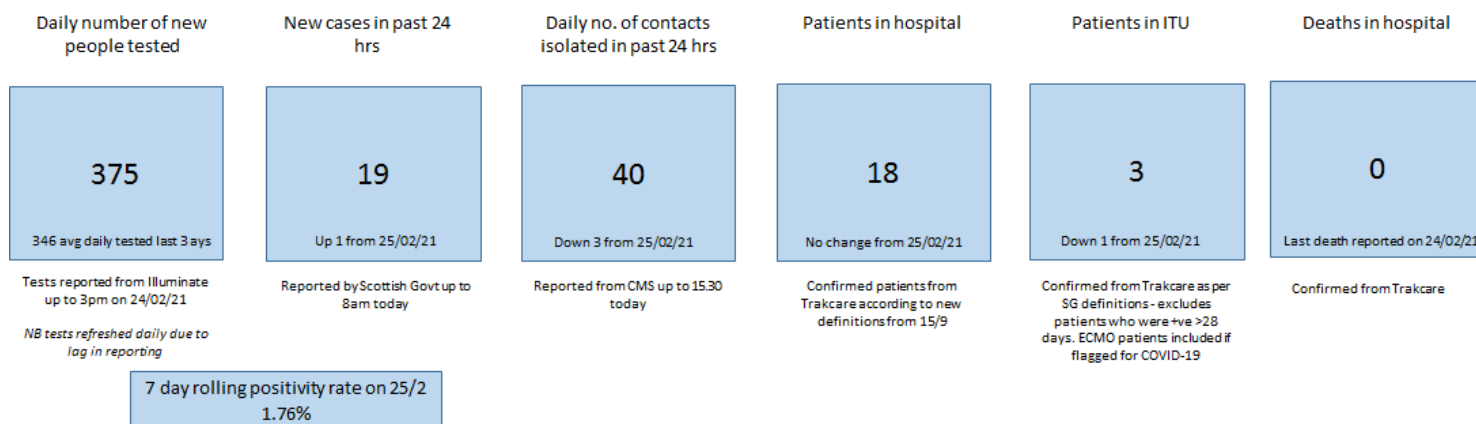


Here is the brief for Friday 26 February 2021.

Grampian data The local figures for today and the 7 day rolling positivity rate are shown below. 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, whereas the figures we show here only record new tests.



Where have all the vaccine avoiders gone? We sometimes hear about the people who don't want to accept the COVID-19 vaccine, but the reality is that the uptake of this vaccine has so far been really high. The older age groups vaccinated first were very enthusiastic about getting the vaccine, and the huge majority of those caring for vulnerable people, like health and care home staff have already received their first dose, with an increasing number now having had the second dose. The feedback that we have had from members of the public has all been very positive. Here is just one example (we have shared many more on our social media accounts):

"I would like to say a very big thank you so very much to you and all your colleagues who are making it so possible and easy for us to receive the COVID vaccination. All the staff were so very kind and thoughtful and everything went just so well"

So having the vaccine has become the normal thing to do – a huge thank you to everyone in the programme team and everyone working in all clinics. Your hard work is not going unnoticed.

NHS Scotland event – poster competition The NHS Scotland event this year will be a virtual one, running 22-24 June 2021, but offering all the usual sessions. More information about the event, including registration details, is available [here](#). The poster competition will again be a key part of the event, but for the first time all abstracts submitted will be turned into ePosters. The poster guide is available at the link above, please take the time to read it carefully. The Corporate Communications team provide support and feedback on abstracts and the Corporate Graphics team will manage design. We always get a great range of abstract submissions, reflecting the brilliant work taking place right across Grampian. If you are interested in submitting an abstract, please contact gram.conference@nhs.scot The team will endeavour to respond as quickly as they can and ask for your patience while they deal with submissions.

