

Daily Brief...



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New intranet homepage Our new intranet homepage will launch tomorrow (1 April). The modernisation of the intranet forms part of the ongoing security enhancements along with improvements to usability and stability. The homepage will look different to the existing version, but we have tried to keep some elements similar in order that users can easily navigate their way around it. Along with the homepage itself, there will be several other pages available in the new environment. We will then enter a phase of transferring other pages to also make them available in the new environment. Pages not yet migrated will continue to be available until migrated.

- **Intranet search** The native search on the new intranet homepage will search only in that environment. We have included a legacy search that will search the existing intranet. The inconvenience of this will lessen as more content is migrated and the legacy search will be removed when all content has been migrated, and we are ready to decommission the legacy intranet.
- **Navigation** When you click on the homepage, you will be taken to the new intranet homepage. If you have links in documents to the existing intranet, you should be prepared to update these once department sites have been migrated. If you have saved any favourites, these will continue to point to the existing intranet until it is decommissioned. These favourites should be updated to point to the new intranet pages once they have been transferred. The intranet link in the 'NHSG Managed Favourites' folder will be updated to point to the new intranet homepage.
- **Systems and Resources** Links to the intranet pages will be updated as the associated departments are migrated. As system links are not on the intranet, these should be available at launch.

Support budgets by recycling We currently spend around £125,000 every month disposing of clinical waste. An audit last year highlighted up to 12% of orange bag (clinical) waste was non-infectious, non-clinical, packaging and plastics. By recycling these materials – including soft plastic wrap, boxes, bottles and tubes – instead, we could save around £12,000 per month in disposal costs. Recycling goes in clear bags, and these should be clearly labeled. If needed, you can order new bins via PECOS (supplier is Wybone, and the order code is CAP/AP/70L/FB/GRN). Recycling stickers for the lids of the bins are available to order via gram.resources@nhs.scot

ICYMI - retail catering – price increase There will be a 10% price increase* at all retail catering outlets from **today**. 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

Study day – tissue viability/paediatric skin health & wound healing This free event will take place on Wednesday 23 April, 9am-4pm, at Curl Aberdeen. It is of interest to anyone providing obstetric care to women and children, in either hospital or the community. There will be speakers from Great Ormond Street Hospital and Glasgow Royal Hospital for Children and lunch is provided. To register, please contact gram.tissueviabilityeducation@nhs.scot, confirming your name, job title, and area of work.

Simulated participant recruitment Robert Gordon University are recruiting simulated participants to help train the healthcare workers of the future. You don't need any previous experience, or to work in a clinical role, you just need to be willing to play the part of a patient in hands-on learning sessions. Interested? Contact Fiona Logie to find out more on 01224 262905 or via SPs@rgu.ac.uk

DGH FC Thanks to Greg Dempster (porter, DGH) for his update on the performance of the DGH football team; they ran out 8-3 winners against NotThat Athletic earlier this month. The team are always looking for new players, all NHS colleagues welcome, just get in touch with Greg via greg.dempster@nhs.scot

Pause for thought Big decisions or little decisions, every one of them matters. What decision do you need to make?

Ticket offer – War of The Worlds, P&J Live – tomorrow We have been given access to £10 tickets (excluding booking fees) for tomorrow night's performance of Jeff Wayne's War of The Worlds at P&J Live. Doors at 6pm, show starts at 8pm. [To snap up yours, please follow this link](#). As a reminder, NHS Grampian does not benefit from these offers, tickets are available while stocks last, and we do not operate the ticket purchasing site.

Tune of the day We've got a festival of farewells today; starting with Louise McLaughlin (staff nurse, nuclear medicine). She's retiring after a career with NHS Grampian which started in 1984. For Louise, from all her colleagues, The Three Degrees and [When Will I See You Again](#). Melanie McCann is moving on from occupational health and her co-workers say her new team are gaining a lovely person, inside and out. For Melanie, [Everybody's Changing](#) by Keane. Heather Smith (principal pharmacy technician, ARI) is retiring after 51 years with the NHS, and to say she will be a big miss is putting it mildly! Heather was part of a production of The Sound Of Music last year, so it can only be [So Long, Farewell](#). Finally, Prof James Ferguson ('Ferg') is retiring from the ARI emergency department. Alongside decades in emergency medicine, Ferg has played a vital role in the development of telehealth in Scotland. A renowned James Bond fan (he helped develop the scene in Casino Royale where Bond gets remote diagnosis and treatment after being poisoned), the ED team have asked for [You Only Live Twice](#) (EP)

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