

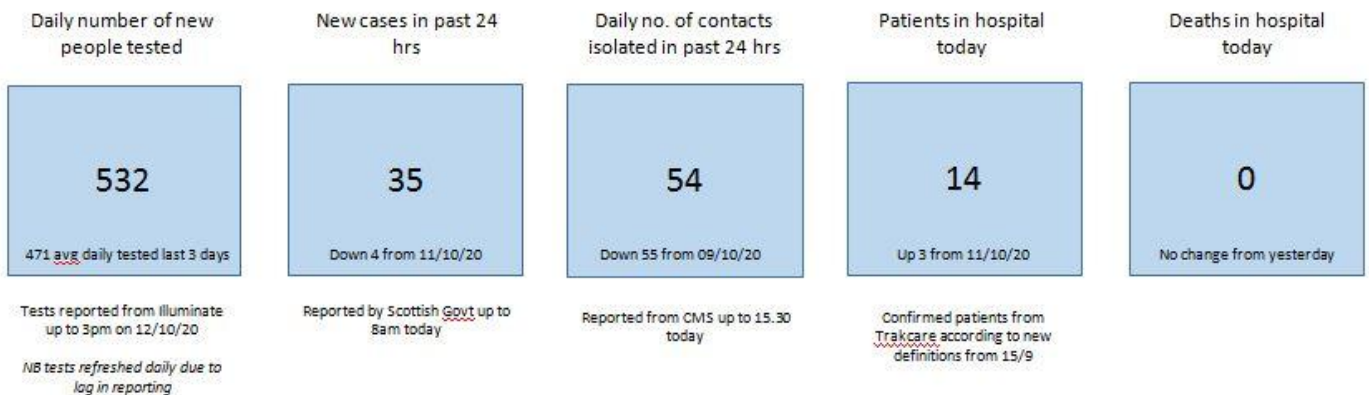
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Monday 12 October 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 The most up-to-date Grampian data about COVID-19 new cases, contacts and care in Grampian hospitals is shown below. National data is provided by Public Health Scotland. You can view that [here](#).



Staff testing – a reminder If you work in health & social care and are experiencing any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, remember your first port of call should be our staff testing service. You can be tested in Aberdeen, Huntly or Elgin and your sample will be processed directly by our local labs. You can book a test [here](#) or through the COVID-19 website – just look in the staff section. These are publicly available links and you do not need to be on a networked device to access them.

Pausing the Protect Scotland app If you are working in a clinical area (including care homes and domiciliary care settings) and wearing PPE and you have installed the Protect Scotland app on your mobile phone, you must pause the app during your shift, otherwise you may be identified as a close contact of someone (but you don't know who) and have to go off work for two weeks. The app has been updated to allow this to happen without turning off Bluetooth or switching your phone off altogether. Simply press the green 'Tracing Active' panel on the app. Then press 'I want to pause Tracing' on the next page. Then set a time for a reminder (this could be the end of your shift for example) and press 'Pause Tracing now'. The reminder that you get is not very loud or prolonged, so you might have to try to remember to turn it back on when your shift is over. Don't risk unnecessary self-isolation.

0365-Email & emails to/from Moray Council addresses An issue has been identified where emails sent to/from @moray-edunet.gov.uk are not being sent/received. This is due to a security issue in the configuration of the @moray-edunet.gov.uk email server and it not being compatible with the modern security used by NHS Scotland & Office 365. The issue has been escalated by NHS Scotland IT Security nationally to Scottish Government and a plan is in place to upgrade the Moray-Edunet server as a matter of urgency. In the meantime, NHS Scotland will put in place a temporary bypass for emails to/from @moray-edunet.gov.uk to allow mail to flow, with the following advisory for all staff:

In the interim period, until the @moray-edunet.gov.uk server is upgraded/replaced, please be advised:

- a) Any emails sent to/received from @moray-edunet.gov.uk are not considered “secure” by default.
- b) Any emails containing patient identifiable information to any gov.uk email address must be manually encrypted by the NHS user by inserting [Secure] into the start of the subject, this will make the communication secure.
- c) Until this matter is addressed emails containing patient identifiable information should be kept to a minimum,
- d) Always mark any confidential emails sent to addresses out with @nhs.scot with the [Secure] subject line regardless.

Thought for the day In the immortal words of Madonna: If we took a holiday/Took some time to celebrate/Just one day out of life/It would be, it would be so nice. We all need a break; time to rest and recharge our batteries. Like everything else, holidays right now are not what we are used to, and it can be tempting to ‘save’ your days in the hope of better options to come. You owe it to yourself, your family and your team to take a good spread of annual leave. We can’t help anyone if we are exhausted.

Question of the day Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey on the preferred emblem for the Staff Thanks & Recognition scheme; we had 645 responses. Some of you took the time to provide additional feedback which we have passed back to the Staff Experience Group. They are going to take the time to consider this before confirming the chosen design.

Comments? Suggestions? If you have feedback about this brief or questions about the content please do not hesitate to get in touch via gram-uhb.staffquestions@nhs.net