

COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Wednesday 7 April 2021.

Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine As you will have seen this afternoon there have been updates from the MHRA and JCVI on the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. The MHRA statement is available to be read [here](#); the JCVI update can be viewed [here](#). The vaccination programme team are working hard on this and we will have more on this in tomorrow's brief.

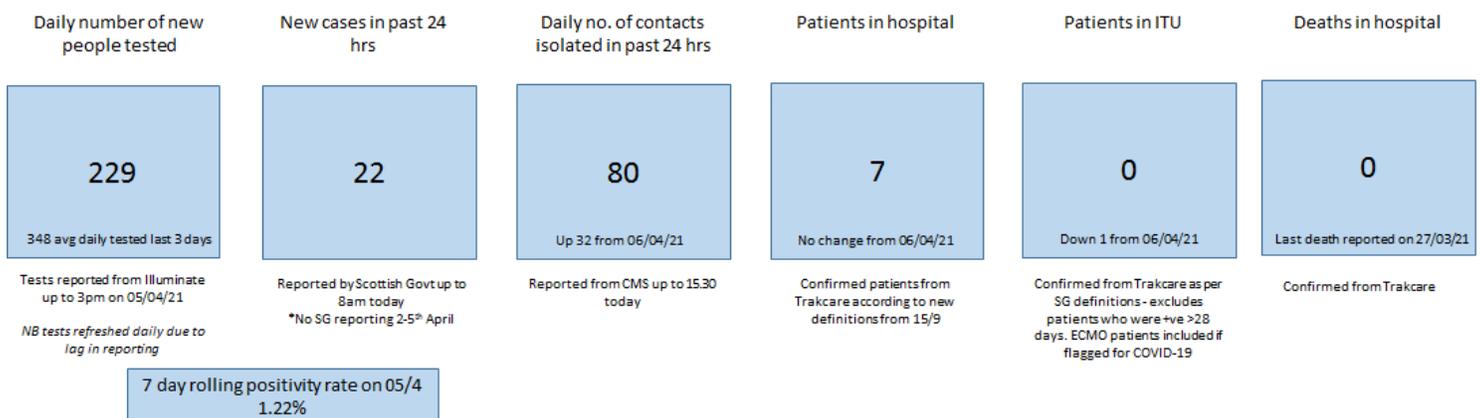
We Care Today we are delighted to formally launch the We Care programme www.nhsgrampian.org/wecare. We Care is the latest phase of our commitment to support your health, safety and wellbeing throughout the pandemic, and beyond. Thanks to the ideas and efforts of colleagues from across NHS Grampian and the HSCPs, we are delighted to provide this website as a single point of access to a wide range of resources to support:

- mental health, resilience and wellbeing
- working from home and remotely
- adopting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- signposting to advice on money matters

Over the coming months, we will invite you to participate in a short, quarterly staff pulse survey to understand how you are, how we are doing, but also work to understand how your team is doing. How we support our teams together is just as important as how we support you as individuals. In the coming weeks, thanks to support from Endowments, Red Cross and colleagues taking forward the treat bags, in particular our catering team, we will be raising awareness of We Care by sending a small gift to all staff. We hope you will find this - and the resources and support available on www.nhsgrampian.org/wecare useful as we move through the coming months.

With heartfelt thanks,
Tom Power, Director of People & Culture

Grampian data Here are the local figures for today and the 7-day rolling positivity rate are shown below. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories, whereas the figures we show here only record new tests. If you want to see more detailed information, including cases at neighbourhood level, click [here](#) for the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard.



Twice weekly asymptomatic staff testing Professor Jason Leitch – the National Clinical Director – has recorded [this video](#) on the twice weekly asymptomatic staff testing programme. Testing, using Lateral Flow Devices, is now available to anyone working in health & social care, regardless of their role. Further information on the local programme is available [here](#).

Staff professional registration Remember, if you use your NHS work email address to communicate with your professional body, you must ensure records are updated with your NHS.scot email address. Professional bodies will not automatically be aware and may continue to use NHS.net addresses with regards to your registration. Don't run the risk of your registration lapsing!

Thought for the day I'm not sure if television continuity announcers still do this, but once upon a time they used to describe repeated programmes as 'another chance to see'. Today we have the daily brief equivalent! This image has been shared before, but with the updates from the MHRA & JCVI adding another twist in the tale that is COVID-19, it feels like it still has resonance:



Questions to ask? Information to share? If you have particular questions – or are aware of questions coming from friends and family – please share them with us. We may not be able to answer every question and it may take us time to get a proper answer, but we will endeavour to respond and share the answers. You can get in touch with us via gram.communications@nhs.scot. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.