

Here is the brief for Monday 15 February 2021.

Grampian data The local figures for today and the 7 day rolling positivity rate are shown below. If you click [here](#) you can visit the Public Health Scotland website, which includes neighbourhood figures for all local authority areas in Scotland.

| | Daily number of new people tested | New cases in past 24 hrs | Daily no. of contacts isolated in past 24 hrs | Patients in hospital | Patients in ITU | Deaths in hospital |
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| Sat 13/02 | 246 | 57 | 85 | 51 | 6 | 2 |
| Sun 14/02 | 426 | 47 | 80 | 53 | 6 | 0 |
| Mon 15/02 | 367 | 19 | 27 | 57 | 7 | 0 |

346 avg daily tested last 3 days

Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 13/02/21

NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting

Down 28 from 14/02/21

Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today

Down 53 from 14/02/21

Reported from CMS up to 15:30 today

Up 4 from 14/02/21

Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9

Up 1 from 14/02/21

Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - excludes patients who were +ve >28 days. ECMO patients included & flagged for COVID-19

Last recorded death 13/02

Confirmed from Trakcare

7 day rolling positivity rate on 14/2
2.77%

Message from the Chief Executive Latest video from Prof. Caroline Hiscox can be viewed [here](#).

Orange award We send our warmest congratulations to Elaine Slattery, Clinical Operational Manager at the P&J Live mass vaccination centre, this week's winner of an Orange Award.

In addition, last week's winners were the AMH Theatres & Recovery team – well done to them! Nominating individuals or teams for an Orange Award is incredibly straightforward; you can either click [here](#) or email gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot

Snow Daze! – Over the weekend many of you faced some immense challenges courtesy of the Beast from the East mark 2. Terrible weather conditions across Grampian made it exceptionally difficult to get to and from work, but as ever this did not stop you from delivering high quality and much needed care. We have also kept our COVID-19 vaccination programme running which is truly amazing and thank you to all the staff who made it happen.

We have heard some truly heart-warming stories that really highlight the exceptional professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile (or more!) to do the right thing for our patients. From the Community Nurses and home carers who battled drifting snow and treacherous driving conditions (some of them even took to skis!) to make sure that the most vulnerable people in our communities were not left stranded without care and support – to the staff who were meant to be off but volunteered to help out, to ensure that no one that needed care went without, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We would also like to mention the exceptional response from our communities. Hotel owners have opened up their hotels for the first time since December to accommodate essential workers unable to get home. Local takeaways have provided staff at our vaccination clinics with sustenance to see them through the long hours. A special mention must also go to the local authority roads teams who, along with farmers the length and breadth of Grampian, have been battling to keep roads clear. The drifting snow may have meant that it felt like a thankless task but we thank you for your efforts. We must also make a special mention to the Community Offroad Transport Action Group (COTAG), a group of trained volunteer 4x4 drivers who have been absolutely vital in helping many of our staff get to and from work over the last week.

Thought for the day - A huge thank you to all of you, from all of us! On June 23, 2020, we posed our first question of the day in the Daily Brief. Since then we have posed a further 66 questions, and in total have received an incredible 27,831 responses from staff over this time. This averages at over 400 responses from staff for each question which is fantastic! We have always tried to pose questions that are topical, that can tease out new and emerging themes, and to inform the content of the brief in an effort to ensure staff are receiving the information, support and resources they need. It really wouldn't be the Daily Brief without all your input and support to shape its content, so many thanks again to all of you who read, share and interact with us through the brief. So on that note... today we would like to ask what topics or themes staff would be interested in us exploring through the Question of the Day? We would love to hear any suggestions you have – please click here to take part: <https://www.menti.com/okvq84rctq> .

And finally, The Gallery... We couldn't squish these in on Friday, but thanks once again to everyone who has submitted photos for the gallery last week. No surprise, lots of wintry views!



Fyvie home carer, Mae, was driven to work by tractor thanks to her helpful son!



Audrey Gordon (Admin Team Supervisor, Learning & Development team in Elgin) took this lovely shot at the Winding Walks at Fochabers.



David Caney (Community Mental Health Nurse Team Leader, Aberdeenshire) took this photo on his cycle commute of River Don between Inverurie & Kemnay.



And finally, Ron Peterson (Programme Director for the HEPMA programme) shared this image of his grandchildren Mackenzie and Scott, and Rosie the Nurse, lovingly crafted in the snow earlier this week.

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.