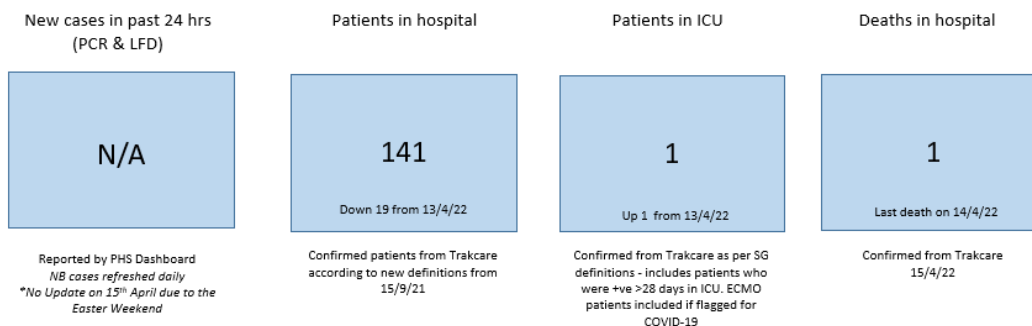


Here is the brief for Friday 15 April 2022.

Online referrals to Occupational Health Service (OHS) The OHS department is experiencing a technical difficulties whereby online forms can be completed but not received by the OHS department. We are working with NSS (who host the website) to correct the issue, but it is unlikely to be resolved prior to the holiday weekend. Until the issue is resolved, please do not submit any online forms as they will not be received or processed by the OHS department. This includes Pre-placement Screenings, Wellbeing Referrals, and Management Referrals. Any online forms submitted after **7pm yesterday** (14 April) will need to be resubmitted. We will advise as soon as the problem is resolved. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Where are we with COVID-19? Our most recent situation update video, presented by Marj Johnston, [can be found here](#). It will give you a brief overview of what we know about transmission locally. Trends continue to be positive this week, with a further drop in case numbers - however, this is also in the context of fewer and fewer tests being taken which means we are likely to be seeing a smaller and smaller tip of the iceberg. Having said that, the national Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, which is less susceptible to these changing testing behaviours, also continues to show a downward trend at a Scotland-wide level, now at 1 in 17 people estimated to be currently infected vs 1 in 11 three weeks earlier (this is updated compared to data available in Marj's presentation). While this is a very significant drop in infections, it should be noted that this is still very high and we also can't take a continued decline for granted - as Marj discusses in the video, in Northern Ireland, their transmission levels dropped after they reached a peak but then began to fluctuate at a very high level. Hospital admissions and occupancy have both dropped significantly over the last week or so, following an all-time high in COVID occupancy of nearly 200 beds. The drop in occupancy is largely explained by a drop in 'hospital onset' cases while occupancy FOR covid (i.e., admitted due to COVID-19 symptoms) remains relatively stable.

Grampian data The local report is shown below. Please note the Public Health Scotland dashboard is not being updated over the holiday weekend; we are sharing the local data currently available.



Hospital at Home – Shire Supported Discharge (H@H-SSD) Would you like to know more about the Hospital at Home service and what this looks like in Aberdeenshire? Join the presentations below, run by the H@H-SSD team, which last approximately 30 minutes and cover how to access the service, patient criteria, service processes and geographical coverage. The remaining 30 minutes will be used for questions and the opportunity for discussion.

Past sessions have been instrumental, not only in improving understanding of H@H-SSD service and creating links with teams involved at all stages of the Frailty Pathway but also in shaping the service as it develops so we encourage you to come along.

To join please use the following Teams links:

[Tuesday 19 April at 3.30pm - Join here.](#)

[Wednesday 27 April at 9.30am - Join here.](#)

Alternatively contact the team at gram.shirehospitalathome@nhs.scot or on 01467 672790, extn 72790, to request a calendar invitation.

Free access to LinkedIn Learning NES, through its partnership with Skills Development Scotland, are delighted to provide free access to LinkedIn Learning. A limited number of free licences for LinkedIn Learning are available to those aged 25 or over and living in Scotland. These will give individuals unlimited access to LinkedIn Learning until 31 July 2022. This will be of most interest to the following groups:

- Primarily specialist digital, data, design, and technology (DDAT) professional workforce, including those working in clinical and care informatics
- Clinicians and social care practitioners looking to develop their skills in project support and management
- Information governance and cyber security professionals
- M365 technical specialists
- Project managers, business analysts

To sign up please complete [this form](#) and you will then receive an email on how to register. You do not need a LinkedIn account, but there is an option to link your learning profile to your account.

That was the week that was Here's a quick summary of the key items shared this week; all the briefs [are available to read online](#).

Monday 11 – New arrangements for Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday, PPE donning & doffing training, Ukrainian community centre in Aberdeen.

Tuesday 12 – Removal of physical distancing signage, promotional video request form, Alzheimer's Scotland Dementia Consultants learning events.

Wednesday 13 – Visit by NHS Scotland Chief Executive, Smarter Workplaces update, information from Grampian Credit Union

Thursday 14 – End to blanket PCR testing prior to Aerosol Generating Procedures, reminder about chilled meals vending machines, updated sports committee calendar

Tune of the day It's Easter weekend, so our tune of the day has to be [Chocolate by Snow Patrol](#). Take everything in moderation over the next few days and don't do yourself a mischief while rolling your eggs! If you're on shift, thank you and take care.

Passover begins this evening; Chag Pesach Sameach to those of you celebrating.

The brief is observing the Public Holiday, so will return on Tuesday.

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