

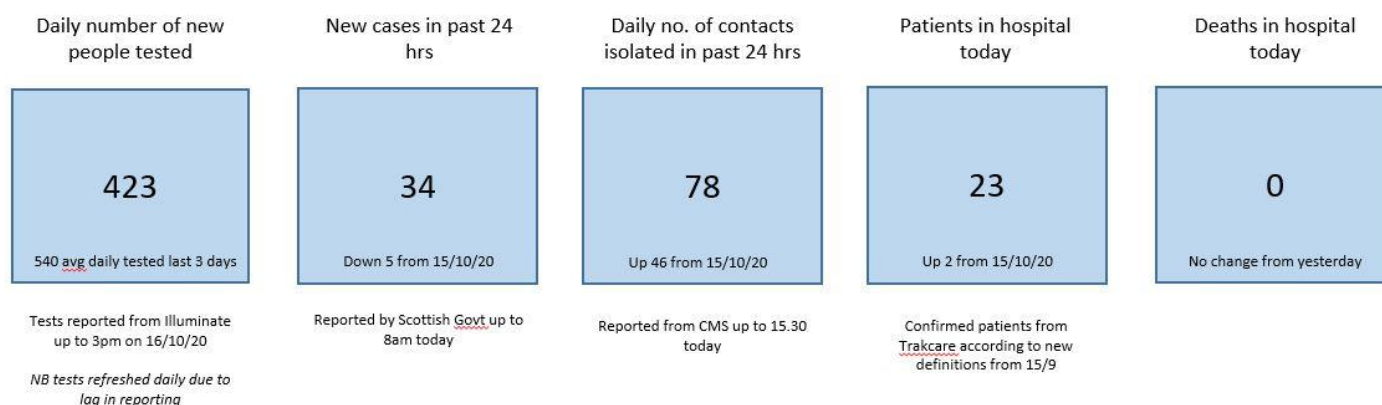
# COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Friday 16 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](https://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](#).



**Covid-19 case update** The number of positive Covid-19 cases being reported to the Test and Protect team continues to be variable, but without showing either a significant increase or the hoped-for decrease. Over the past week the average daily number of new cases has been 37, enough to keep our contact tracing team busy, but still allowing us to help out with other much busier boards on most days. The rate of new cases over the past week has been 47/100,000 population, compared to a Scottish average of 125/100,000, mainly contributed to by the Central Scotland boards. We are utterly reliant on the good behaviour of the people of Grampian, and on compliance with the advice given to individuals by the Test and Protect Team, to keep us in the position we are currently in.

**Chaplains Week 18 - 24 October** This year Chaplains' week will be a virtual affair in NHS Grampian. The week is an annual opportunity to highlight the work of Healthcare Chaplains and we hope to have five snap-shorts available Monday – Friday next week portraying the work of the Spiritual Care department in NHS Grampian. Some of them will be site-specific, and some of them will be much broader, such as the Virtual Memorial Services that we are recording at present or the use of Values Based Reflective Practice in Staff support. Please look out for these on the NHS Grampian social media accounts.

**Flu update** More than 26,000 people in the NHS Grampian region have received their flu vaccination since September 28, with an extra 1,500 being added to that total each day. We are working with Royal Mail to resolve issues around the delayed delivery of appointment letters and are rearranging appointments for people who missed theirs.

**First aid training** Due to COVID-19, OHS is not able to offer face to face training sessions for first aid. An eLearning packaged entitled *COVID-19 Basic Life Support* is available for those staff who require to refresh their first aid training since 16 March 2020. The HSE supports the use of online refresher training to keep skills up to date when training isn't available due to COVID-19.

**Tip of the day** If you have a few documents open on your computer and you want to quickly find one of them, you can use task view, the icon should be in your task bar – it's a powerful system that provides an easy way to switch between running apps, work with virtual desktops. For more information on how to use it [click here](#)

**Question of the day** You've had our 'Tip of the day', but now we want yours. What do you do at work or in your free time that makes life just that bit easier? To let us know [click here](#) or copy and paste [www.menti.com/o6efbhfk8p](http://www.menti.com/o6efbhfk8p) into your browser.

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