

# COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Tuesday 2 November 2021.

**System Support Update** We promised to keep you updated on what leadership teams are doing to support the ongoing challenges we are facing across health and social care.

Pressures feel so palpably tight across all that we do in the services we provide and we know we have the toughest four months ahead.

We have asked for extra support from our colleagues in the military. This request has been finely tuned so we get the right help in the right places. Vaccination is one of those areas and today we are delighted to welcome 17 new team members across Grampian. We will be told about acute support in the coming days and we will let you know through the Daily Brief what this extra support will mean in reality.

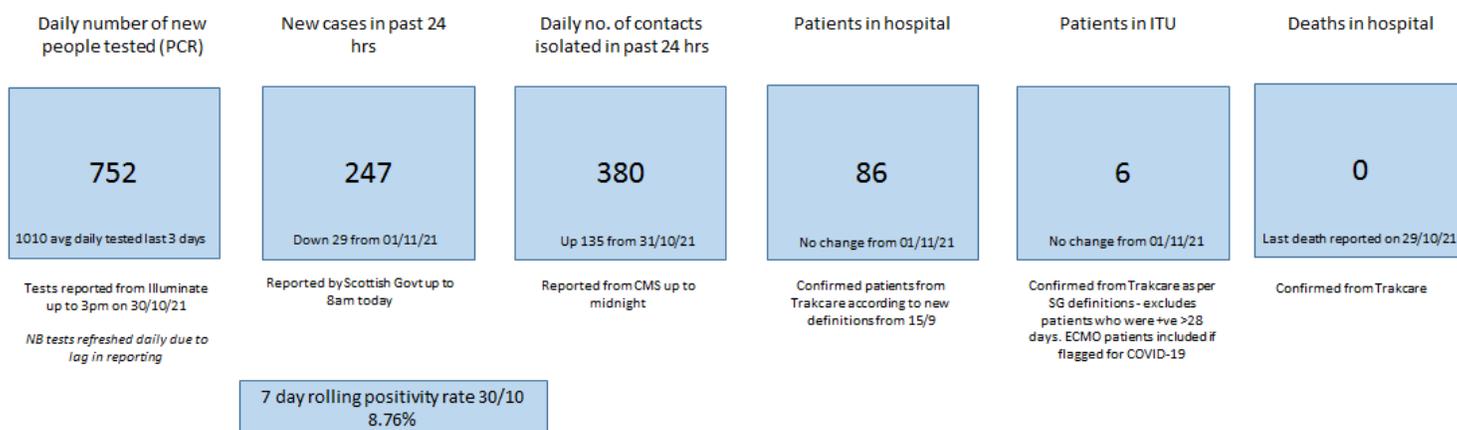
These people, and our volunteers, are here to supplement the specialist work you do and I know we will make them all welcome as we always do in Grampian!

Daily system-wide meetings happen seven days a week where any live issues are taken to the virtual table and dealt with the same day. This has been invaluable in connecting every aspect of health and social care work and supporting each other to find solutions quickly.

We have been actively advertising for medical and healthcare (not dental) students to come and join us as healthcare support workers in their spare time. To date we have received 169 applications and we are working through those right now to fast track them, after training, onto wards and community settings.

Here we are, a new week, a new month - wherever you are, whatever you are doing - thank you for continuing to be part of this huge organisation and surpassing all that is expected of you with dedication and hard work.

**Grampian data** The local update for today (and across the weekend) is shown below.



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

**Child Disability Payment – Special Rules for Terminally Ill Children and Young People** New rules and a fast-track process will apply for children and young people who are living with a terminal illness to access Child Disability Payment.

In order to ensure for Stakeholders and partners - such as GP's, clinicians, specialist nurses, hospice support staff, palliative care providers and welfare rights organisations - who will be supporting clients to apply under the new rules are fully informed about these changes we will be hosting an online information event on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 10am–11am.

If you would like to attend, [click here](#)

**First Dose Covid-19 Walk-in Clinics** These will be held at Mastrick Community Church, Greenfern Road, Aberdeen, Wednesday to Friday this week, open 10am to 4pm each day. The sessions are for all those still to have their first dose aged 12 and over.

**Safer Workplaces – support for staff** The Safer Workplaces team are hosting a further online session on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, between 11.00am-12.00pm. To book your place on the session, which will be held on Teams, please email [gram.saferworkplaces@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.saferworkplaces@nhs.scot) by 8pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. If you have a specific question, please include it in your email so that any information gathering needed can be done prior to the session. If you are not able to attend the session you may still send your query to the above address.

**Infection, Prevention and Control** Unfortunately in yesterday's Daily Brief we published the wrong email to contact IPCT. SCNs have been asked to contact IPCT if you have two or more cases of transmissible infections, affecting staff or patients. Please contact the Safer Workplace Team (email: [gram.saferworkplaces@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.saferworkplaces@nhs.scot)) or the Infection Prevention and Control Team (email: [gram.infectioncontrol@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.infectioncontrol@nhs.scot)) for advice or support with any of the above.

**Tune for the day** Everything is adaptable. We are all adaptable; the NHS is adaptable; and ABBA songs, it turns out, are very adaptable. Here's what happens when you turn the classic [SOS](#) into a rock song...for fans of late 90s/early 00s wrestling this also proves Chris Jericho is adaptable. Have a lovely evening folks.

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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)