

Here is the brief for Friday 3 December 2021.

Aberdeenshire Council Mutual Aid request – call for volunteers Aberdeenshire Council have made a further request for volunteers to assist with checks on vulnerable residents over the weekend. A separate email, with details of volunteer hubs and points of contact was circulated earlier. **Please note, volunteers are required on Saturday 4 December and Sunday 5 December – apologies for the date error in the earlier email.** Thank you to everyone who has supported this already, and to those who may be able to assist over the weekend.

Maternity review, Dr Gray's Hospital The Independent Review into maternity services at Dr Gray's Hospital was announced by the Scottish Government in March 2021. At the time it also announced that the report containing its findings would be produced for consideration by the Cabinet Secretary at the end of June 2021. [The report has now been published and is available to view here.](#)

We want to thank everyone for their patience during this review exercise. Although it was an external process, we acknowledge it has been lengthy and, whether you engaged directly with the review team or not, your forbearance is acknowledged and appreciated. We also appreciate the honesty of the women's stories in the report. Where they describe negative experiences, it's appreciated that women and families have shared these stories with us. It should also be noted that women have also shared stories which are very positive about the care they have received.

NHS Grampian has been fully supportive of the review process throughout, and we formally welcome its conclusion and thank those staff, including midwifery and nursing, that contributed to its findings. We look forward to working closely with the Scottish Government, our healthcare partners, and the population of Moray to find ways in which the recommendations contained within the review can be implemented.

Patient Transport Arrangements It is always a patient's responsibility first to make their own way to and from hospital. For those patients who do require support the following resources are available:

- Mon-Fri

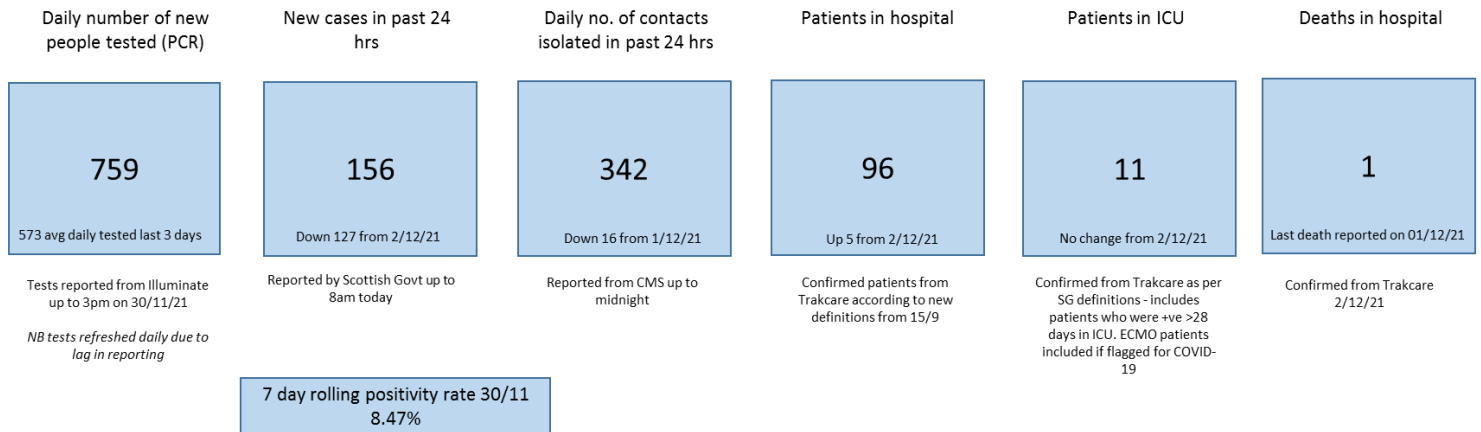
SAS Patient Transport Service (PTS) is available for patients who are eligible – this can be booked through the priority booking line 03333 990044. In addition, Site & Capacity have access to private ambulance, man with a van and RVS volunteers. These resources can be booked on the day through Site & Capacity.

- Weekend arrangements

Private ambulance is available through Site & Capacity Saturday and Sunday 10am – 11pm. Additionally, we now have SAS PTS cover at the weekend - this can be requested by calling 0345 602 3999. Please note the usual priority booking line is not available over the weekend so this is the A&E ambulance booking line. Please only call if you anticipate your patient will meet the eligibility criteria for SAS PTS. Where patients are eligible can we ask that wards please try and book transport through SAS before coming to Site & Capacity.

NHS Scotland event comes to Aberdeen in 2022 Dates have been confirmed for the NHS Scotland event in 2022 – 21/22 June – and we are thrilled to let you know this event is coming to Aberdeen, for the first time ever. P&J Live will play host to the event, with more information on the programme expected in the New Year.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below.



[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#) As a reminder, from Monday, PHS will update the daily dashboard Monday-Friday only. Headline figures on COVID-19 cases will be published on the Scottish Government website at weekends.

We Care Wellbeing Pulse Survey #3 - Our third pulse survey is live now, running until 13 December, thank you to everyone who has already taken part. If you haven't, please scan the QR code below [or follow this link](#). The survey takes just a few minutes; it gives us an overview of staff wellbeing throughout NHS Grampian and our Partnerships. Please share with your teams to help inform the We Care approach in 2022!



All change for the Orange Award From Monday 6 December, the Orange Award is no more – instead we will be using our new scheme...Staff Thanks And Recognition (STAR) Awards! The STAR Awards will continue to recognise exemplary staff members, nominated by you, their colleagues. Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond what is expected of them and made a difference to their patients/families or colleagues? [You can nominate them using the online form](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



Huge congratulations to Dr Christine Hemming (Deputy Medical Director for Acute Sector/DCD Medicine Gynaecology), who recently received the Orange Award.

Hospedia free TV offer The team at Hospedia have confirmed free TV will be available on all bedside units on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

P&J Live ticket offer Health & social care staff can claim free tickets to Michael Ball and Alfie Boe at P&J Live next Saturday (11 December). [You can claim tickets via this link](#), please note a handling fee does still apply. Our thanks to the venue for extending this offer.

Advent Achievements Today we're giving a 'shout out' to the team on Ward 209 at ARI. If you follow any of them on Twitter, you'll know they've set up a self-care and wellbeing Advent calendar. 24 envelopes, 24 affirmations to support the team and lift spirits. You can see the story so far below. Well done to the 209 team - caring for each other is just as important as caring for our patients.



Tune of the day Alright, I give in! Louise Bruce has requested [All I Want For Christmas is You](#) by Mariah Carey, dedicating it to Christine Masson – the best song, for the best person, according to Louise.

Whatever you are up to this weekend, take care. Our thanks to those of you who will be working, we wish you a safe shift. The brief will be back on Monday.

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