

Here is the brief for Friday 25 June 2021.

Testing increase Enhanced testing is continuing to be encouraged in Tillydrone, Froghall and Elrick and Westhill due to local surges in cases – and people living there are coming forward in large numbers in an effort to protect their communities.

Jillian Evans, head of health intelligence at NHS Grampian, said: “We have seen large increases in the number of people coming forward for both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing – and as we have seen in Moray that is the most effective way to drive down rates and keep people safe.

“We’ve seen close to a four-fold increase in testing in Tillydrone alone and we have just opened an asymptomatic testing site at the Tillydrone Community Campus. We are also seeing an increase in testing numbers in Froghall. In the Westhill area the number of people taking up testing has soared – about nine-fold versus the previous two weeks.

“All we can say is ‘thank you’ to people for working with us, doing the responsible thing and playing their part in protecting their family, friends and community. We really do appreciate it.

“If as many people come forward as possible, especially in these areas, for asymptomatic testing, then we can stop this new wave of cases from escalating out of control.

“From our previous work in Moray, we know it is possible to control surges without putting in place extra restrictions. In working with us, and continuing to do so, each and every member of the public plays a part in moving us forward.”

Health and social care staff should continue to book PCR tests by [clicking here](#)

National Infection Prevention & Control Manual guidance updates for the COVID-19 amber pathway are effective from today Safe management of care equipment & the care environment Cleaning within all amber pathways should now revert to Standard Infection control Precautions (SICPs):

- General purpose detergent for general cleaning of reusable patient care equipment
 - [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Appendix 7 - Best Practice - Decontamination of reusable non-invasive care equipment \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Combined detergent /chlorine releasing agents for rooms where a patient is known or suspected to have transmissible infection for both general cleaning, and terminal cleaning
 - [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Appendix 7 - Best Practice - Decontamination of reusable non-invasive care equipment \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Blood and bodily fluid contamination continue to be handled as per chapter 9 of NIPCM for all 3 COVID-19 pathways (Red, Amber & Green)
 - <https://www.nipcm.scot.nhs.uk/appendices/appendix-9-best-practice-management-of-blood-and-body-fluid-spillages>
- The Domestic Service are aware, that all clinical inpatient areas, including bedrooms, rest, treatment spaces, and touch surface cleaning should now revert to daily as per NHS Scotland National Cleaning Specification and staff rest areas will also have a daily domestic clean

- Safer workplace measures for COVID-19 will remain in situ, including cleaning of shared equipment, e.g. phones, computers, microwaves, desks etc

Safe management of linen and waste

All linen and waste will revert to Standard Infection Control Precautions (SICPs), and only be handled as infectious where patients are known or suspected to have transmissible infection.

NHS Grampian Staff Guidance For The Use Of Once Daily Intravenous Gentamicin Dosing In Adults (Hartford Guidance) The NHS Grampian Staff Guidance For The Use Of Once Daily Intravenous Gentamicin Dosing In Adults (Hartford Guidance) has been updated and is available here: [NHS Grampian Staff Guidance for the Use of Once Daily Intravenous Gentamicin Dosing in Adults \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://scot.nhs.uk)

Gentamicin is a high-risk antimicrobial and it is essential that all staff involved in the prescription and administration of Gentamicin in adult patients are familiar with this guidance.

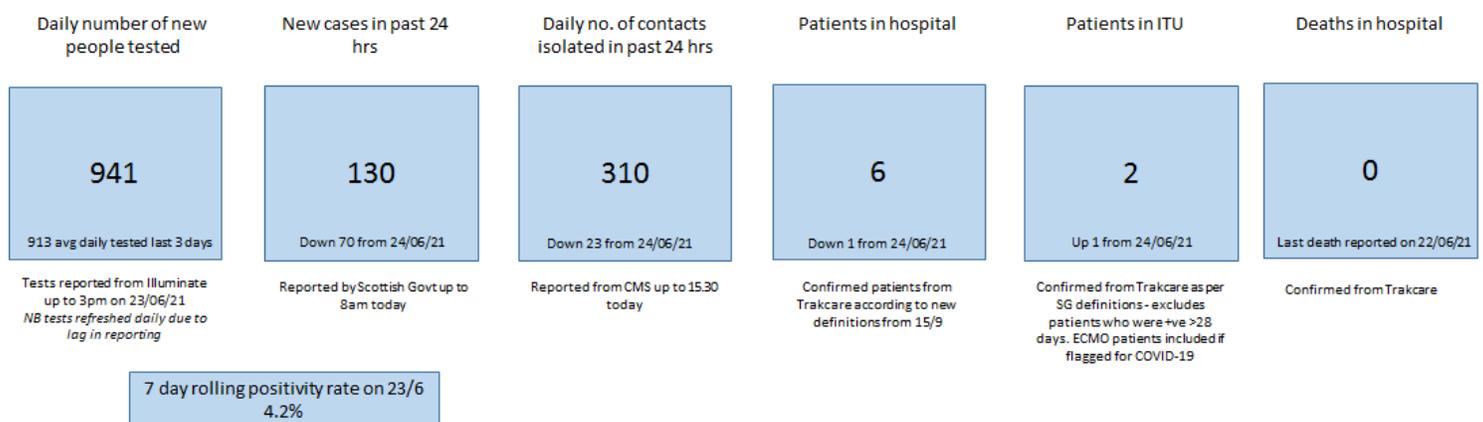
Antimicrobial Stewardship remains an important priority in NHS Grampian and our wider range of guidelines can be found at [Antimicrobial guidance \(nhsgrampian.org\)](https://nhsgrampian.org).

For any questions please contact the Antimicrobial Pharmacists at gram.antibioticpharmacists@nhs.scot

Thought for the Day And finally for the week, as we consider what is ahead – things are tough but we have experience of turning things around (think about Moray just a few weeks ago). We spoke yesterday about the behaviour of the general public, including each of us, having an impact on what we face in the coming week and the signs from the numbers coming forward for testing is that they are still working with us on this. In other news, Scotland’s exit from the Euros is disappointing after an amazing effort last week. Perhaps you are still cheering on other teams left in the competition or your attention is diverted to other activities. Whatever it is, please participate safely. The summer and autumn is in our hands – please look after it well.

Grampian data Here is the daily local update, including the 7-day rolling positivity rate. 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.

The figure for the “daily number of new people tested” is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously.



A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](https://publichealth.scot.nhs.uk).

PPE 3 week look ahead:

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

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
June 21, 2021	272,982	252,889	12,080	5,164	40,294	993,356	2,043,768
June 28, 2021	275,104	255,053	12,121	5,558	40,589	993,356	2,043,768
July 5, 2021	277,225	257,218	12,161	5,951	40,883	993,356	2,043,768
July 12, 2021	279,347	259,382	12,202	6,345	41,177	993,356	2,043,768

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

Get in touch! If you've got a question, an item to share with people working in health & social care, or just want to suggest a tune of the day, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot.