

Daily Brief...



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Integration of acute pathways Work is getting underway on three exciting projects to fully integrate important acute services. Cardiology, endoscopy, and orthopaedics are the first three services involved; the aim is, at the end of the process, each service will provide safe, sustainable, and consistent care to all people living in Grampian (and beyond for regional pathways). All three projects have clear, yet ambitious, timelines and are expected to conclude in mid-July. There will be direct engagement and involvement opportunities for colleagues in each service over the next few weeks; if you don't work in endoscopy, cardiology, or orthopaedics and would like to know more, please contact the relevant project leads, as listed below:

Cardiology – Louise Pearson, Stuart Stephen,

Endoscopy – Cameron Matthew, Louise Pearson,

Orthopaedics – Cameron Matthew, Louise Pearson

First Aid training - important update Due to staffing changes, occupational health is currently **unable** to provide **any** in-house first aid training. If you/your service urgently requires training, you should consider arranging an external provider. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding. Updates will be provided when we have a plan for the provision of future training.

Welcome Wards: A key message for visitors Helping patients benefit from contact with friends and family is important. One of the key messages in our Welcome Wards guides is friends and family can help staff by supporting a restful environment in our wards. Please share copies with visitors to give them helpful pointers like the importance of respecting other patients' and visitors' need for privacy, supervising children who visit, and being considerate of others. You can find the guides on the Welcome Wards page of our website: <https://www.nhsgrampian.org/hospital-hub/visitor-information>

That was the week that was

Monday 31 – launch of new intranet homepage, reminder of retail catering price increase

Tuesday 1 – accuracy in record keeping, registration open for next Celebrating Excellence event

Wednesday 2 – TrakCare upgrade – coming soon, antimicrobial guidance updates

Thursday 3 – data incident? Datix it!, fire risk from vaping devices

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STAR Award We tip our hat today to Yvonne Hendry, medical secretary in general surgery at ARI, following her recent STAR Award presentation. Yvonne's win is a recognition of her commitment and exceptional patient care skills. If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [STAR Award nomination form](#)

Tune of the day It's a great source of joy to me that so many of you love Eurovision as much as I do! I give thanks to Sebastian Karolczak (CTAC/immunisation co-ordinator) for his suggestion of Malta's entry for this year, [Serving](#) by Miriana Conte. (If you've been following the journey this tune has gone on, please be assured, this is the 'Eurovision approved' version. I like my job and want to keep it!)

I wish you an excellent day and a better weekend. Thank you, as always (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