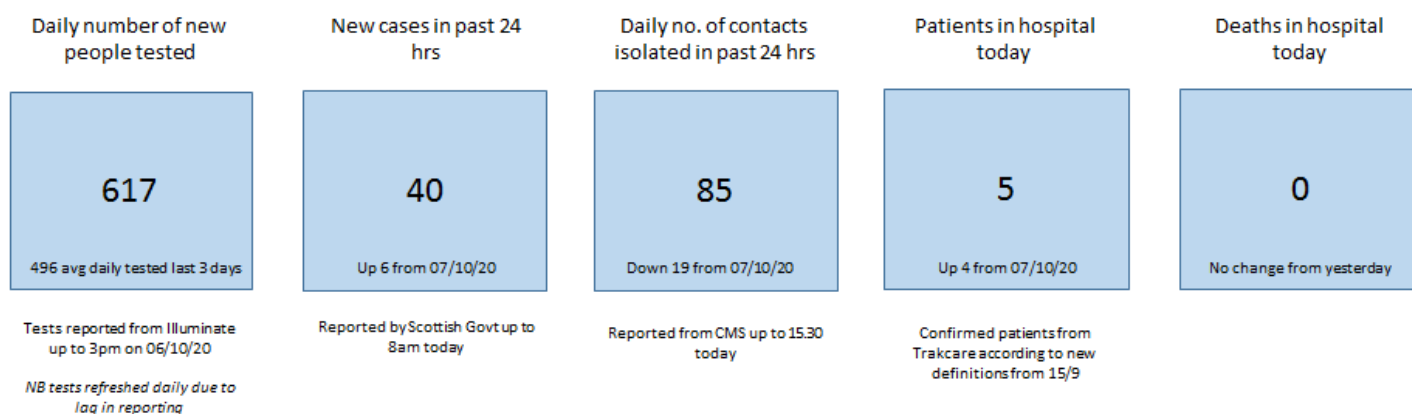


Here is the brief for Thursday 8 October 2020. Please ensure that you share this brief with colleagues and staff who do not have access to email, especially if they are self-isolating, otherwise working from home or do not have ready access to a PC. Briefs are shared on our dedicated website [covid19.nhsgrampian.org](https://covid19.nhsgrampian.org) 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](#).



**Workplace use of face coverings** During her announcement yesterday, the First Minister indicated some changes to face mask use in public areas, including workplace canteens and corridors. NHS Grampian is currently waiting for the formal guidance to be released and once received our internal [fact sheets](#) on mask use will be updated. Until then, please continue to follow the current guidance.

## Flu vaccination campaign – update

- **Staff immunisation** NHS Grampian staff, and social care staff who provide direct care, are eligible for a free ‘flu jab. Appointments are now open for booking; **NHS staff** are encouraged to use the online booking form [here](#). If you are unable to complete the pre-booking form, please phone – 01224 555976 (ext: 55976) Monday – Friday, 8.30am - 4pm. **Social care staff** can find out more [here](#).
- **Public vaccination campaign** There have been significant changes to the public vaccination programme this year, with the jab being delivered in local vaccine clinics rather than in GP surgeries. Teams have been working extremely hard on the ground to get these up and running. Regrettably there have been some local delays in the delivery of appointment letters, which has meant some people have missed appointments. We are arranging new appointments for them and, working closely with Royal Mail, we are confident these issues are being resolved. Thank you to the clinic teams and the call centre staff for their efforts to date.
- **Peer Flu Vaccination Programme - Are you interested in becoming a peer vaccinator?** The Flu Advisory Group undertakes new initiatives to promote flu vaccination among staff. Last year we implemented a Peer Flu Vaccination Programme which resulted in a 10% increase in uptake

