

Here is the brief for Friday 16 July 2021.

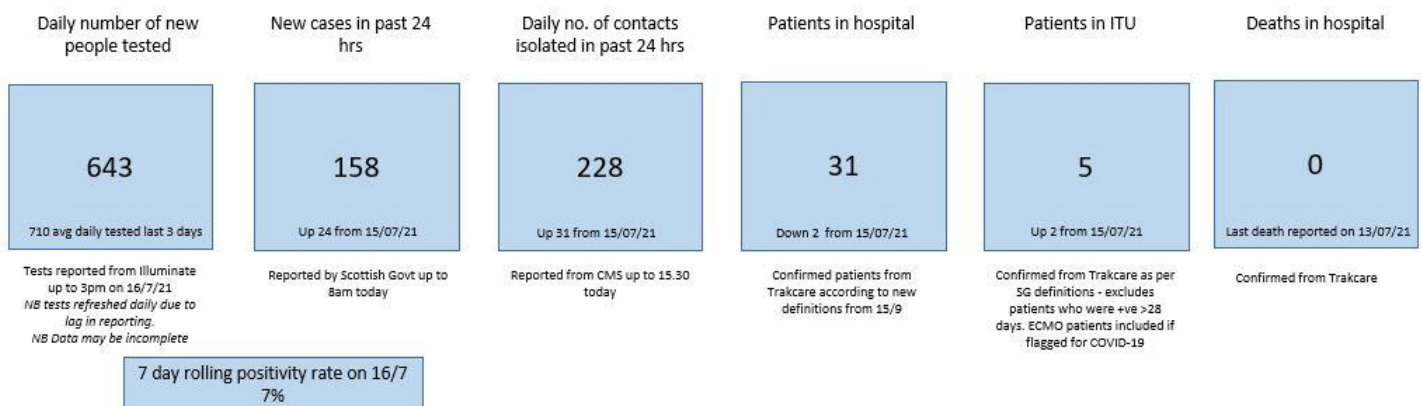
**Command Structure - Gold, Silver and Bronze stood up** With the beginning of the third wave of coronavirus, NHS Grampian and our Health and Social Care Partnerships have re-introduced the command and control (decision making) structure that we had during previous waves. This involves the re-establishment of our Gold, Silver and Bronze Command centres. By putting this structure in place we are best able to support everyone to make decisions quickly, respond to issues effectively and make sure that we are all aware of exactly what the impact of things like staff isolation requirements are having on our system. We will continue to keep you updated as to where we are through the Daily Brief.

I also just wanted to take a moment to talk about what we mean when we speak about ‘our system’: essentially it is a short-hand way of saying ‘all health and social care’ in Grampian. By standing up our command structure we can better understand how the whole ‘system’ is working and where the greatest pressures are. For example, understanding what the pressures are on care homes and Care at Home, means that we can take account of those pressures when planning discharges etc. The reverse is true too - our community based colleagues are working very hard to free up capacity and ensure that we are all working to the best of ‘our system’s’ abilities.

We are well aware that the pressure is mounting in every part of ‘our system’; from ARI to GP practices, from Community Hospitals to Care at Home, and we must, as we have done previously do all we can to keep our patients safe and well cared for and we cannot do that without you. So from us all a huge and heartfelt thank you for your continuing commitment, care and compassion.

**Adam Coldwells, Director of Strategy & Deputy Chief Executive**

**Grampian data** Here is the local update for today, including the 7-day rolling positivity rate. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories. The figure for the “daily number of new people tested” is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously. As noted in the diagram below, we have been advised the testing data may be incomplete.



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

## 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
July 12, 2021	260,202	224,385	9,714	4,918	37,221	1,082,500	2,564,638
July 19, 2021	262,020	224,170	9,719	5,285	37,481	1,082,500	2,564,638
July 26, 2021	263,837	223,956	9,723	5,651	37,742	1,082,500	2,564,638
August 2, 2021	265,654	223,741	9,727	6,017	38,003	1,082,500	2,564,638

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

**Award Finalists** Congratulations to Major Trauma Centre occupational therapists, Gillian Reeley and Hannah Connell who are finalists for the Student Placement Award at the Northern Star Business Awards. These Awards recognise the exceptional accomplishments of organisations across the North-east. The Student Placement Award recognising the important contribution organisations make participating in placement programmes and to the students that they host. Gillian and Hannah were nominated by their student Marta Chalmers as a thank you for her placement experience. We have everything crossed for the announcement in September Gillian and Hannah - well done!

**Orange Award** Huge congratulations to Alex Campbell, part of the Portering team at Foresterhill and most recent winner of the Orange Award. This award is for anybody (or anybodies) working in healthcare across Grampian and consistently bringing their very best to the table. You can nominate an individual or teams by emailing [gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot) or by completing the [online Orange Award nomination form](#).

**Drop-in clinics for covid vaccinations across Aberdeen city** P&J Live is open every day (Mon to Sun) from 9am to 6pm for anyone over the age of 18 to have their first dose, or for anyone who requires a second dose (you must be at least 8 weeks from first dose).

Community drop-ins next week - for anyone over the age of 18 to drop-in for first doses only:

- Beach Ballroom - Tuesday 20th July 10am to 6pm
- Healthy Hoose, Middlefield - Tuesday 20th July 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm
- Mastrick Community Centre - Wednesday 21st July 10am to 3pm
- Gerard Street Church, city centre - Thursday 22nd July from 11am to 6pm

All you need to take is yourself and a face covering, we will take care of the rest!

**Tune of the day** Today we hand over to Denise Donald who suggested the quite lovely tune [Moonlight Shadow](#) by Mike Oldfield, featuring Maggie Reilly... the tune is uplifting, the lyrics perhaps less so when analysed, so we'll skip over that! For those that don't know, Mr Oldfield was also the brains behind Tubular Bells, the song that is synonymous with the 1973 film The Exorcist. Bit of musical genius on all accounts. Have a good weekend folks!

**Get in touch!** If you've got a question, an item to share with people working in health & social care, or just want to suggest a tune of the day, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot).