

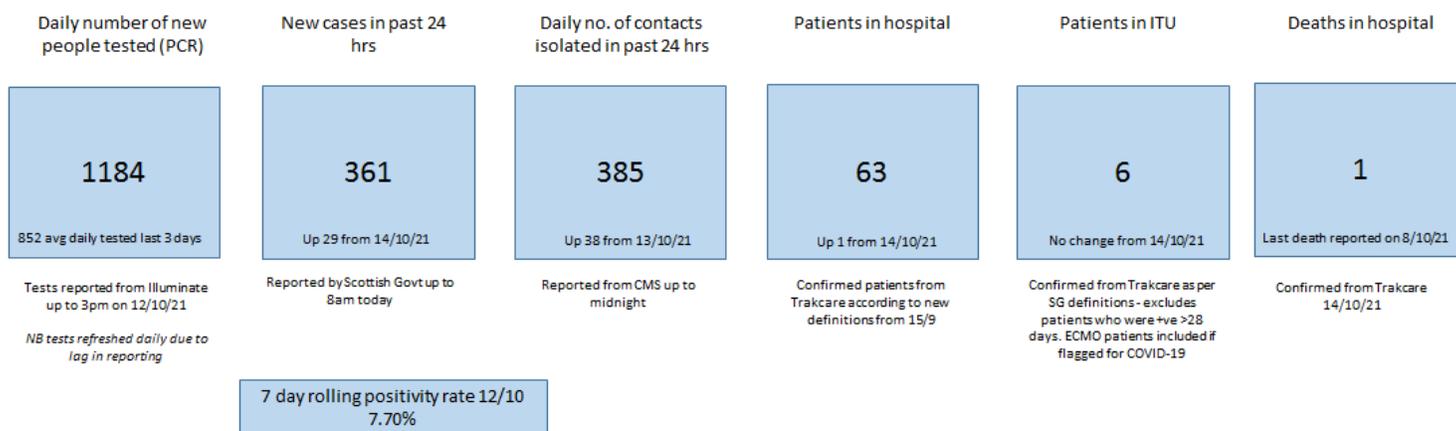
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Friday 15 October 2021.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below.



[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#)

Safer Workplaces - survey results You might recall that the Safer Workplaces group ran a short survey, gathering your views on measures such physical distancing, use of FRSMs, and the potential return of more staff to the workplace. The group have processed the responses, and these are shown below, along with updates on what is happening now. Once again, many thanks for taking the time to complete the survey.

Survey Results	Text Comments	What NHSG said/did
67% had concerns about removing physical distancing in the workplace		NHSG continue to support 2m physical distancing in most areas. As guidance changes and as it is risk assessed to be safe to do so, this may reduce as per national guidance.
69% had concern about staff not wearing FRSM's in the workplace	A further 43% of staff commented that they wanted to keep the wearing of FRSM's in the workplace versus 16% of staff who wished to return to pre-pandemic wearing of PPE	NHSG are continuing to support the wearing of FRSM's by all staff in the workplace to keep each other safe.
66% were concerned about everyone returning to the workplace (pre pandemic levels)	A further 15% of staff comments felt that working from home was good for life / work balance and kinder to the environment. A very small number of staff felt working from home did not support their mental health.	Working groups are set up to focus on what the new Smarter Workplace might look like. Meantime, working from home has been extended till March 2022 to keep reduced footfall where possible. Any staff member with concerns about their wellbeing should speak directly to their line manager for support.

International Infection Prevention Week This annual event gets underway on Sunday. The Infection Prevention & Control Team have decided to focus on the subject of Water Safety this year and we invite all NHS Grampian staff to visit the Infection Prevention & Control intranet page to access a 10-minute video with information about waterborne infection and patient safety, education, posters, quizzes and “all things water”. This year we have prizes donated by Gama and Daniels Healthcare for the quiz and even some colouring pictures for the kids. Staff can access the “Events” page directly from the Infection Prevention & Control intranet page or by clicking on the banner (shown below) on the intranet home page.



Weekend bank service The NMAHP Bank will be open at weekends for the next two weeks between 9am-1pm.

Plan for the future Thank you to everyone who gave their views this summer about their healthcare needs and priorities to help us start developing NHS Grampian's Plan for the Future 2022-2028. We received detailed feedback from over 2,100 people living in Grampian. This tells us that many of you are keen to help us develop our plan as we move forward in challenging circumstances.

We would like to share with you some of the key things you have told us in our summary document, which you can view by [clicking here](#). Over the coming weeks, we will go back to our staff, partners, and Grampian communities to look at some of the highlighted issues in more depth.

Chaplains' Week 2021 Next week also marks the annual Chaplains' Week. This has been running for a number of years and is an opportunity for chaplains to highlight their role in health & social care settings and remind patients, staff and relatives who we are and what we do. Chaplains are available across all the main hospital sites in NHS Grampian and provide a 24/7 on call service. We are here to listen and support, encourage, and enable reflection. Chaplains come from a range of backgrounds, but we are here for all faiths and none. Look out across NHS Grampian's social media feeds next week for a snapshot of our work. If you wish to know more, seek support, or make a referral, call 01224 553316 or email gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot

Reminder to complete the staff travel survey Have you had a chance to complete the staff travel survey? By taking part, you are providing us with valuable data which we will use to continue to improve this support, helping the shift towards healthier and more sustainable travel choices. Thank you!

[Please click here to begin the survey and to enter a £50 voucher prize draw](#)

The survey closes on 30 October. If you have any questions about the project, please contact the SUSTRANS Workplace Engagement Officer Katrina Schofield via katrina.schofield@sustrans.org.uk or visit [Get About](#) for more information on active and sustainable travel.

Tune of the day A big thank you to Colleen Anderson for rounding off the working week with her suggestion – [What A Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong](#).

We wish you a safe shift if you're working this weekend. The brief will be back on Monday.

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