

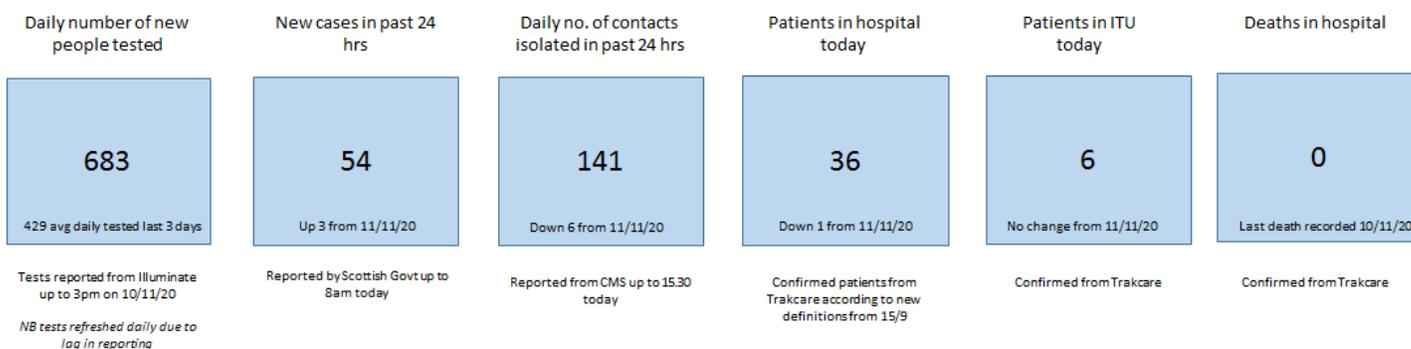
# COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Thursday 12 November 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 data about COVID-19 new cases, contacts and care in Grampian hospitals is shown below. Remember, all the national data collected by Public Health Scotland is available [here](#). Using that link you can see what is happening at board, local authority, and neighbourhood level anywhere in Scotland.



**Magnetic North – our journey to Magnet accreditation** Following the announcement by Caroline Hiscox at the start of the week that NHS Grampian is to seek Magnet accreditation, June Brown (interim Executive Nurse Director) has provided [this video update](#) to explain more about what this is and what it will mean.

**Flu immunisation update** More than **3,200** staff members have already been immunised, with peer vaccinators administering **1,744** jabs alone. Peer vaccination enables healthcare workers to get their jab in their workplace setting, without making an appointment with OHS. 220 members of staff have now completed their training to become a peer vaccinator

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 and can either be accessed directly [here](#) or by searching for 'peer flu vaccination' in the search bar on Turas Learn – log in as you would when completing other training. You do not have contact Occupational Health once this training is completed; please follow the directions in the training package.

All peer 'flu vaccinators, must ensure that their completed forms are returned every Thursday to: [gram.ohs@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ohs@nhs.scot) & [gram.flu-info@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.flu-info@nhs.scot). Please remember that all NHS staff, including students on placement are eligible for the peer 'flu vaccination programme.

The vaccination programme for the general public continues to progress well and as of today **101,411** people in Grampian have been immunised.

**Accommodation support** During the first wave of COVID-19 a large-scale accommodation support programme was put in place. The same degree of support is not required at this stage, but a very limited number of hotel rooms are available in Aberdeen for staff who meet [particular criteria](#). If you meet these criteria, please complete this [application form](#) and send to [gram.financecontrolcentre@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.financecontrolcentre@nhs.scot). This mailbox is monitored Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm.

**Jobtrain – Migration to O365 E-mail Accounts** With effect from 8pm tomorrow, Jobtrain will migrate all User Login Accounts from nhs.net to the new O365 nhs.scot addresses. Users should login using your nhs.scot e-mail address. Passwords will remain unchanged. If anyone is in the system at this time you may be logged out and will have to login again using your new email address to gain access.

**Thought for the day** There's no doubt that vaccines are on everyone's mind right now, so we've turned today's thought over to Dr Derek Cox, to give us a historical perspective on all things immunisation:

“Smallpox has now been eradicated from the world, but before this happened it had been around for a very long time. The first written account of smallpox dates back to China in the 4th Century. It spread to every corner of the world. It was a highly infectious, horrible disease with mortality around 20%. Surviving the illness conferred lifelong immunity to it. By the 18th century it was killing 400,000 people annually in Europe, most of them children.

“Edward Jenner is credited with the observation that milkmaids who contracted cowpox were resistant to smallpox, and in 1796 performed what is often regarded (incorrectly) as the first inoculation of exudates from a cowpox pustule in to an 8 year old boy who he subsequently demonstrated was resistant to smallpox. He called this procedure ‘vaccination’ (vacca being the Latin for cow). He later wrote “I hope that someday the practice of producing cowpox in human beings will spread over the world - when that day comes, there will be no more smallpox.” This prediction became true in 1977 following the World Health's Global Eradication Programme.

“Jenner studied many things, and published a paper claiming that the hatched cuckoo threw the other eggs out of the nest. This proposal was widely ridiculed and was used by the first vaccine rejectionists to try to discredit his claims about the effectiveness of vaccination. If their views had prevailed millions might still be dying from this dreadful disease.”

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