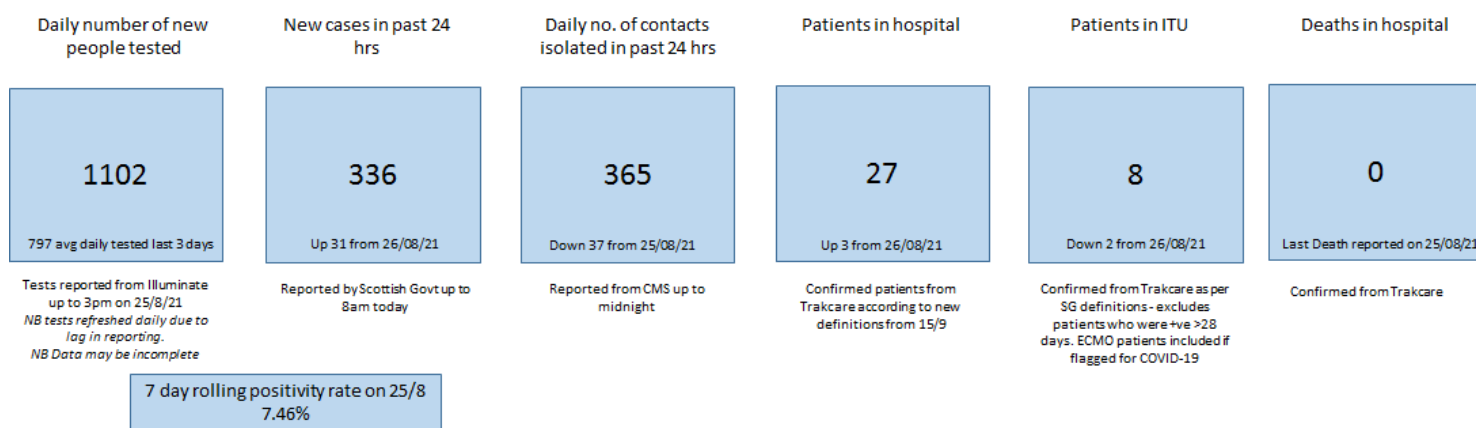


Here is the brief for Friday 27 August 2021.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below. You'll see we have set a new record for daily cases in Grampian, for a third day in a row. While the First Minister using her briefing today to rule out a so-called 'circuit breaker' lockdown, we are all being urged to go cautiously into the weekend – to meet outside where we can, to avoid crowded places, and to limit physical contact with those not in our household. Frequent, thorough, hand hygiene, using face coverings wherever they are required, and regular cleaning of hard surfaces have also been highlighted.



A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

Hospital visiting – visiting passes Although visiting is gradually opening up in hospitals, these should still happen by appointment. We continue to advise the public to discuss with the relevant clinical team the process for this in area they wish to visit. If you are based on a hospital site which is using visiting passes, these can be issued to visitors in the following ways:

1. At a visit a pass can be collected for the next visit
2. A photo of a pass can be taken by the patient and sent to the visitor's phone and shown on arrival at the hospital
3. A pass can be sent by email from the ward to an email address of the visitor to print/ show on arrival at the hospital.

We hope this update is helpful in clarifying matters and we appreciate your ongoing support in relation to visiting in hospitals as we navigate our way back to person centred visiting.

NHS Grampian Plan for the Future Following publication of the NHS Scotland Recovery Plan this week, it seems a good time to remind you that you can have your say on the future of healthcare locally. An initial consultation on our plans, taking us through to 2028, is underway, with a closing date of Tuesday 31 August. There are a range of ways to share your views – to find out more and read the supporting documents, [visit the NHS Grampian Plan for the Future website](#).

Discharge Hub telephone service The Discharge Hub telephone service at ARI is moving to an automated service as of **Tuesday 31 August at 8am**. The new contact number for the discharge hub will be 01224 550700/ Ext 50700. The old number will no longer be in use after this time.

eESS Project update eESS is a single, national NHS Scotland approach to workforce systems that is intended to enable a high quality, standardised workforce information. The new system will hold an employee record for all employees of NHS Grampian. This system will interface with Payroll, SSTS (Scottish Standard Time System) and GMC to provide real time workforce information and reports.

The latest update from the eESS project team is attached to the email used to send out this brief. There is important information in there, particularly for managers, and we would encourage you to read it.

Child Bereavement support Grampian Child Bereavement Network are officially now known as ARCHIE Child Bereavement Services. GCBN became part of the ARCHIE Foundation in 2019 and this name change reflects this. Our Facebook page has been updated and we are well embedded in the ARCHIE website. Our contact email will be Malcolm.stewart@archie.org, however gcbn@archie.org should still reach our office.

The important thing to remember is that nothing has changed in terms of the service provided. The office phone number is still 01224 554152. The Bereavement Support Workers, Carolyn and Jane continue to work with NHS referrals, supporting children who have had a family member die in hospital or a loved one who is at the end of their life. They can be contacted on 01224 550144 or jane.watson@archie.org or carolyn.crews@archie.org

PPE 3 week look ahead:

PPE Summary - Predicted Equipment Remaining at the end of each week

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
August 23, 2021	243,706	169,336	8,734	7,336	25,002	935,183	2,722,635
August 30, 2021	245,136	166,923	8,727	7,691	25,095	935,183	2,722,635
September 6, 20..	246,567	164,509	8,721	8,047	25,187	935,183	2,722,635
September 13, 2..	247,997	162,096	8,715	8,403	25,279	935,183	2,722,635

Stock < 0
 Stock <= 2 Days
 Stock <= 5 Days
 Stock > 5 Days

Orange Award We have two award winners to share with you today – congratulations to Norman Innes (Porter, AMH) and Hazel Anderson (SCN, RACH) for their very well-deserved awards. The Orange Award exists to recognise those individuals or teams working in health & social care and going above and beyond. [There is an online award nomination form](#) or you can email gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot with the details of your nominee.

Book blether Come along to NHS Grampian Libraries book blether and have a chat about the books you've been reading this month. Whether you want to talk about you've read recently or come along and get some inspiration for your next read. All health and social care staff from across the Grampian area are invited to join in the chat.

The meeting is held on Teams and takes place at 1pm, Thursday 2 September. If you would like to come along or have any more queries, please contact cornhill.library@nhs.scot for more information.

Tune of the day I don't know about you, but it has been a tough old week around these parts. So today, no theme, no cheesy tunes, just a small oasis of calm, courtesy of [Albatross by Fleetwood Mac](#). If you can, stop and listen to this. Close your eyes, slow your breath, clear your mind. Whatever you are doing this weekend, take care and stay safe.

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.