an emergency proxy vote. There is more information about this on Electoral Commission website: [Emergency proxy vote | Electoral Commission](#)

Tune of the day As we so often do in this bit of the brief, we're saying goodbyes today. First up Scott Troup is retiring after more than 20 years with the NHS, across mental health. His parents both worked at Kingseat and Scott followed in their footsteps. He rounds off his career as a support worker at Polmuir Road. He's off to devote his time to another passion – game keeping – so Calum and colleagues have asked for [Gone Shootin' by AC/DC](#)

Secondly, Sandra Warden is leaving the CAARS team at City Hospital after nearly 10 years in the admin office. Karen and the gang wish her all the best and say [So Long, Farewell](#) (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