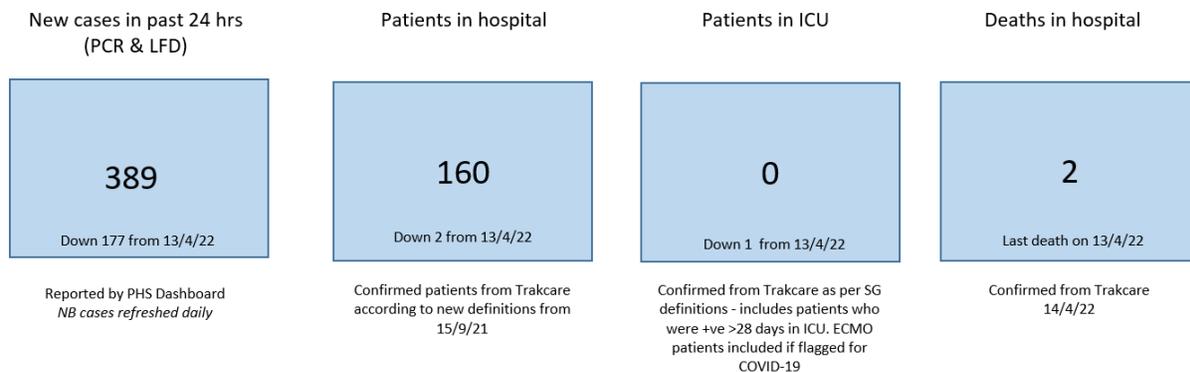


Here is the brief for Thursday 14 April 2022.

Aerosol Generating Procedures and PCR testing Effective immediately, patients on the non-respiratory pathway about to undergo an Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP) no longer require blanket PCR testing. Clinical staff are reminded of the importance of undertaking the respiratory screening assessment, in advance of AGPs.

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



Out of hours catering As previously highlighted in this brief, we have installed a number of vending machines to provide food which can be heated up when hospital cafes are closed. Choices include main meals, soups, John West tuna salads, and Blue Dragon noodles - please be aware the machines will be stocked according to the availability of suitable products.

The machines are situated at Royal Cornhill Hospital (staff rest area), AMH (staff rest area), the Emergency Care Centre's main seating area, and in Woodend at the staff social space in the general block. A similar machine will be up and running at Dr Gray's in the coming weeks. There is also a vegan/vegetarian snack machine in place at ARI in the Yellow Zone, Level 1, close to the lifts.

NMAHP Celebrating Excellence NMAHP Celebrating Excellence events are resuming in 2022 and there is an opportunity for nurses, midwives, and AHPs to speak and present at our June, September, and November 2022 events. If you are interested and require more information, please get in touch at: gram.celebratingexcellence@nhs.scot

The first event will take place on the morning of 11 May 2022 via MS Teams. There are some excellent speakers on the programme, and we still have places for those who wish to attend this May event. We are also opening registration for our 9 June 2022 face to face event (venue TBC). If you are interested in attending these two events, please contact: gram.celebratingexcellence@nhs.scot

NHS Scotland event – poster competition We are delighted to say there will be 22 entries representing NHS Grampian in this year's poster contest. Congratulations to the successful abstract authors, who are being informed directly. The NHS Scotland event will take place at P&J Live on 21 & 22 June; the first time the event has come to Aberdeen. More information, including on how to register your interest, is available [on the event website](#).

NHS Grampian sports committee The sports committee is slowly but surely reinstating activities. The latest calendar has been attached to the email used to send out this brief and the committee hope to add to it as soon as they can. One event which is returning is the Summer golf competition. Further information on this, along with an entry form, has also been attached.

Many of you have been in touch to ask about the Foresterhill Fitness Centre. The space this previously occupied in ARI has returned to clinical use; the committee are now looking for alternative accommodation.

Aberdeen Student Show The Student Show is a north-east institution, first taking place in 1921. This year's show – 'Dirty Danestone' – will take place at His Majesty's Theatre on 20-23 April, with six performances in total. Show organisers are offering a 20% discount for NHS staff. Tickets are limited to two per person; the discount code to use online is NHS20SS. This code can also be used at any APA Box Office; again the limit is two tickets per person.

Tune of the day It's Maundy Thursday, the fifth day of Holy Week and a commemoration of the Last Supper. Easter weekend will be a significant time for many of you, as you reflect on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. While I am not a particularly religious person, I have a real soft spot for gospel music, in particular [Oh Happy Day by the Edwin Hawkins Singers](#). Whatever your belief system, the joy in the singers' voices is tangible.

Today is also Vaisakhi, an important date in the Sikh calendar. Our very best wishes to all those marking the occasion!

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