

Friday 28 February 2025

Cyber Security Week Catch up on all things cyber security, including how to protect yourself from phishing scams and how to keep safe online, in this Sway newsletter: [NHS Grampian Cyber Week 2025](#)

New web address for Grampian Research Office Hosts of the joint NHS Grampian / University of Aberdeen 'Grampian Research Office' website have changed the URL to <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/gro/> rather than the previous www.abdn.ac.uk/grampian-research-office If you accessed this using a hyperlink, please update. This will be helpful to all staff involved in clinical research activities.

2023-24 Discretionary Points The closing date for applications for the 2023-24 Discretionary Points round for all eligible consultants will close on 7 March. Eligible consultants should have received an email invite. Applications must be checked for factual accuracy by your medical line manager and returned by email to gram.discretionarypoints@nhs.scot More information can be found on the intranet page: [Discretionary Points](#) (networked devices only).

MedWatch newsletter The latest edition is now online: [MedWatch February 24](#) It includes:

- NHS Grampian HEPMA User Alert: Prescribing 'As Required Therapy' for patients with a Palliative Syringe Driver PAR
- Shared Learning: Misunderstanding between 'mg' and 'ml'
- Updates on sustainable alternatives to plastic medicines pots and spoons, and filters used in NHS Grampian for preparing and administering IV medicines in clinical areas

Previous editions can be found at: [Pages - MedWatch Newsletters \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

That was the week that was

Monday 24 – Annual leave and pay day reminders and new tactical group

Tuesday 25 – Parking and Band 5 nursing review

Wednesday 26 – Terminal illness evaluation rules and COVID remembrance

Thursday 27 – Chief executive to retire and Ask Adam

All briefs are stored online, [just click this link](#) or visit Working with Us>HR Portal>NHSG Staff Daily Briefs on the NHS Grampian website.

Datix reporting of adverse events Adverse events related to 'Portering' and 'Domestic & Support Services' activity in community hospitals (Aboyne Hospital, Chalmers Hospital, Fraserburgh Hospital, Glen O'Dee Hospital, Inverurie Hospital, Kincardine Community Hospital, Jubilee Hospital, Peterhead Community Hospital, Seafield Hospital, Stephen Hospital, Turner Memorial Hospital, Turriff Cottage Hospital) must be reported on Datix as follows:

- *Sector - Facilities and Estates (Infrastructure, Sustainability and Support Services Directorate)
- *Service - Domestic & Support Services
- *Specialty - Domestic Services

All other areas' adverse events relating to 'Portering' and 'Domestic & Support Services' must be reported on Datix as:

- *Sector- Facilities and Estates (Infrastructure, Sustainability and Support Services Directorate)
- *Service - Logistics
- *Specialty – Portering

This is to ensure the correct line management have visibility of these adverse events and they can be managed appropriately.

Home Energy Scotland info session The next Home Energy Scotland information session will be held on Monday 10 March from 2pm-3pm. This interactive session is for anyone who would like impartial energy advice and tips on how to save money. Learn how to save money on your energy bills, adopt new habits and be more efficient. You can also find out how to become an energy efficiency champion. Book your free space: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/homeenergyscotland-ne/t-krnxvpk> A Teams invite will then be sent out a few days before the session.

Ramadan The Islamic holy month of Ramadan is due to begin this evening. We say Ramadan Mubarak to all colleagues who will be observing the event.

STAR Award If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Tune of the day A very Happy Birthday to Sharon McInnes who turns the big 50 tomorrow! Linda from the theatres team let us in on this special milestone and highlighted that Sharon has been grafting for the NHS for over 30 years. [Happy Birthday by Altered Images](#) is from all your colleagues, past and present, Sharon. Enjoy your celebrations!

Double bubble for a Friday as we also mark the retirement of Kevin Wardlaw, Urology Specialist Nurse, whose last day is today after 39 years in the NHS and almost 22 years in the urology department at ARI. He will be hugely missed by all the team and across the MDT. [Good Riddance \(Time of your Life\) by Green Day](#) is for you, Kevin, from Katy and all the team. Congratulations!

Whether you've got a special occasion this weekend, a date with the sofa or a few days full of hard work ahead of you, keep smiling (KJ).

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