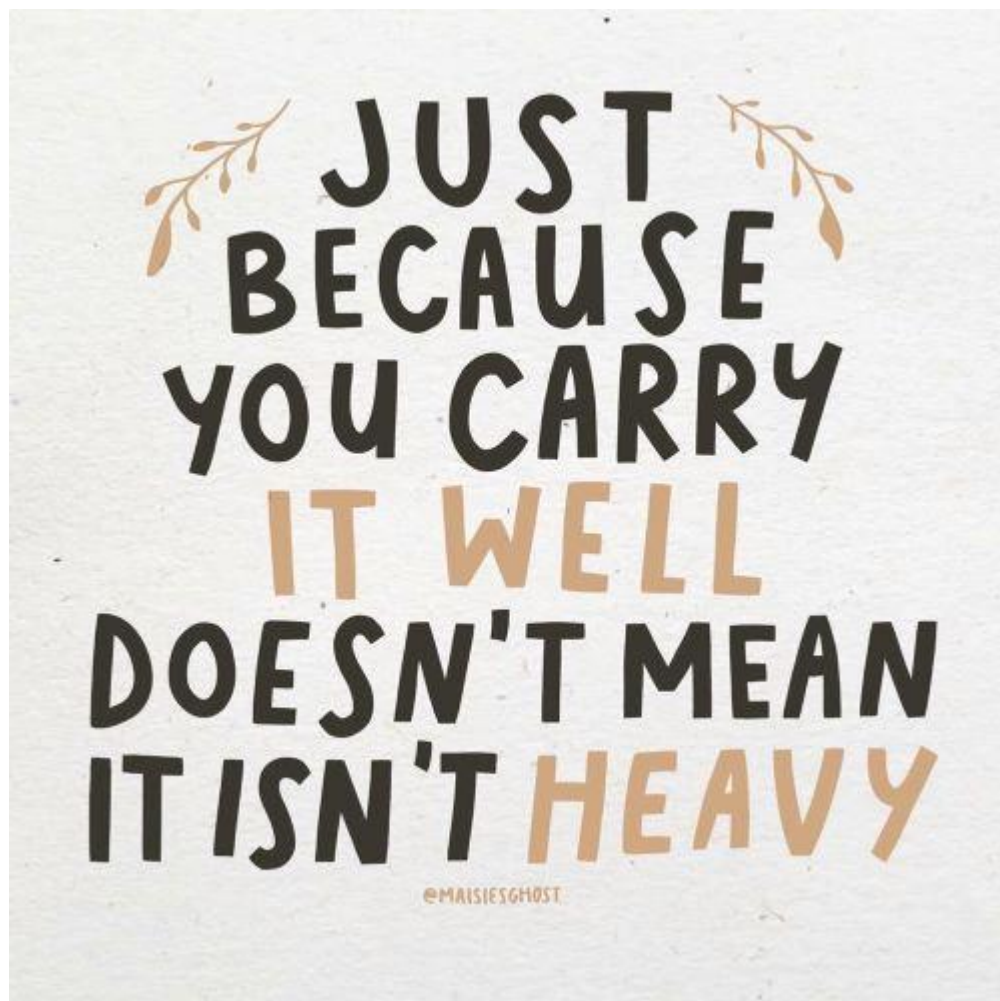
among frontline staff. To become a peer vaccinator, registered staff need to be up to date with BLS and Anaphylaxis training and complete the Peer Vaccinator Turas training. This covers roles and responsibilities; Influenza and flu vaccines; myths and beliefs; cold chain management; administration and Patient Group Directions. This year we have been working with eLearning to develop a short online training package. The module is hosted on Turas Learn. All staff should have a login for this in order to access their statutory/mandatory training. The module can either be accessed directly from this link <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/37313/learning-and-development/peer-flu-vaccination> or by searching for 'peer flu vaccination' in the search bar on Turas Learn.

**University of Aberdeen IMT update** The team managing the outbreak of COVID-19 associated with the University of Aberdeen met earlier and confirmed the number of detected cases now stands at 142. It remains the case that there is no evidence of spread to the wider community.

**Equality and Diversity Training** - Training dates for E&D Level 2 and Level 4 are now available for 2020. You can attend the training via face to face session or Teams Meeting. Please visit the Equality and Diversity [Intranet webpage](#) for available dates (that link will only work on networked devices). To book a place, go to Turas Learn or email [roda.bird@nhs.scot](mailto:roda.bird@nhs.scot)

**Signs to support workplace physical distancing** Did you know that wall, floor, and ceiling signage can be ordered for your local area – office or ward – to help support physical distancing? There are a range of options available, designed to highlight the measures you have taken in your own area. You can see the full range along with ordering details [here](#).

**Thought for the day – a picture is worth a thousand words**



You can find more work from @maisiesghost on her [Instagram page](#).

**Question of the day** We've got something a little different for today. We are launching STAR, the Staff Thanks And Recognition scheme, and a series of emblems have been designed for this. We would like to know which one you prefer; you can see the designs and cast your vote [here](#). We will keep this survey open over the weekend and share the winner next week.

**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](mailto:gram-uhb.staffquestions@nhs.net)