

Friday 3 March 2023

Dr Gray's Update Work to restore consultant-led obstetric care at Dr Grays Hospital will proceed following Scottish Government approval of plans to re-establish services.

The plan for an integrated maternity service for the North of Scotland, developed jointly by NHS Grampian and NHS Highland, will be backed by up to £6.6 million of Scottish Government investment.

A phased return to obstetric maternity services at Dr Grays will start with enhanced complex obstetric antenatal care and day assessment later this year. Elective caesarean births will re-start in early 2025 with full consultant-led services returning in 2026.

A networked model of care with Raigmore hospital will see Moray women offered a choice of place of birth in early 2025, once refurbishment work has concluded. Refurbishment of the Raigmore maternity unit will be supported through a further £5 million of earmarked funding.

Commenting on the announcement today, Professor Caroline Hiscox, Chief Executive NHS Grampian, said: "We welcome the Cabinet Secretary's approval for our plans to develop Moray maternity services. This is a significant and welcome step, which I know will be warmly welcomed by families, midwives and clinicians across Moray.

"We have worked tirelessly to develop robust models that can deliver a safe and sustainable maternity service for Moray. I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the development of the plans and look forward to seeing their delivery.

"Today's announcement of £6.6m funding will enable us to start the recruitment process as soon as possible to provide the necessary expertise required at Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin. We look forward to working in partnership with NHS Highland on the planned networked model, which will help deliver services across the region."

Pam Dudek, NHS Highland's Chief Executive, said: "NHS Highland will continue to work alongside NHS Grampian and other partners to support women to give birth with a focus on choice and involvement in planning their care with us.

"In order to do so safely, we need to upgrade facilities at Raigmore and significantly increase our workforce, while also considering options for midwife-led care in Inverness-shire allowing choice locally and most importantly develop agreed pathways of care amongst our clinicians. This work is underway."

Think Before You Link Hostile actors and criminals are known to be using social and professional networking sites and social media platforms to approach UK and Western nationals working in sensitive employment across government, the private sector, academia and healthcare.

They often do this by posing as recruiters or talent agents who will approach individuals with enticing opportunities, when their real intent is to gather as much information as possible from the target. The consequences of engaging with these profiles can damage individual careers, as well as putting the organisation at risk. For more information on Staying safe on Social Media, Social Engineering

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That was the week that was If you missed a brief this week and want to catch up, here's a quick guide to the key items shared:

Monday 27 Kicked off Cyber Scotland Week; updated around eEss Manager Self-Service Support; Reminder on ambulance booking

Tuesday 28 Updated on the most recent Equality Outcomes Report; Information around GMS contract/Primary Care Improvement Plans

Wednesday 1 Looked at the Launch of HEPMA in Grampian; Information about refresher sessions for Flying Start facilitators.

Thursday 2 Cyber Scotland Week continued by looking at Phishing; information on Palliative& End of Life Care sessions

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Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that on this day in 1979 the Bee Gees scored their fourth UK Number One single with [Tragedy](#) – so let it be our song for today.(GC).

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