

COVID-19 Brief

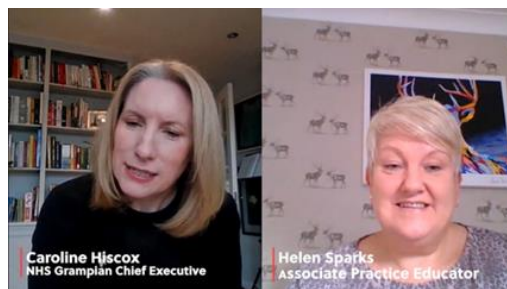
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Here is the brief for Thursday 20 January 2022.

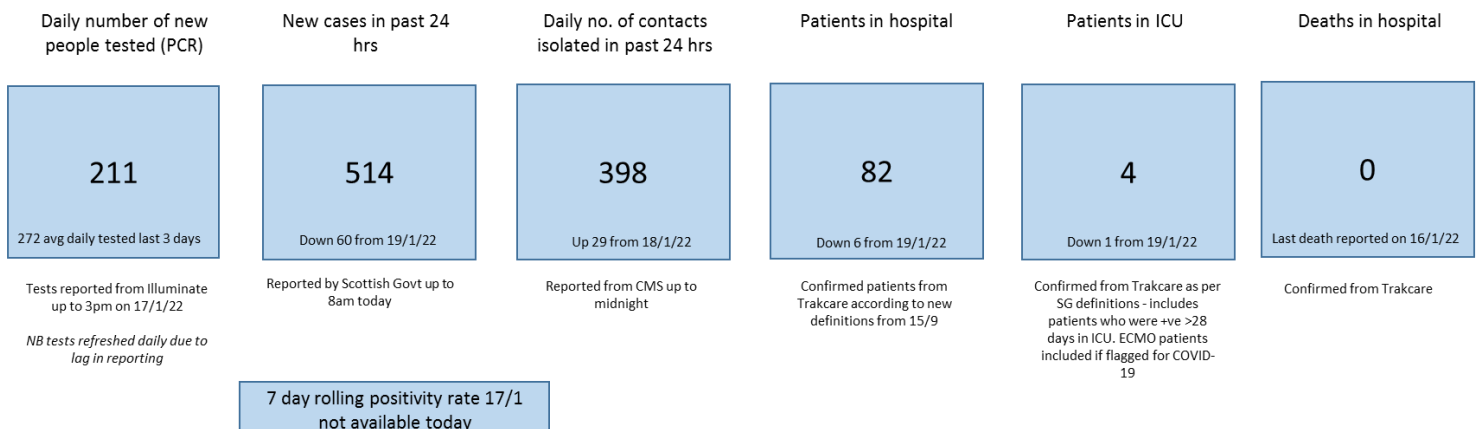
Caroline in conversation with... Last week we shared the first video of Caroline Hiscox (our Chief Executive) answering your questions – [available to watch here if you missed it](#). Today we're delighted to bring you the first video of Caroline in conversation with a colleague and we start with Helen Sparks, Associate Practice Educator. Caroline explained what she is aiming to achieve with this new regular feature:

"I am really fortunate to work with a broad range of fantastic colleagues across health and care. I always find conversations with them enlightening and thought provoking and am keen to share some of that. I have said many times each and every person, no matter what their role, is an integral part of delivering services for the people of Grampian. No one part of this jigsaw is more important than another. Through these conversations, I hope to share wider understanding of roles and the sheer diversity of our organisation."



[You can watch the full video of Caroline and Helen's chat here](#). These are the email addresses to use to contact the Associate Practice Educators which Helen mentions in the video: gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot or gram.hcsw-covid19@nhs.scot. You can find the Facebook page by typing HCSW@NHSGrampian into the Facebook search bar.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below. We have been asked about changes in testing policy and how it affects our reporting in the 'blue boxes'. At present we are only able to present PCR testing data. However, we hope to start including the number of new people reporting Lateral Flow Device tests data (regardless of whether negative or positive), which will provide a more comprehensive picture of testing. We expect this new data will be available to report early next week.



[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#)

Renal Dialysis service (ARI) Like many areas currently, our Renal Dialysis Unit in wards 404/405 are experiencing high rates of nursing absence. The team are working hard to mitigate this and ensure services continue for our patients. Could you help? If any adult nurse with dialysis experience would like to volunteer to be deployed on a temporary basis, or if you are able to temporarily increase your substantive hours (for those not already working full time hours), or work additional hours, please contact with Jon Taylor (Unit Operational Manager) or Lesley Gow to discuss:

Jon Taylor – jon.taylor@nhs.scot mobile 07768045002

Lesley Gow – lesley.gow@nhs.scot

Alcohol Liaison Nurse Service ARI has been home to an Alcohol Liaison Nurse Service since 2016. The service will see any patient admitted to the hospital with alcohol related issues, carry out a person-centred assessment, and refer onto community services based on the patients' needs and wishes. Patients can refer themselves or be referred by any of the clinical staff involved in their care.

Funding has been secured to transform the service into a Drug & Alcohol Care Team, allowing the service to support patients experiencing drug misuse issues. As part of this, the team are seeking views from staff who have referred patients to the Alcohol Liaison Nurse. Your input here will help us to shape this service and help us to make meaningful improvements to patient-centred care. To share your views, [please click on this link to complete a short questionnaire](#) – it should take just a few minutes.

Car park works – Foresterhill Health Campus If you work on Foresterhill Health Campus, remember that from 7am tomorrow morning (Friday 21 January), the staff tarmac car park, adjacent to the Lady Helen Parking Centre, will close for two days to allow for essential maintenance works. All vehicles must be removed prior to the start of works.

Parking restrictions on the site remain relaxed, allowing staff to park in the multi-storey car park. Please use this wherever possible, keeping spaces on the core site free for patients. You should park on Level 6 and above, keeping the lower floors free for those with mobility issues.

Thank you for your co-operation and apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Tuneful thought for the day I had to have a very stern word with myself yesterday, when I realised we had missed an obvious opportunity for tune of the day AND to mark the birthday of Dolly Parton. Where to begin with this legend? She's written more than 3,000 songs, can play 8 instruments, has contributed to global literacy by giving away 100 million books to children via her Imagination Library, and donated \$1 million to the development of what would become the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. And what a way with words she has – it costs a lot of money to look this cheap! When the state of Tennessee proposed erecting a statue in her honour, Dolly declined, saying this was not the time to put her on a pedestal. I could not disagree more, but that response is just another reason to love her. We could all stand to be a little more Dolly, so in belated honour of her birthday, enjoy [Here You Come Again](#).

If you want to request a song for tune of the day, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via gram.communications@nhs.scot