

Friday 6 December 2024

Yellow weather warning – rain Storm Darragh is expected bring a significant amount of rain with it later today. A yellow weather warning, covering Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire as far west as Ballater and as far north as Cruden Bay takes effect from 3pm and runs until 12 noon tomorrow. More information is available here: [UK weather warnings - Met Office](#)

Virtual Carol Service 2024 Our annual virtual carol service premieres at 12 noon next Tuesday (10 December) on our YouTube account: [\(85\) NHS Grampian Virtual Carol Service 2024 - YouTube](#) (please note, the link can be shared but the video will not be available until Tuesday). Join us for carols, readings, prayers, and short reflections featuring members of the Chaplaincy Team. The service was recorded in ARI, Roxburghe House, and Dr Gray's Hospital. Following the conclusion of the premiere, the service will be available to watch on-demand. With thanks to NHS Grampian Charity for their support in making this virtual carol service possible.

Free tv at Christmas & New Year Spark TSL, the providers of our bedside tv sets, will be offering free access to their services at Christmas and New Year. From 0.01am on 25 December, until 11.59pm on 26 December, and again from 11pm on 31 December until 11.59pm on 1 January, all bedside sets will automatically move to free provision. Please share this information with ward colleagues and patients.

Operation Cairngorms – this Sunday Taking place at Knockiehill Woodland, near Tarland, this is an opportunity for current and former members of the military and 'blue light' workers (including hospital staff) to get together to talk by the campfire and enjoy activities like axe throwing. This Sunday – 8 December – is the first combined military/blue light meeting. Starting at 10am, all welcome, for a suggested £5 donation. You can register via this link: [Monthly Campfire meets | OpCairngorms](#) (with thanks to Dr Caroline Lacey for drawing this to our attention).

CFINE fruit & veg hampers CFINE (Community Food Initiative North East) are once again offering fruit & veg hampers to order for Christmas. [Full details and ordering information are on the intranet here](#) (networked devices only) orders must be received by Thursday 12 December.

That was the week that was:

Monday 2 – change to IT service desk opening hours, advice from linen services, Secret Santa draw

Tuesday 3 – media coverage of system pressures, pay arrangements and salary submission arrangements for festive period

Wednesday 4 – launch of drop-in staff vaccination clinics, update on ARI helipad management

Thursday 5 – 2025/26 Scottish budget, Christmas menu at hospital cafes, ordering staff hot meals for Christmas Day/New Year's Day.

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STAR Award We tip our hats to Marion Singleton, an occupational therapy healthcare support worker at Royal Cornhill, and recent STAR award winner. She was nominated by a patient, to whom she had provided an exceptional level of support. Her kindness and encouragement empowered him to overcome fears, build confidence, and regain independence, making a lasting difference in his life. Brava, Marion! If you want to nominate a colleague or team, please use this form: [4866 STAR Awards v2](#)

Tune of the day It's Friday and I'm [Giving Up...Giving In.](#)

Christmas party season will get into full swing this weekend. If you're on your team 'nicht oot' enjoy yourselves, don't do anything I wouldn't do, and a big shout out to the designated drivers. If you're on shift, take care. If you're having some downtime, breathe. It has been another full-on week (what other kind do we have?) and I for one am very grateful for everything you've done (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