

COVID-19 Brief

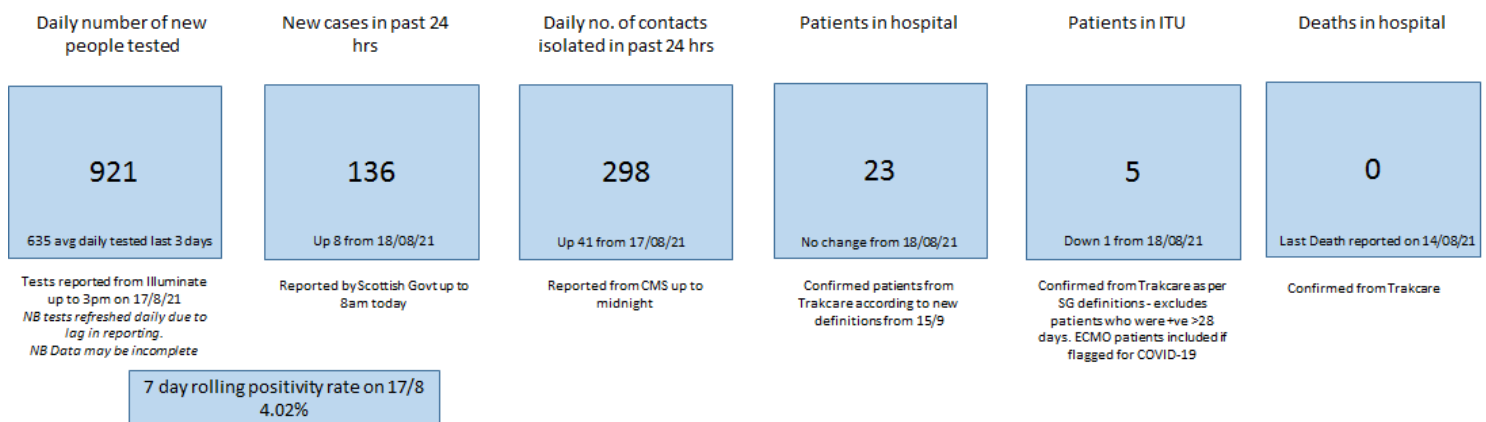
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Here is the brief for Thursday 19 August 2021.

National Care Service for Scotland Consultation The pandemic has further highlighted the importance of social care and as such it's important that we hear from those involved. The Scottish Government has launched a consultation to seek the public's views ahead of the creation of a National Care Service, which will ensure everyone who needs it can expect the same standards of care, wherever they live in Scotland. Have your say in the future of social care in Scotland by taking part in the consultation [here](#).

Grampian data The local update for today (and across the weekend), including the 7-day rolling positivity rate, is shown below. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories. The figure for the "daily number of new people tested" is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously.



A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

Confidential Waste Sacks All staff are reminded that the pink NHS Grampian confidential waste sacks should be used for the disposal of confidential paper only. Non-confidential paper, medical journals, textbooks etc should be disposed of in clear bags as mixed recycling.

Non-paper confidential waste such as photographic slides, X-rays, and CD-Roms must not be placed into pink confidential sacks along with paper. These sacks are sent to our contractor to be shredded and non-paper items can cause damage and contamination to the shredding equipment.

Sacks containing non-paper confidential waste should be clearly marked as such prior to being collected so staff are aware to keep these aside for separate collection by the licenced contractor.

Self-isolation: the guidance around self-isolation has changed and means that more responsibility is placed on us as individuals (and as staff members) to undertake our own risk assessments when coming into contact with a person who has tested positive. Today we are asking how well you feel you understand this guidance (which can be quite nuanced). [Click here](#) for the question and we'll share results with you tomorrow.

We Care Wellbeing Survey We've had a great response so far to the latest We Care Survey – don't forget to take part by [clicking here](#)

Tune of the day Today we turn to Kelly Sumner in eHealth. She's requested [Happy Place by Saint PHNX](#). Jelly tells us: "They are a duo (brothers) from Wishaw. I really love this acoustic song and the lyrics will probably resonate with a lot of people. And if you like their music they are brilliant on TikTok too."

We're always on the look out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.