

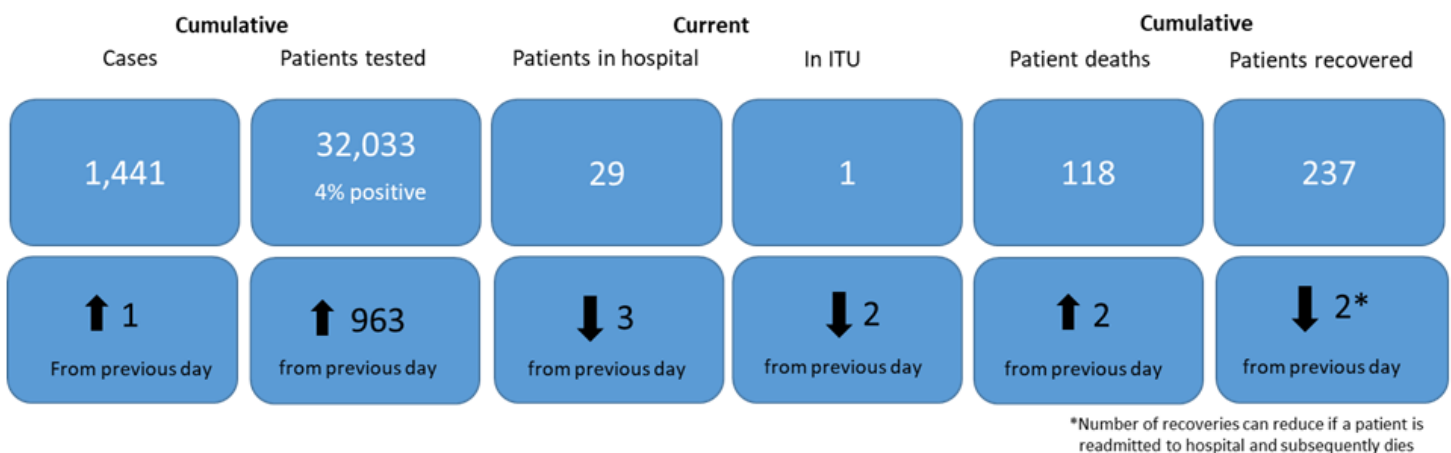
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Thursday 23 July 2020. Please ensure that you share this brief with colleagues and staff who do not have access to email, especially if they are self-isolating, otherwise working from home or do not have ready access to a PC. Briefs are shared on our dedicated website covid19.nhsgrampian.org which is updated continuously.

Grampian update A snapshot of hospital related COVID-19 activity in Grampian for Thursday 23 July is shown below. To see what is happening in other Board areas, you can visit the [Scottish Government website](#).



Shielding staff You may have seen or heard the First Minister's update on shielding today, confirming the government's intention to pause the shielding advice from 1 August. It must be stressed that those who are shielding are **not** immediately expected to return to the workplace. Guidance is being developed by the Scottish Government to assist employers bring shielding staff back into the workplace safely. Until this guidance has been received and a local plan put in place, shielding staff should continue to stay at home. Where work from home is possible this should continue. There's more information on the changes to shielding advice on the [Scottish Government website](#).

Phased re-introduction of visiting – call for questions Following the phased re-introduction of person centred visiting and the popularity of an earlier live virtual staff briefing session, the Phased Re-Introduction to Person Centred Visiting project team would like to invite staff to submit questions for a second Q&A session. We are currently in phase 2 of the Scottish Government's phased re-introduction to person centred visiting route map. Phase 3 will involve welcoming a second additional designated visitor in the future. We appreciate staff may still have questions around the current stage as well as concerns for the future. To help address this we plan to host a Q&A session where written questions submitted in advance will be answered by members of project team. The video will then be circulated via this brief.

Please submit your questions to kirsten.dickson@nhs.net by Thursday 30 July 2020.

Thought for the day - Communication is everyone's business We all have a role to play in supporting communication across health and social care. As you will see from the results of yesterday's question (below), communication is at the root of many frustrations. We produce this brief to share important information with you all; in turn we ask you to check in with your colleagues or teams you lead to make sure they have an opportunity to read it too. The brief is just the start of the communication process; we know there is a lot of information to be shared at a more local level, specific to your service,

