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## CAROLINE: IN CONVERSATION WITH...



For episode 6 of Chief Executive Caroline Hiscox's staff spotlight series, "In Conversation", this week she is joined by Denise Johnson, Deputy Lead Nurse with Aberdeen HSCP.

[Watch it here](#) or click the picture to the left.

Among the range of topics discussed, Denise shines a light on the Hospital @ Home care pathway, explains what the service is, and outlines how it can be crucial for easing pressure on primary and secondary care. She also reveals plans for coming out of the pandemic and how their ambitions to expand the service to include other services including respiratory.

The video with Denise - as well as all the previous episodes, including with Jason Leitch, Practice Educator Helen Spark, GP Laura Muirhead & Porter Supervisor Alex Campbell or any of the "Ask Caroline" staff Q&A sessions, are available at the YouTube playlist below:

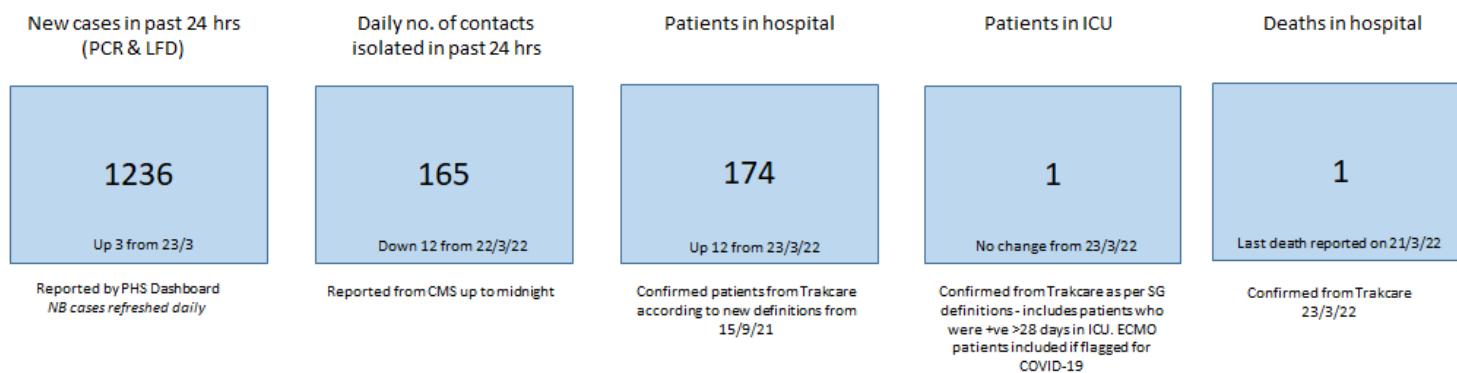
[Ask Caroline & In Conversation Episode Library](#)

Thank you again to those who have submitted questions for "Ask Caroline"; we are working on finding a slot to film the next session and hope to have it ready to share sometime next week.

**Thanksgiving Service for key workers** We have received an invitation from Aberdeen City Council for a number of NHS Staff to attend a Thanksgiving Service for Key Workers and those who made sacrifices during the pandemic. This will take place at the Kirk of St Nicholas in Aberdeen this Sunday (27 March) at 2pm, followed by the unveiling of a memorial stone in the churchyard, and finally a Civic Reception at the Town House around 4pm. Places are limited, and we have been asked to confirm names with Aberdeen City Council by Friday afternoon. If you wish to attend, please email [gram.workforce@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.workforce@nhs.scot) by 12noon tomorrow. Up to two colleagues can be included in your e-mail. Confirmation of whether a place can be allocated to you will be advised by reply to your e-mail on Friday afternoon.

**Chaplaincy On Call Service from w/c 28 March 2022** As highlighted earlier today, the chaplaincy on-call service will be reduced next week, in light of absences in the team. Cover will be provided on weekdays (28 March to 1 April) up until 6.30pm and on the weekend (2/3 April) from 8.30am-6.30pm. If a Roman Catholic Priest is required at any point, please contact switchboard. The situation will be reviewed weekly and further updates provided as necessary

**Grampian data** The local report is shown below. [The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard can be viewed here](#)



**First Aid training** The pandemic saw face to face training delayed across NHS Grampian, however First Aid training has now resumed with a blended learning approach, mixing classroom teaching and eLearning. Priority is being given to those of you whose certificate expired during the lockdown restrictions.

The new training format will be as follows:

- Emergency First Aid at Work - for those refreshing this certificate and those who are brand new to this course. The total duration of this course is 6 hours:  
6 modules on (approx. 3 hours) eLearning on Turas.  
3 hours practical session in classroom.
- First Aid at Work (refresher) - for those who initially complete the 3 day course and are returning to refresh (you will need to state when your certificate expired) 12 hours duration including:  
13 modules on Turas (approx. 6 hours) eLearning on Turas.  
6 hours practical session in classroom.
- First Aid at Work – for staff who are in a high-risk work area, large staff numbers/shift work, machinery, equipment, or other potential hazards and have NOT attended this course before.

This will be blended format and will be 18 hours in duration as set out below:

13 modules on Turas.

12 hours practical session (delivered over two days).

On completion, all certificates will be valid for 3 years. Please visit the GO Health intranet page under Occupational Health for further information and how to apply. Managers will be required to assess first aid requirements in their area and authorise applications.

**Calling all specialist nurses** Are you aware of the recently published [Transforming Roles paper](#) which will affect every specialist nurse in NHS Scotland? The specialist nurse forum exists and wants to help you through this period of transition. Please log on to the forum for further information and if you are not yet registered and want to join, please send an email to either [jacqueline.annand@nhs.scot](mailto:jacqueline.annand@nhs.scot) or [vicky.bone@nhs.scot](mailto:vicky.bone@nhs.scot). Our next meeting is planned for 19 May 2022, 2-2.30pm.

**eESS project newsletter** [The latest edition of the eESS project newsletter is available to read here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only). eESS is a single, national NHS Scotland approach to HR systems that is intended to enable a high quality, standardised HR function.

**Professional Development Award (PDA) in Technology Enabled Care** Over the next 12 months NHS Education for Scotland (NES) are supporting 56 fully funded places for the Health, Housing and Social Care workforce to undertake the PDA in Technology Enabled Care. The PDA is for people who are new to or have an interest in technology enabled care, or those who want to develop and advance their knowledge, skills, and abilities in this ever-changing field of practice. The closing date for application is Monday 4 April. [More information is available on the Turas website.](#)

**Tune of the day** We go all the way back to this day in 1973, when the O'Jays topped the US charts with [Love Train](#). I defy you to listen to this one and not have a little shimmy!

If you want to request a song for tune of the day, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)