

Here is the brief for Monday 20 September 2021.

Chief Executive's Update We start today with a message from Prof Caroline Hiscox. [In this short video](#), she speaks about the continued pressure we are all feeling across health & social care, and how the leadership teams will be supporting the system.

Autumn/Winter vaccination – self booking portal We expect the national system to allow health & social care staff to book their 'flu jab and COVID booster (if eligible) will open tomorrow. More information has been shared with us, including a step-by-step guide to booking your appointment. We have shared this below– this presentation has also been attached to the email used to send out this brief. Please do take a look at the slides in full, as they also contain information on the COVID-19 booster programme and links to a number of useful documents.

1. Before you start: it will help you if you have the following to hand:

- CHI number
- Date of second dose
- A note of which one of the four role groups you are in:

Frontline healthcare worker, including Independent NHS contractor who delivers direct personal care

Non-frontline NHS worker

Social care worker who delivers direct personal care

A frontline funeral operative

2. Go on to NHS Inform; click on the portal [link: https://vacs.nhs.scot/csp](https://vacs.nhs.scot/csp). Read the guidance notes online - if you are unsure about your eligibility having read the notes, speak to your line manager.

3. Input personal details so that the system can find your records.

4. You will then be offered five options, and invited to choose one:

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None of these apply to me

5. You will be offered a selection of dates, times and venues - book the one you want, you will get confirmation by text or email

Grampian data The local update for today (and across the weekend) is shown below. Please note, there continue to be some issues with data and the numbers should be treated with caution.

	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
Sat 18/09	1351	586	371	58	11	1
Sun 19/09	2103	335	271	64	13	1
Mon 20/09	1309	248	334	60	11	0

1588 avg daily tested last 3 days

Down 87 from 19/09/21

Up 63 from 18/09/21

Down 4 from 19/9/21

Down 2 from 19/9/21

Last recorded death 19/09/21

*Data issues being resolved, please apply caution

Reported from Scottish Govt up to 8am today

Reported from CMS up to midnight

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

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

Confirmed from Trakcare

Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 17/9/21

NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting

7 day rolling positivity rate on 17/9 8.36%

[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#)

Want to join the '90 day improvement cycle' team? Emergency Departments across Scotland are under intense pressure to meet levels of patient demand. The outline planning phase has been completed and it is now time to implement the improvement work that will make a tangible difference to patient flow in Grampian in 90 days. If you think you can make a difference and want to be part of this fast-moving project, consult the slide attached to the email used to send out this brief.

PPE donning and doffing training Regular training sessions on the correct way to don and doff your PPE are offered by the Infection Prevention & Control Team. The following dates are available for booking, just email gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot to grab your slot.

- Tuesday 21 September 11am
- Wednesday 29 September 11am
- Tuesday 5 October 11am
- Wednesday 20 October 11am

Sustainable projects - have your say As highlighted in Friday's brief, we are currently running a poll which lets you influence the order in which NHS Grampian undertakes sustainability projects. [This link will give you a brief description of the projects and let you rank them.](#) Thank you to everyone who has already taken the opportunity to get involved.

Tune of the day It's Rebecca Henderson who takes the reins today – suggesting an evergreen classic in the shape of [Dignity by Deacon Blue](#). This song will be – for me – forever associated with the closing ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, when Deacon Blue performed it as members of the various public services in Glasgow took a lap of honour. The memory of the local scaffies, practically hanging out of their vehicle in celebration, will stay with me for a long time!

We're always on the look-out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.