

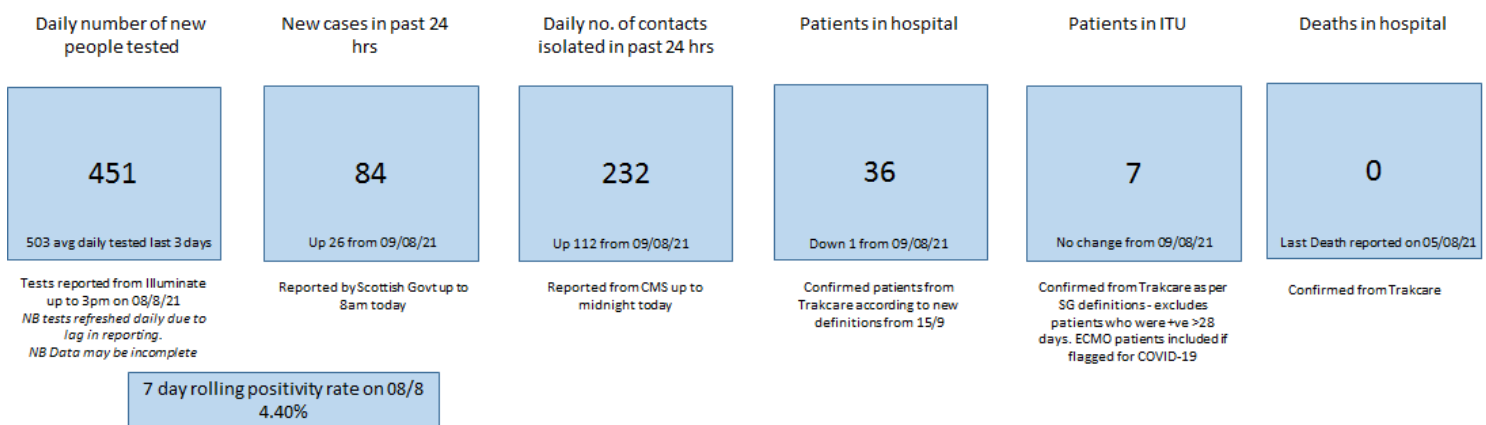
Here is the brief for Tuesday 10 August 2021.

**COVID-19 vaccination – booster programme** The JCVI continue to consider what shape a booster programme will take and who will be eligible. We expect this guidance will be issued in September. Please keep checking this brief for updates.

**Unscheduled Care – optimising patient flow** Last week we shared information about an improvement programme, shortly getting underway across Unscheduled Care. There is an opportunity for two clinicians to lead on work which will help deliver improved health and care outcomes and the quality of our patients unscheduled care journey. Funding allows backfill for 6 PAs between the two posts- the split will be discussed on appointment. Further information on this has been attached to the email used to send out this brief. Expressions of interest should be sent to Portia Brown ([portia.brown@nhs.scot](mailto:portia.brown@nhs.scot)) by close of play tomorrow (Wednesday 11 August).

**Test & Protect text scam** We have been made aware another text scam is in operation. The message claims the individual receiving it has been in contact with a positive case and they must order a PCR test. A link in the message takes you to an apparent NHS website, asking for personal information and bank details. A genuine message from Test & Protect will **never** ask for bank information. You should take any request for these details as a sign that it is scam and delete the message immediately.

**Grampian data** The local update for today, including the 7-day rolling positivity rate, is shown below. 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.



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

**PPE donning & doffing training** New dates have been set for this training, as follows: **24 August** and **7/21 September**. You can book your place by emailing [gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot)

**iMatter staff survey** As part of the annual iMatter staff survey, the 'team confirmation' stage is underway and will run until Friday 27 August. During this time, all managers on the system will be sent an email link and are requested to log-in to the iMatter system and update their teams. This must be done by **5pm on 27 August**. The survey phase will thereafter commence on Monday 30 August running until 20 September. Any queries about the survey during this time should be sent to [gram.imatter@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.imatter@nhs.scot)

**Health and Safety – Statutory & Mandatory training** All staff are reminded of the importance of keeping all Statutory and Mandatory training in date. These training packages are important to ensure that staff, patients, and visitors are safe and prevent harm such as illness or injury.

In September 2021, a training compliance audit is being undertaken for both Management of Violence and Aggression and Moving and Handling. Mandatory training for these topics includes the online Turas Learn eLearning packages:

- Management of Violence and Aggression – annually
- Moving and Handling [Module A] – every 2 years

The level of practical training required for your role will be identified by your local risk assessment. Assessments/updates for any practical training should also be maintained as per NHSG Health and Safety policies. Staff competence in these areas will ensure the health, safety and wellbeing for yourself, patients and work colleagues. Competence may include:

- Being able to identify triggers, to reduce the risk of escalation leading to a potential violent or aggressive outburst,
- Able to utilise de-escalation techniques to reduce the risk of a violent or aggressive outburst,
- Identifying the correct equipment and number of staff for a task,
- Reducing the risk of cumulative strain by using efficient movement.

All staff are encouraged to ensure that this training is in date. All managers have access to team reports on eLearning uptake. The attached guidance explains how to obtain this data for your teams.

**Scottish Health Awards 2021** Nominations are open for this year's Scottish Health Awards, recognising the best and brightest working in healthcare throughout Scotland. [There are 16 categories, full details are available on the event website](#); nominations close on **26 August**.

**Results day** If you have S4/S5/S6 pupils in your household, then you don't need us to tell you it is results day. We hope your young people got the grades they were hoping for, after another year of classroom disruption. If that envelope contained unexpected news, the team at Skills Development Scotland are on hand to help. Their support line is open until 8pm – call 0808 100 8000.

**Tune of the day** Today's tune comes courtesy of Karen McKessack – it's [Give It Up by Hothouse Flowers](#). 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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot) That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.