

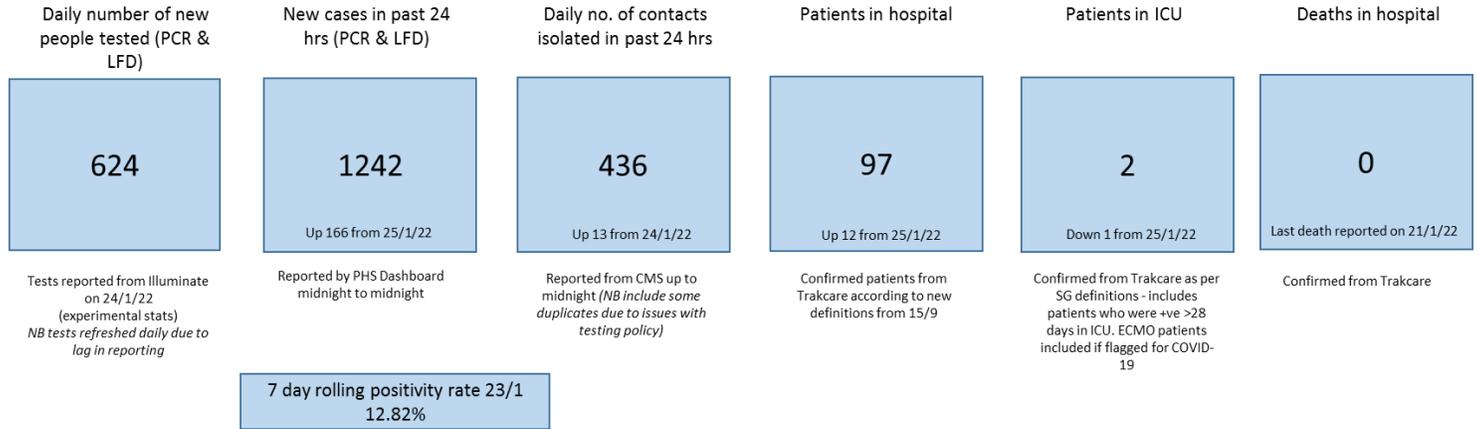
COVID-19 Brief

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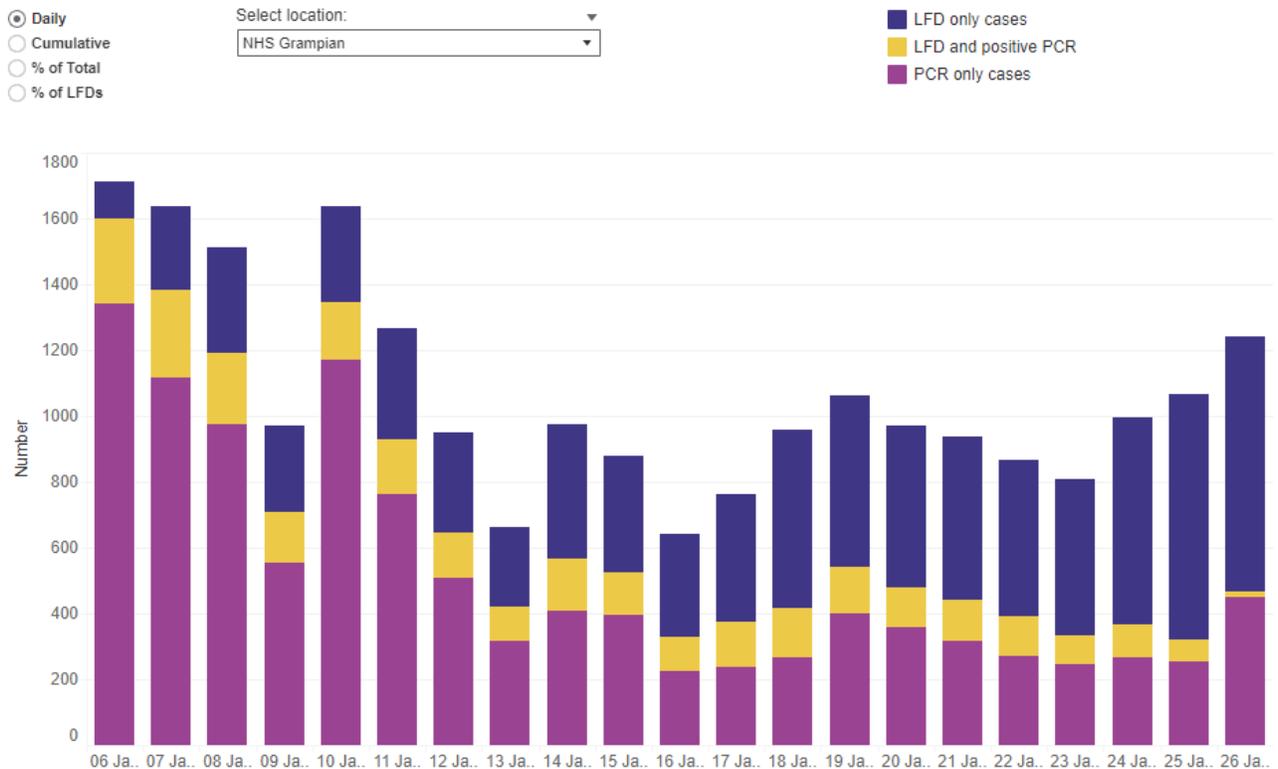
Here is the brief for Wednesday 26 January 2022.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below.



This table, from Public Health Scotland, highlights the daily combined positive cases, by test type, in Grampian. You can see this information for Scotland as a whole, or other board areas, along with a host of other data [on the PHS daily dashboard](#).

Daily combined positive cases by test type in NHS Grampian



Alternative Pathways into Primary Care The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is undertaking an inquiry about the different ways patients access healthcare services in Scotland. Primary care services provide the first point of contact in the healthcare system, acting as the ‘front door’ of the NHS. Their inquiry is focused on other sources of healthcare in the community, which they term ‘alternative’ pathways. This could include seeing other healthcare professionals, such as physiotherapists or podiatrists, or referral to other sources of support, like community groups. This inquiry intends to explore how these pathways are being accessed and used in primary care. It also seeks to identify key issues and opportunities for improvement. The inquiry has been welcomed by Primary Care colleagues locally and they intend to contribute to it.

[Further information on this inquiry is available on the Scottish Parliament website](#), along with information on how you can contribute to the inquiry.

Distance Aware scheme As highlighted in Monday’s brief, the Distance Aware scheme is now in operation across Scotland. An example of the badge is shown below, more information on the scheme is [available on the Scottish Government website](#).



eESS project newsletter [The latest edition of the eESS project newsletter is available to read here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). eESS is a single, national NHS Scotland approach to HR systems that is intended to enable a high quality, standardised HR function.

Scottish Quality & Safety Fellowship Recruitment will commence for the 14th Cohort of the Scottish Quality and Safety Fellowship on Friday 4 February, running until 10am on Friday 25 March. Interviews will be held via MS Teams in June. The Fellowship is open to healthcare staff who currently undertake clinical practice and have a direct influence on improving the delivery of safe patient care, as well as staff in clinical professions who do not currently deliver hands-on care but do have a role in improving patient care or safety. An applicant pack containing person specification, programme outline, application form and advertisement [can now be downloaded from the QI Zone here](#).

We Care Wellbeing Wednesday

- **Newsletter** We shared a link to the latest We Care newsletter last week, if you'd prefer to have access to a printable copy, this is attached to the email used to send out this brief.
- **Action for Happiness calendar** Have you seen the Action for Happiness calendar? At the start of each month, they share a new grid with suggested small things we can do each day. February is just around the corner (!) and the theme for this coming month is Friendly February. A small version of the calendar is shown below, [you can see it in full on the Action for Happiness website](#).



We Care would like to hear from you! If you have a good news story that would like to share please contact us at gram.wecare@nhs.scot to feature in a future newsletter.

Tune of the day It's 106 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas, half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark, and we're wearing sunglasses...hit it. Big thanks to David Cruickshanks for his tune suggestion of [Sweet Home Chicago by The Blues Brothers](#).

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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