

Here is the brief for Monday January 10 2022.

Staff testing This is a gentle reminder that staff working in health and social care settings do not follow the new guidelines for testing for the general public but **must** follow the specific policy as set out for health and social care staff. There needs to be additional safeguards in place for staff in health and social care settings to protect the people we care for, who are often more vulnerable and of higher risk of COVID-19 infection. The full policy can be accessed in the following link [click here](#) but the main points to note are:

- All staff with Covid-19 symptoms should book a PCR test through staff testing portal, [click here](#) unless they have already had a positive LFD through asymptomatic daily testing.
- Staff are encouraged to continue participation in daily LFD asymptomatic testing including recording results on the portal. If you test positive on LFD – there is **no longer** a requirement for a confirmatory PCR but you **must** log your result.
- In line with guidance to the general population staff working in health and social care who are Covid-19 positive can return to work from day 7 onwards, if specific criteria is met but must not work with vulnerable people until after day 10.
- The criteria is two negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart (day 6 and day 7), and you do not have a fever for 48 hours (a temperature of 38 degrees or above). If you test positive on day 6 but negative on day 7 and 8 you can return to work from day 8. Once back at work you are encouraged to continue with standard daily LFD testing on working days.
- If you are a contact of a positive Covid-19 case then you require a negative PCR before you return to the workplace during the following 10 day period and should also be fully vaccinated including a booster 14 days prior to exposure; you should not have any symptoms or isolating as a covid-19 case and undertake and record daily negative LFDs.
- Staff who **are** contacts of a positive Covid-19 case, **and** who are not fully vaccinated must have a PCR test and isolate for 10 days.

If you are in doubt of what you must do please contact your line manager in the first instance.

Message from our healthcare chaplains Healthcare Chaplains continue to be around to **support staff** during these ongoing challenging and, for many, exhausting days. We are here to meet one-to-one, face-to-face or on the telephone or Teams.

We also provide a 24/7 on-call cover for support for patients, staff and relatives in matters that cannot wait until the next working day. To contact one of the chaplains, call the main office on **53316**. Out with normal working hours (08.30 -16.30, Monday to Friday) please call the main switchboard and ask for the On Call chaplain to be paged.

The main hospital sites all have a chapel or sanctuary which staff are welcome to come to, to be still, take time out and recharge. If you do need support, please do get in touch. Likewise, if you feel someone you know needs support, then encourage them to get in touch also. We're here for you.

Grampian data Here is the local Grampian data update since Saturday.

	Daily number of new people tested (PCR)	New cases in past 24 hrs	Daily no. of contacts isolated in past 24 hrs	Patients in hospital	Patients in ITU	Deaths in hospital
Sat 8/1	1367	1132	231	71	5	0
Sun 9/1	655	754	272	71	8	1 <small>Last recorded death 25/12/21</small>
Mon 10/1	1074 <small>1032 avg daily tested last 3 days</small>	1377 <small>Up 623 from 9/1/22</small>	256 <small>Down 16 from 8/1/22</small>	79 <small>Up 8 from 9/1/22</small>	10 <small>Up 2 from 9/1/22</small>	0 <small>Last recorded death 9/1/22</small>
	<small>Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 7/1/22 NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting</small>	<small>Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today</small>	<small>Reported from CMS up to midnight</small>	<small>Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9</small>	<small>Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - Includes patients who were +ve >28 days. ECMO patients included if flagged for COVID-19</small>	
	7 day rolling positivity rate on 7/1/22 25.90%					

A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

Open University Pre-Registration Nursing Programme 2022 Are you a Healthcare Support Worker considering a move into nursing? If so, the Open University are hosting two Awareness and Application sessions for their Pre-Registration Nursing Programme. These sessions are open to HCSWs who would like to join the course in October 2022 as well as line managers.

- Session 1: Thursday 13th January 2022 2-3.30pm
- Session 2: Tuesday 25th January 2022 2-3.30pm

To book a place please email: Scotland-nursing-applications-hwsc@open.ac.uk

Further information can be found on the [Practice Education intranet pages](#) (on NHS devices only).

The Staff Equalities Network The Staff Equalities Network would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has attended meetings and contributed to activities during 2021.

The Network was formed in April 21 and was commissioned by Tom Power, Director of People and Culture to facilitate development in areas of equality and inclusion.

You can find out more about the network, including some of the activities we have done towards achieving our aims here [Staff Equalities Network - 2021 Round up](#)

The Network is also delighted to invite colleagues to mark World Religion Day 2022 by joining one of our special #SpacesForInclusion sessions taking place on **18h January**. To help health and care services improve the experience for all our staff, the Network welcomes interest from a diverse range of colleagues. Find out further information and book your place here [World Religion Day - #SpacesForInclusion](#)

If you would like to know more about the Staff Equalities Network you can visit our website at [Staff Equalities Network Website](#), or if you would like to join our next meeting on **Wednesday 19th January @ 2pm**, please email gram.staffequalities@nhs.scot

Tune of the day For today's song we turn to the late, great David Bowie and [Let's Dance](#). The musical maestro passed away on this day in 2016. Domestic supervisor Tracey McLuckie said: "This is a great tune with a great get up and get moving vibe."

We're always on the look out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.