

COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Wednesday 30 March 2022.

Moray Maternity Review Humza Yousaf, the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care, has today confirmed the Scottish Government's preference for a return to a full consultant-led maternity unit at Dr Gray's Hospital ([known as Model 6 in the Moray Maternity Review](#)). This will be done on a phased basis. The Cabinet Secretary also announced £10 million of funding, to be split equally between Dr Gray's Hospital and Raigmore Hospital, to support improvements in their respective maternity units. You can read [Mr Yousaf's statement in full here](#).

In response to the statement, John Tomlinson, Interim Chair of NHS Grampian said: "We thank Mr Yousaf for the clarity provided today, which sets the future direction for maternity services in Moray, Grampian and the North of Scotland more broadly, and the announcement of additional investment in Dr Gray's Hospital.

"We will work in partnership with the Scottish Government, NHS Highland, our staff, and the communities that we serve to make progress with these recommendations on a phased basis.

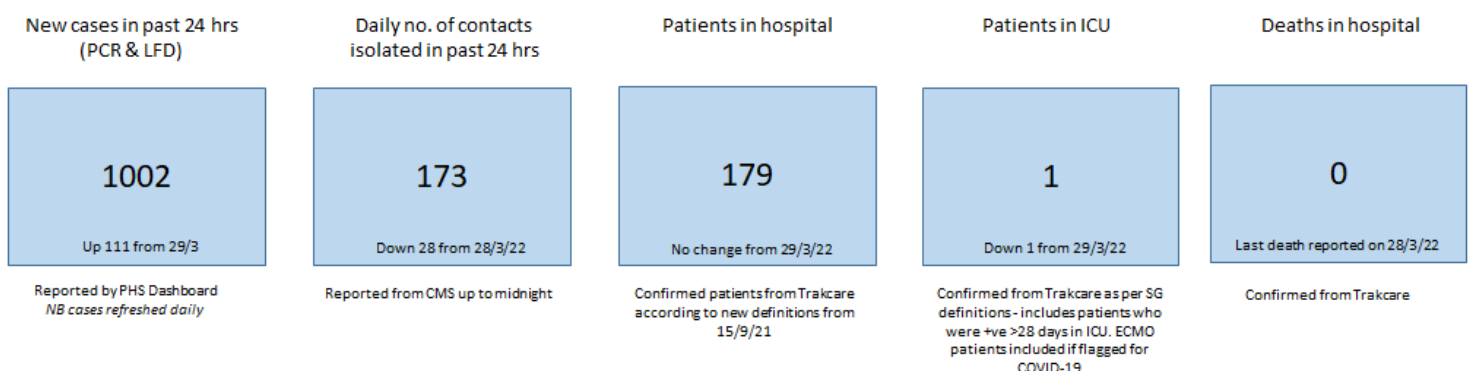
"Our priority remains the delivery of safe and sustainable maternity services and we share the Health Secretary's commitment to ensuring expectant mothers receive the best possible care."

NHS Scotland emergency footing NHS Scotland will continue to operate on an emergency footing until at least 30 April 2022, recognising the significant pressures on the system right across the country. Caroline Lamb, the Chief Executive of NHS Scotland wrote to all boards to confirm this news; her letter is attached to the email used to send out this brief for further information.

COVID-19 protective measures In recognition of the continuing high levels of COVID-19 transmission, wearing a face mask or face covering in certain public settings and on public transport will continue to be a legal requirement until **Monday 18 April**. However, the Scottish Government have confirmed they will no longer be required – though still recommended – in places of worship, or while attending marriage or funeral ceremonies, from Monday 4 April.

As a reminder, the use of fluid repellent surgical masks across healthcare premises is part of national infection prevention & control guidance. Any change to this guidance will be shared via this brief.

Grampian data The local report is shown below. [The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard can be viewed here](#)



New Health Care Support Worker Education Pathways The Health Care Support Worker (HCSW) page within the Nursing, Midwifery and AHP Education Passport on TURAS Learn has been launched. This is the page dedicated to HCSW education and offers information and step by step guides on induction and how to complete clinical skills pathways. [Please click on this link to access the page](#) or search for 'Nursing, Midwifery & AHP education passport' on TURAS Learn and follow the links to find the HCSW page. The current pathways are live at the moment but over time, the aim is to expand this list to include other skills required by HCSWs within various different settings. Please do always discuss attendance at any skills sessions with your Line Manager prior to booking or undertaking any eLearning.

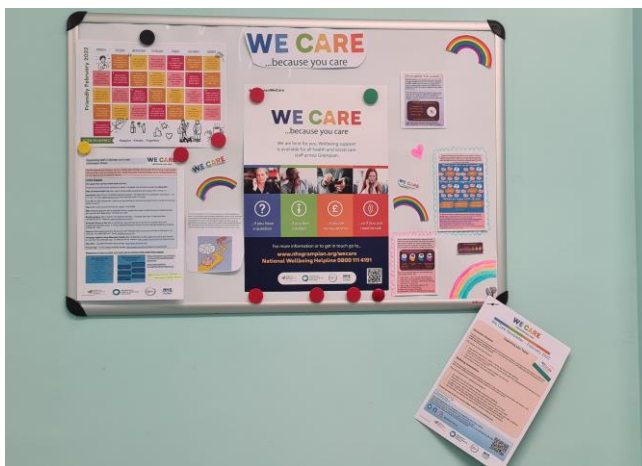
If you have any questions, please e-mail: gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

Leancoil Hospital – asset transfer request NHS Grampian has received an asset transfer request for Leancoil Hospital in Forres, made by the Leancoil Trust Ltd. [The request can be read in full here](#); any comments on the request should be submitted to gram.involve@nhs.scot by **26 April**.

We Care Wellbeing Wednesday

- Wellbeing Resource Packs

Did you know that We Care provide wellbeing resource packs for teams across NHS Grampian and the 3 partnerships? The wellbeing resources help to incorporate health and wellbeing into your work practices and meetings. Through receiving these packs, teams have started creating their own We Care Wellbeing boards. We love seeing what you have done with your Wellbeing packs, they look really great. Thank you and well done to our colleagues in Clinics A, C and E in the secondary care hubs in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary who have shared their photos.



The We Care wellbeing resource packs are physical at the moment and we are working up electronic versions for the future. If you would like to arrange a We Care Wellbeing resource pack for your team, please get in touch and email gram.wecare@nhs.scot

- Wellbeing Sessions

Details of upcoming sessions have been attached to the email used to send out this brief. To register, [please log on to Turas Learn system](#), type We Care into the learn search bar, click on We Care, then click on the session, then scroll to the bottom and register.

- Step Count challenge

We've previously shared information about this year's very successful Step Count challenge; an extra note to let you know the efforts of all those involved were praised in parliamentary motion at Holyrood! A huge well done again to all those involved.

Tune of the day In all the time this feature has been in place, I have never had so many requests on the same theme. Tomorrow sees the end of fixed term contracts in the vaccination team, as the programme moves away from mass vaccination. Between COVID-19 and 'flu, the Grampian teams have delivered more than 1.5 MILLION vital doses: a simply staggering achievement. As colleagues move on to pastures new, it's a bittersweet moment, given the close bonds forged during the mass vaccination programme. My thanks to Stephanie, Carole-Ann, Susan, and Jane (and anyone else I missed!) for their requests – the Golden Girls fan in me couldn't resist [Thank You For Being A Friend](#) by Andrew Gold.

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