

# COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Thursday 11 November 2021.

**Staff vaccinations** The 'flu immunisation and COVID booster programme continues to make good progress. Nearly 23,000 members of health & social care staff have booked appointments. 16,028 have received a 'flu jab and 15,780 have received a booster. If you have still to book an appointment, you are encouraged to do so, [using the online booking portal](#).

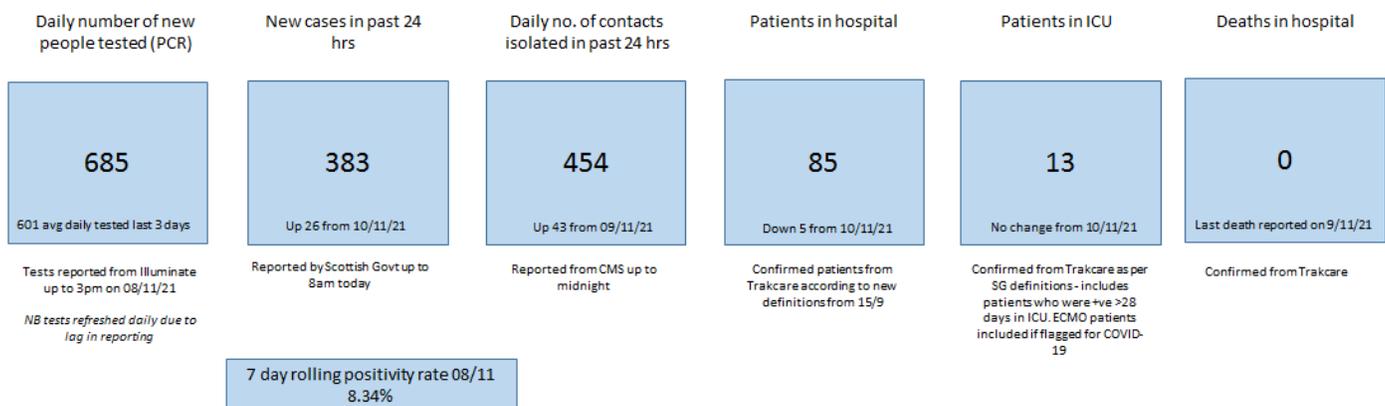
If you're based at Foresterhill, please remember the final day for the ARI staff clinic is tomorrow (Friday 12 November). The Occupational Health Service will continue to offer clinics at Foresterhill Lea and the Suttie Centre throughout November.

**Reflecting on the Moray COVID surge** You will all recall the situation in Moray in late April when cases of COVID-19 began to surge. The Press & Journal has today published a detailed article, looking at the measures we took, working alongside our partners in Moray Council and local businesses, to get a handle on the situation. [You can read the article in full here](#) – our thanks to everyone who took the time to be interviewed for this piece.

**Supporting patients with Learning Disabilities** A leaflet has been developed to support people with a learning disability during their stay in hospital within adult acute services. The leaflet provides an aide memoire for professionals supporting individuals in their care, highlighting the importance of reasonable adjustments, using accessible /easy read communication resources, and referring to the Acute Learning Disability Nurse Advisor Service. Reasonable adjustments, under the Equality Act (2010) are a legal requirement for all organisations.

Attached is a sample copy of the leaflet. Hard copies can be provided by our Acute LD Nurse Advisor for individuals during their admission. [The referral form for the Acute LD Nurse Advisor service is available online, via Grampian Guidance](#). The Acute LD Nurse Advisor can provide guidance and support when individuals with a learning disability and complex physical health needs require acute care and treatment, both as an inpatient and outpatient. Should you require any further advice when supporting individuals in your care who have a learning disability, do not hesitate to contact Jackie Stewart, Acute LD Nurse Advisor on [gram.acuteldnurse@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.acuteldnurse@nhs.scot) or Kerry Anderson, Learning Disability Nurse Consultant on [kerry.anderson3@nhs.scot](mailto:kerry.anderson3@nhs.scot)

**Grampian data** The local update for today is shown below.



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

**COVID-19 – what else do you want to know?** We started sharing daily data in this brief (the 'blue boxes') in response to your requests for more information. We get all sorts of questions from you in response to the brief, but data is definitely a top topic. These questions are occasionally quite complex like "what percentage of ICU beds are occupied by people admitted with a diagnosis of COVID-19 who have not had any doses of the vaccine, although they were eligible to get the vaccine?" Despite the complexity, our amazing health intelligence team are usually able to provide the answers. So, today we're asking you, [what else do you want to know?](#) We will do our very best to provide answers, but please bear in mind we cannot share data which may compromise patient confidentiality e.g., due to small numbers involved.

**Optimising Patient Flow** The latest one-page overview (attached to this brief) of the Optimising Patient Flow, 90 Day Improvement Collaborative features the work being conducted to reduce the average length of stay of patients whilst in the ED.

**What's happening in Microsoft 365?** As you will be aware all health boards in Scotland are in the process of migrating to Microsoft 365. Progress to date in Grampian includes the deployment of Microsoft Teams and the migration of all our email accounts last year. The next phase is the migration of data. This means that the data we currently store on our home drives and shared network drives will be analysed and classified before being migrated to the 'Cloud' (Microsoft OneDrive and MS SharePoint).

From **15 – 19 November**, Hable (Microsoft's training Partner) will be offering introductory, 1 hour, daily webinars to introduce the new applications, tools available and some of the new ways of working that will be available to users post migration. These webinars are designed to be general and provide a foundational understanding with more tailored, Grampian specific, training materials becoming available in line with Grampians Migration plan. [More information on the webinars, including the booking details, is available on the intranet.](#)

**Device security** We're reminding you today about the security of our work computers, laptops, iPads, other tablets, and mobile phones. The codes we use to unlock devices and/or our usernames or passwords must never be stuck to them or kept in the same bag or case. If we keep log-in information with a device, it's insecure. Anyone could use those codes to log-in and access data, especially if there's no-one with a device, or if it's lost or stolen.

**Trans Awareness Week, 13-19 November 2021** The aim of the week is to raise the visibility of Trans people and highlight issues which many Trans people face in their daily lives such as discrimination, verbal abuse, threats, and sometimes physical assault. We need to highlight these issues and work to eradicate them. Everyone has a legal right to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. Trans Awareness Week leads up to International Trans Remembrance Day on 20 November.

[Four Pillars – Supporting Grampians LGBT+ Community \(fourpillarsuk.org\)](#) – Four Pillars offer 1-2-1 sessions with volunteers, groups and events held in their very own Hub in the city centre including their "Grampian T-Folk" peer social group for those who identify under the transgender umbrella.

If you have an NHS Grampian Rainbow Lanyard or a Pride/Rainbow Badge, if possible, please wear it each day during the awareness week, to show your support for our LGBT communities. Thank you to Nigel Firth who shared this piece with us and who can be contacted if you would like a lanyard or badge ([nigel.firth@nhs.scot](mailto:nigel.firth@nhs.scot))

**Tune of the day** Lauren Ritchie takes her spot before the virtual jukebox today, requesting [All too Well by Taylor Swift](#). Thank you to Bill Ledingham, who quite rightly got in touch to correct my assumptions about Willie Nelson yesterday. Bring Me Sunshine was, in fact, originally recorded by The Mills Brother. Lyrics by Sylvia Dee, music by Arthur Kent. Like I say, every day is a school day!

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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)