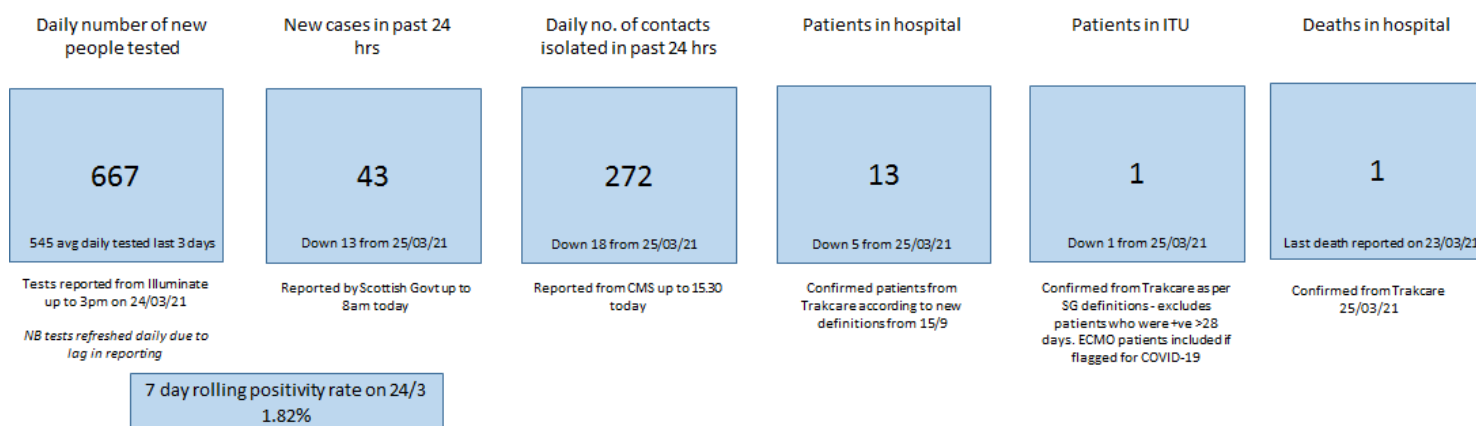


Here is the brief for Friday 26 March 2021.

**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 want to see more detailed information, including cases at neighbourhood level, click [here](#) for the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard.



**Organ Donation – change in the law** As of today, the law on organ donation in Scotland has changed, with the country moving to an ‘opt-out’ system. Put simply, all those aged 16 and over will now be considered willing to donate their organs, unless they have explicitly opted out of donation. Fewer than 1% of us will die in circumstances where we could donate our organs or tissue, so we are all still encouraged to add our names to the organ donation register and discuss our decision with our family members. More information on the change to the legislation is available [here](#).

Many of you will be familiar with the story of local artist Brian Keeley, who had a massive heart attack in 2013, leaving him critically ill and in need of a transplant. Along with his wife (and fellow artist) Bibo, he created an exhibition about their experience, entitled The Shared Heart. This is currently available to view [online](#) and we would encourage you to take a look.

**PPE 3 week look ahead** We continue to hold sufficient stock of all key items:

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

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
March 22, 2021	202,689	260,935	13,027	16,222	74,515	1,207,085	1,886,062
March 29, 2021	203,607	258,596	13,007	16,777	74,306	1,207,085	1,886,062
April 5, 2021	204,524	256,257	12,987	17,332	74,097	1,207,085	1,886,062
April 12, 2021	205,442	253,918	12,967	17,888	73,888	1,207,085	1,886,062

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

**Orange Award** Huge congratulations to Hayley McAllan, a clerical officer within the Domestic Service, who collected her Orange Award on Monday. Remember, if you want to nominate a person or team going above and beyond in health & social care, just click [here](#) or send their details to [gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot).

**Staff engagement – how you have helped us!** From the very beginning, we wanted this brief to be for you, and by you. A key part of this has been our ‘Question of the Day’ feature. You have told us how you were feeling and what support and resources you needed. It has also been a great way to tease out new and emerging themes and issues that arose throughout the year, and we were also able to gather some public views by staff sharing public question links with family and friends. It’s safe to say we’ve been blown away by the scale of the response – the figures below speak for themselves:

Staff views gathered through online surveys during 2017 = 71  
 Staff views gathered through online surveys during 2018 = 1,330  
 Staff views gathered through online surveys during 2019 = 1,637  
 Staff views gathered through the daily brief (June 20 to Mar 21) = 29,710  
 Public views gathered through the daily brief (June 20 to Mar 21) = 2,483

**Views gathered electronically through the Daily Brief 2020/21 = 32,193 Views (through 75 questions)**

If you’re interested in some more stats, here are the 10 questions which got the biggest response:

Top 10 Responded to Staff Questions	Responses Received	Date
Top Question - Would you get a COVID vaccine?	899	Aug 10, 2020
How do you feel about face coverings?	800	Jun 30, 2020
Are you able to take your annual leave?	719	Jul 23, 2020
Are you supportive of lockdown measures?	707	Sep 21, 2020
What worrying behaviours do you see?	703	Jul 2, 2020
Do you get thanked when you do a good job?	651	Jul 21, 2020
How could endowment funds be spent?	632	Nov 17, 2020
Are you concerned about second wave?	622	Jul 1, 2020
How many of you are patient facing staff?	615	Aug 4, 2020
Why wouldn't you get the vaccine?	612	Aug 13, 2020
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Safe to say, we couldn’t do this brief without you! Hopefully you’ve still got it in you to provide a little more wisdom, as we’ve put together a short survey on the daily brief and we would love to hear what you think. Please be assured, the brief isn’t going anywhere for now, we just want to make sure it’s still hitting the spot. To take part in the survey, just click [here](#) – it should take you between 5-10 minutes, depending on how much you want to say! The survey will be open for a week, please let colleagues know it is here – the more views, the better.

**Thought for the day** We return to the words of Michael Rosen for today's thought. He wrote this poem for a collection celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS, but the words have taken on greater resonance following his own battle with COVID-19. This piece sums up, for me, everything that we seek to do. We hope you have a restful weekend and, as ever, for those of you working, take care and stay safe.



These are the hands  
That touch us first  
Feel your head  
Find the pulse  
And make your bed.

These are the hands  
That tap your back  
Test the skin  
Hold your arm  
Wheel the bin  
Change the bulb  
Fix the drip  
Pour the jug  
Replace your hip.

These are the hands  
That fill the bath  
Mop the floor  
Flick the switch  
Soothe the sore  
Burn the swabs  
Give us a jab  
Throw out sharps  
Design the lab.

And these are the hands  
That stop the leaks  
Empty the pan  
Wipe the pipes  
Carry the can  
Clamp the veins  
Make the cast  
Log the dose  
And touch us last.

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**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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot). Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.