Move of LearnBloodTransfusion (LBT) Training from LearnPro to Turas As some of you may already be aware, Learnpro will no longer be available to NHS Grampian staff from the 31 March 2021. Learnbloodtransfusion (LBT) training that is currently accessed by staff on Learnpro will become available on Turas Learn from the 1 April 2021. More information on this is available [here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only)

PPE 3 week look ahead All stocks looking healthy for the coming weeks:

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

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
February 22, 20..	116,328	386,001	13,039	16,326	114,008	1,072,828	1,889,025
March 1, 2021	115,339	385,649	13,031	16,985	114,729	1,072,828	1,889,025
March 8, 2021	114,351	385,297	13,023	17,645	115,451	1,072,828	1,889,025
March 15, 2021	113,363	384,944	13,015	18,304	116,173	1,072,828	1,889,025

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

Orange Award This week's award winner will have to remain a mystery, as their prize-giving has still to take place and we would hate to spoil the surprise. Nominating a colleague (or colleagues!) for an Orange Award is really straightforward – just click [here](#) or drop an email with their details and why they're worthy of an award to gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot

Thought for the day I sincerely hope the weather with you has been as lovely as it has been in Aberdeen today...strange to think just a few weeks ago we were battling heavy snow, when today there has been blue sky and sunshine! The forecast looks good for the weekend, so while we may not be able to go far from home, we can at least enjoy the sun on our face. Whether you're at work or at play, stay safe and take care.

And finally, The Gallery... Before we hit this week's submissions, we'd like to offer a theme to guide you for next week – hobbies. What are your favourite pursuits away from work? Even if you're not able to do it right now, could you share a photo that sums up your hobby? Emails to the usual address (below)

First up this week is Chaz Anyanwu (Information Governance) who was inspired to write a short poem after taking this picture near their home in Turriff:

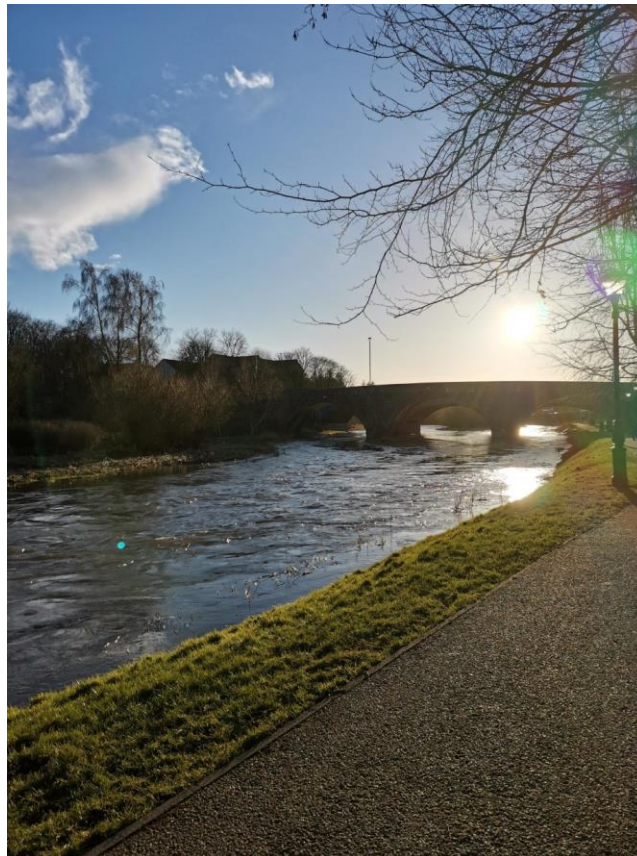


The sun may set,
 But it lights the sky.
 Clouds may linger,
 Way up high,
 But as the night falls,
 Stars will appear.
 There's nothing to worry,
 And nothing to fear.

We agree with Gillian Douglas (Healthcare Chaplain); it will be a while before anyone uses this bench near (in?) The Don at Inverurie:



The Ythan was in full flow in Ellon, as captured by Karen Stewart (Interim Lead Educator, Practice Education Team):



Questions to ask? Information to share? If you have particular questions – or are aware of questions coming from friends and family – please share them with us. We may not be able to answer every question and it may take us time to get a proper answer, but we will endeavour to respond and share the answers. You can get in touch with us via gram.communications@nhs.scot. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.