

Here is the brief for Wednesday 23 December 2020.

Operation Snowdrop – pulling our resources together Director of People & Culture, Tom Power, has written a letter to all NHS staff, considering the challenges the organisation will face in the early part of 2021. **This letter is attached to the email used to send out this brief; we would encourage everyone to read the letter in full.** Broadly speaking, some of us may be asked to focus our work differently or be deployed on a temporary basis to a different service during the first three months of 2021. The letter acknowledges this news may be upsetting for some of you; the System Leadership Team know that working with existing team members is important to many of you. Whilst it is not possible to guarantee, they will ensure that wherever possible this is accommodated.

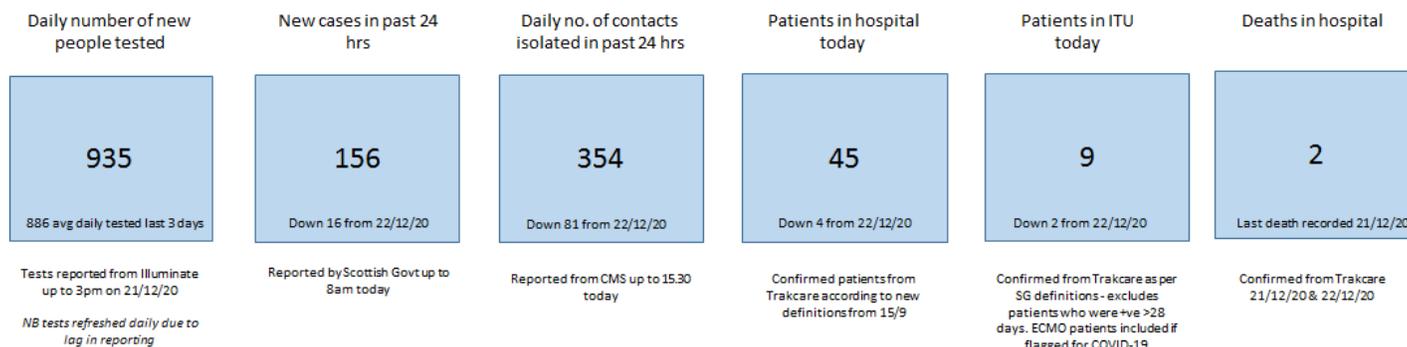
Bonus payment for health & social care staff The Scottish Government have prepared a detailed FAQ page on their website, covering the key questions about payment of this bonus. It is available to read [here](#).

Schools provision for key workers Aberdeen City Council have confirmed the arrangements in place to allow key workers to apply for a childcare/school place for their child/ren from 5 January. The letter is attached to the email used to send out this brief; please read it carefully. Any questions should be directed to Aberdeen City Council.

Moray Council have confirmed their arrangements; click [here](#) for more information.

Aberdeenshire Council have been in direct contact with parents.

Grampian figures Here are the figures for today. Click [here](#) to see all the data published by Public Health Scotland, which includes neighbourhood figures for all local authority areas in Scotland.



COVID-19 vaccine We have a number of updates on the vaccination programme to share with you today:

- Data – Public Health Scotland are publishing figures on vaccination in their weekly statistical report. From 8 December to 20 December, 56,676 individuals in Scotland have had their first dose of the vaccine. You can read the full report [here](#).
- COVID-19 Vaccinators - For registered staff who are going to support the vaccination programme there are a number of training requirements. A copy of the training algorithm, training record, and

declaration can be found on the Practice Education Intranet pages. A web link to the COVID-19 education page on TURAS Learn can also be found here. Practice Education: [Pages - COVID-19VaccineEducation \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

- Recruitment Information – if you are interested in joining the vaccination team, all the information on recruitment is available [here](#).

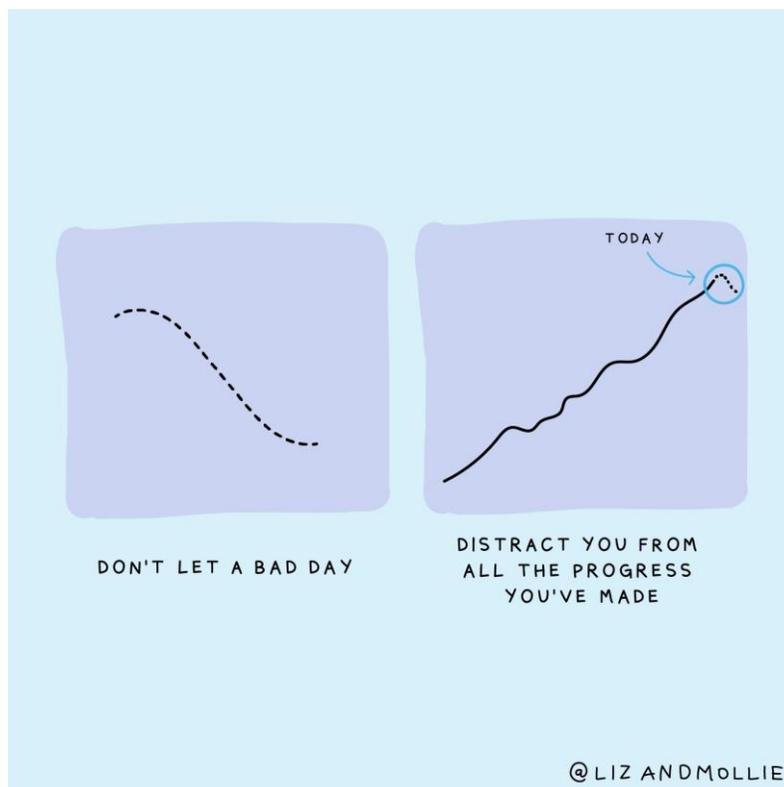
New NHS Scotland team announced We send our warmest congratulations to our former chief executive, Prof Amanda Croft, who will become the new Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland. Prof Croft will take up her post in February, shadowing the current CNO, Fiona McQueen, who retires in March. Dr Gregor Smith has been confirmed as the permanent Chief Medical Officer; he has held the position on an interim basis since April. Finally, Caroline Lamb will become the new chief executive of NHS Scotland; she will take up her post next month. You can read the full Scottish Government announcement [here](#).

Education Recovery Group - Important Guidance Regarding Virtual Learning Placements and Remote Consultations Please click on the following [link](#) to access the document in preparation for the return of students in January.

ARI General office – festive opening hours The general office at ARI will close at 3pm on 24 December 2020 reopening at 8.30am on Tuesday 29 December 2020. The office will close again at 3pm on 31 December 2020 reopening at 8.30am on Tuesday 5 January 2021. Current opening hours are Monday - Friday 8.30am-4.30pm, closed weekends and public holidays.

A message from Inspire As you know, this brief is written first and foremost for staff. However, we know it has a wide readership outside our organisation. Inspire, a charity working with adults, young people and children with learning disabilities and additional support needs in north-east Scotland, got in touch today to say thank you for all the information provided and to share [this video](#) of their Makaton choir with a festive message for us all.

Thought for the day



Items for the brief? If you have something you would like to be considered for inclusion in this brief, please send this to gram.communications@nhs.scot. Messages should be clearly marked as 'Daily brief – for consideration'. Please be aware that space is limited, and items are prioritised based on subject matter and relevance to all staff groups.