

COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Friday 23 April 2021.

COVID-19 vaccination – staff programme To date, the programme has been following JCVI guidance and focused on health & social care staff who come into direct contact with patients/clients. We are now able to offer those of you working in a non-patient/client facing role the opportunity to join a reserve list for appointments, where you haven't already received a vaccine due to age or medical condition.

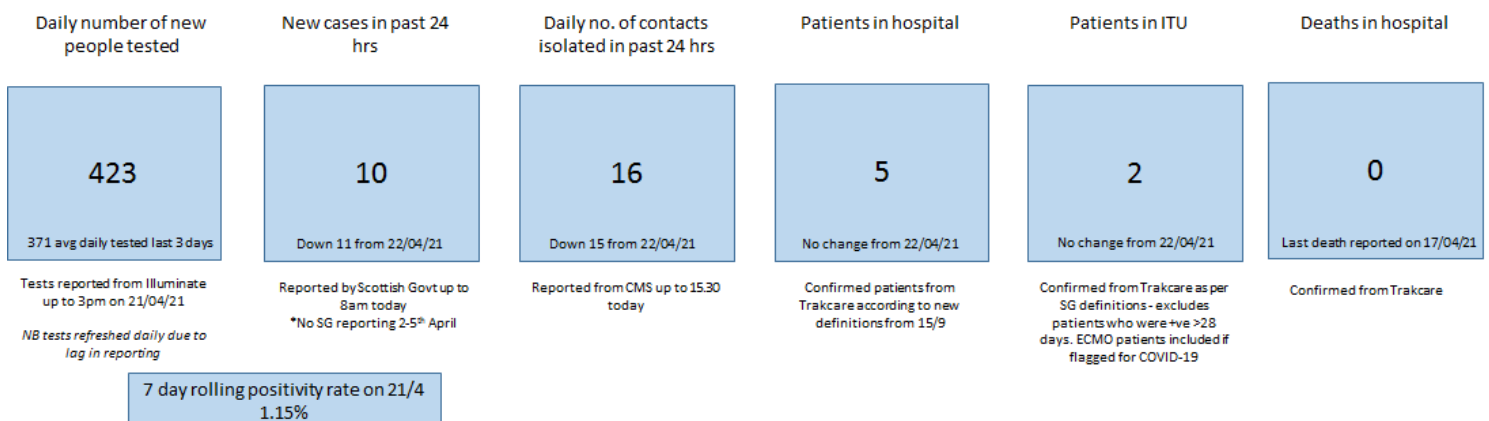
Please be aware appointments are not guaranteed and will likely be offered at short notice, depending on the availability of vaccine. If you are contacted, it will be via telephone and likely to be towards the end of the day (between 5-7pm), so you will be asked to give a definitive yes or no on the spot and attend immediately if yes. Calls are likely to be from an unknown number so please answer your phone. This is for first doses only. Your second dose will then be arranged in line with the required timings.

If, while on the reserve list, you are invited for vaccination as part of your age cohort, you should take up that invitation. If we contact you and you have been vaccinated, or are booked to attend, please advise and you will be removed from the list.

If you wish to join the reserve list, please complete [this form](#). It is very important that you indicate which vaccination centre you would be able to attend, bearing in mind it will be at short notice. This will allow you to potentially receive your vaccination slightly sooner than you would waiting for a scheduled appointment. Please note, we are **not** automatically transferring existing staff vaccine appointment requests. If you wish to join the reserve list you must complete the form linked to above, whether you have already submitted an appointment request or not.

COVID-19 vaccine trial As highlighted at the start of the week, NHS Grampian is hosting another trial of a COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Medicago and GlaxoSmithKline. Volunteers aged 18-39 are being sought for the trial. Anyone interested in taking part should contact gram.covidvaccinetrial@nhs.scot to find out more.

Grampian data The local figures for today and the 7-day rolling positivity rate are shown below. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories, whereas the figures we show here only record new tests.



If you are interested in seeing what is happening in your area, this information is published daily by Public Health Scotland. All you need to do is click [here](#) and select the appropriate local authority area.

Resumption of in-person hospital visiting The guidance circulated yesterday has been updated slightly, to provide further clarity. Thanks to all for their feedback on the guidance; the up to date version is attached to the email used to send out this brief.

Letter to Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Health Professions staff Following the conclusion of Operation Snowdrop, June Brown (interim Executive Nurse Director) has written an open letter to members of nursing, midwifery, and allied health professions staff. This letter has been attached to the email used to send out this brief.

PPE 3 week look ahead No issues with supply to highlight.

PPE Summary - Predicted Equipment Remaining at the end of each week

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
April 12, 2021	161,833	80,300	9,400	4,097	57,600	1,100,590	1,731,747
April 19, 2021	162,239	94,835	9,385	4,597	58,127	1,100,590	1,731,747
April 26, 2021	162,645	109,371	9,371	5,096	58,654	1,100,590	1,731,747
May 3, 2021	163,051	123,906	9,356	5,596	59,181	1,100,590	1,731,747

■ Stock < 0 ■ Stock <= 2 Days ■ Stock <= 5 Days ■ Stock > 5 Days

Orange Award While two recent winners of the Orange Award have been selected, their presentations have yet to take place, so for now our lips are sealed. The Orange Award recognises any teams or individuals working in health & social care and going above and beyond to provide great service. If you want to nominate a colleague or team for an award, just click [here](#) to complete the online form or email their details to gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot

Thought for the day Tonight is World Book Night. Unlike World Book Day – which probably sends shivers down the spine of the parents among you – there is no requirement to dress up, just to celebrate the joy of reading. With this in mind, we wanted to share some of our recent reads with you:

Emma P – Many Different Kinds of Love by Michael Rosen. Mr Rosen has featured in this part of the brief twice before, but I promise I am not on his payroll! This book mixes his own poetry with the diary entries of the many NHS staff who cared for him when he became critically ill with COVID-19. Those of you who lived this experience may not wish to read about it quite yet, but for someone like me, further back from the frontline, it was illuminating and deeply moving.

Emma W - 10 minutes 38 seconds In This Strange World by Elif Shafak

Lesley – Entangled Life by Merlin Sheldrake. I thought this was about Fun Guys, but it turns out to be a fascinating account of fungi in all its various form and the secret life that enriches ours. Truly jaw-dropping stuff!

Diane – The Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon.

Jillian – Just A Little Run Around The World by Rosie Swale Pope. A story borne of struggle, determination, and madness! Rosie is awesome.

James – The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of The East India Company by William Dalrymple

Jo – March Violets by Philip Kerr, which is a historical detective novel set in the early days of the Third Reich. It's a bit like Philip Marlow but with marching and armbands - much better than it sounds!

We wish you all a restful weekend, with a book of your choice. For those of you on shift, as ever, take care and stay safe.

Questions to ask? Information to share? If you have particular questions – or are aware of questions coming from friends and family – please share them with us. We may not be able to answer every question and it may take us time to get a proper answer, but we will endeavour to respond and share the answers. You can get in touch with us via gram.communications@nhs.scot. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.