

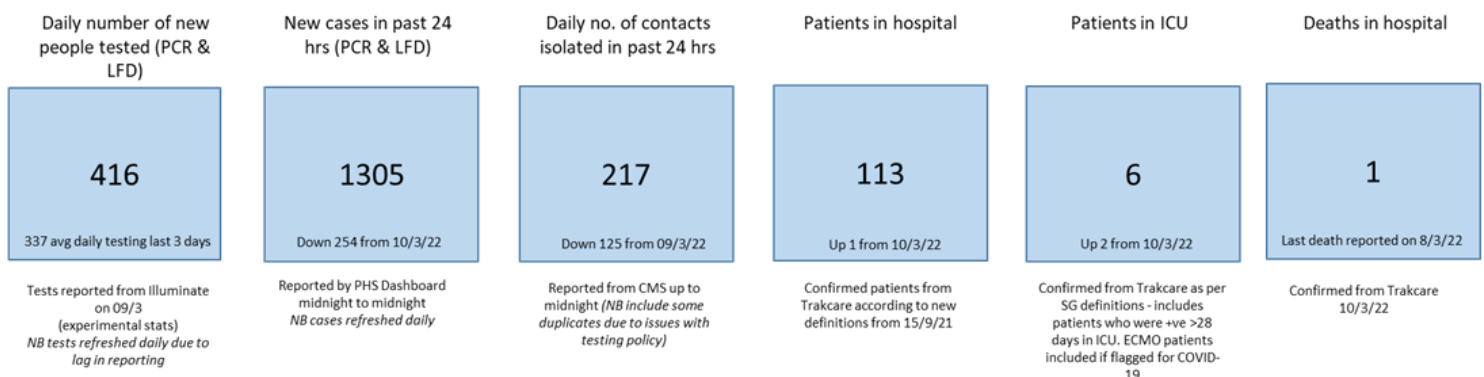
Here is the brief for Friday 11 March 2022.

System Update This has been another challenging week according to the data and borne out by daily reports from operational staff working to keep care flowing across the system. Occupancy across almost all hospitals continues to operate at extremely high levels.

The number of beds available across the whole system is unchanged this week, but there are increasing trends in activity for medical non-elective and elective surgery. Covid continues to disrupt with cases increasing in the community by 30% over the past 7 days.

New admissions to hospital for covid and inpatient clusters means we had 113 patients in Grampian hospitals this morning compared to 135 at the highest ever peak on January 15, 2022. Despite the signs of spring, winter is not through with us yet.

Grampian data The local report is shown below. A complete national report, including the option to view cases at a neighbourhood level, [is available via the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).



Royal College of Nursing (RCN) – 2022 awards Nominations are open for the 2022 RCN awards. There are 14 categories, covering all aspects of nursing. You can nominate yourself/your team or make nominations on behalf of others, and you don't necessarily need to be a member of the RCN to participate. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the excellent and innovative nursing taking place across Grampian. [All the information you need on categories and nominating is on the RCN website.](#)

NMAHP Welcome Morning New graduate nurses, midwives and allied health professionals are invited to attend the NMAHP Welcome Morning on April 21 between 0830-1315. The session allows new graduates to meet some of the senior leadership team whilst finding out more about NHS Grampian support services and the Flying Start Programme. The event takes place on via MS Teams and you can book your place on TURAS by searching for 'NMAHP Welcome' or using the following [link](#). If you have any additional queries please get in touch with your local education teams, line manager or email gram.practiceeducation@nhs.scot

Physical Distancing Some of the lift signage on ARI site has been replaced and updated. Just to clarify, there is no new guidance regards physical distancing. (Physical distancing remains 2m in clinical areas/ 1m in non-clinical areas) This is to bring the signage in line with the Winter Respiratory guidance already in place since November 2021. If anyone has any queries please contact Safer Workplaces at gram.saferworkplaces@nhs.scot

Foresterhill Staff Garden The ribbon was formally cut on the Staff Garden at Foresterhill earlier this week, after the garden opened just before Christmas. The garden can be accessed from the main corridor in ARI (near the Medical Lecture Theatre) or from the corridor leading to the Board room. Everyone is encouraged to step away from the work environment, during breaks, to enjoy the fresh air in this new green space. The garden was supported by numerous charity fundraisers, and by The NHS Grampian Endowment Fund. Pictured below are James Falconer (former healthcare chaplain and driving force behind the project), and Lisa Duthie and Sheena Lonchay (both from the Endowment Fund) The email address for information about the garden or to discuss future fundraising ideas is: gram.staffgardenproject@nhs.scot



GHAT Trustees Appeal Grampian Hospitals Art Trust (GHAT) is currently seeking new Trustees and in particular, a chairman designate to take over the role at the end of the year. The details can be found at <https://www.ghat-art.org.uk/grampian-hospitals-art-trust-is-recruiting-a-chair-designate-and-new-trustees/>

Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that on this day in 1978 the late Meat Loaf began a 416-week run on the UK album chart with his album Bat Out Of Hell. So taken from that album, here's [All Revved Up with No Place to Go](#)

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