

Daily Brief...



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Staff vaccinations – new dates New clinics, in Elgin and Fraserburgh, have been added to the existing list of winter vaccination opportunities. [You can see the complete list on the intranet](#) (networked devices only).

Not sure which vaccines you are eligible for? Check out www.nhsinform.scot/wintervaccines

Microsoft Teams clean-up – action required As part of a national effort to ensure our data is secure and accessible only to those who have the rights to view, download, edit and delete, owners of Teams channels will be contacted over the next few days. Their teams will be identified and there are a few things that we would request you check and amend. The most important one is whether the team is still relevant and needing to be retained. Please check with the other owners of your team prior to deleting any content. There's more guidance available here: [M365 Cleanup - Teams - User Guidance.pptx](#)

International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW) 13 – 19 October You're invited to join in celebrating infection prevention during International Infection Prevention Week, beginning this coming Sunday (13 October). The theme for this year is "Moving the Needle on Infection Prevention".

In advance of the week, there will be awareness raising visits to wards around Royal Cornhill this Wednesday. Throughout the week, the infection control nurses will be visiting areas across Grampian to highlight different aspects of safe care. There will also be a study day at Dr Gray's on 24 October, using the themes on IIPW. A banner on the intranet will take you direct to the IPC Intranet page. Please take a look at the materials provided to understand the crucial role infection control teams play in keeping patients safe from Healthcare Associated Infections and informing staff of good practice.

Domestic abuse support database – evaluation It has been a year since Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership, in collaboration with ACVO and the Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership, launched the [Domestic Abuse Support Database](#) and we are now undertaking an evaluation of this resource. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes [to fill in this survey](#) and share this with colleagues. Your feedback will be valuable in helping us improve and develop the database – thank-you.

Paediatric MTC education sessions The next event in this series will take place this Thursday (10 October) between 12-1pm. The topic this time is collar care. To request the joining link, please email gram.nosmtc@nhs.scot

Public Involvement Team – new web pages We are delighted to share our new web pages jam packed full of helpful information and resources: [Public Involvement \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://www.nhs.uk/public-involvement/). These pages cover:

- What Public Involvement is and why engage?
- Ways to engage public, patients and communities
- How staff can get involved with Engagement Networks
- How staff can become empowered to have meaningful and ongoing conversations with their patient groups

We have also launched a new X (Twitter) page follow us and tag us in your engagement activities @NHSginvolvingU. And coming soon...we will be launching a brand new 'Engagement 101' training session. This will support staff to have the knowledge and skills to engage and aligns with our Putting People First engagement approach. Watch this space for more information. Questions? Please contact the team at gram.involve@nhs.scot

Aberdeenshire strategy roadshows Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership continues in its mammoth road trip, with numerous engagement events taking place. Team 'Shire will be at Banchory Academy tomorrow (4-7pm), Trinity Church in Westhill on Wednesday (3-7pm) and Mintlaw Village Hall on Thursday (3-6pm). Come along to not only find out about the challenges currently faced by AHSCP, but what can be done to shape health and social care of the future. Have your say with our interactive budget stall, in the face of increasing complex demand which is felt across our services.

Numerous teams are also on hand to give some great information on carers services, mental health in the community plus what you can do to safeguard your own health. To find out more and tell us what you think via an online survey, visit engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care-in-aberdeenshire

Pause for thought Labels are for cans, not people. What labels do you give yourself? If you peeled back the label, what might there be instead?

Tune of the day Dr Carol Close retires today, after an NHS career which has taken her from Foresterhill Medical Group, Gilbert Road Medical Group, and to the occupational health service. Daughter Paula (herself a staff nurse at ARI) tells us: "*Her compassion, care, professionalism, motivation, knowledge, and kindness are not only to be admired and congratulated but has continued to inspire me throughout my personal nursing career.*" I hear Carol is partial to a bit of Rihanna, so for her, [Diamonds](#).

With today marking the start of Challenge Poverty week, we've been asked to feature Phil Collins and [Another day in Paradise](#). The song implores listeners not to ignore homelessness and destitution, just as the Challenge Poverty calls for compassion and justice to help end poverty. (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