

COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Monday 4 April 2022.

De-escalation of some COVID-19 infection prevention & control measures As highlighted on Friday, the National Infection Prevention & Control Manual has been updated to take account of changes to the current guidance. Work is ongoing to implement this locally, particularly with regard to patient testing, and we will have more information on this during the week. However, we should all note the following:

- The requirement to physically distance in health and care settings has been removed; it will take some time to update or remove signage and we should all be respectful of colleagues who wish to continue with physical distancing.
- Bed and/or treatment chair spacing requirements remain in place.
- Guidance on car sharing is discontinued.
- The National Infection Prevention & Control Manual has been clear that extended use of fluid repellent surgical masks must continue.

Grampian data The local report is shown below. [The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard can be viewed here](#)

	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 2/4	609	114	191	2	1
Sun 3/4	458	69	188	1	1
Mon 4/4	495 <small>Up 37 from 3/4/22</small>	75 <small>Up 6 from 2/4/22</small>	192 <small>Up 4 from 3/4/22</small>	2 <small>Up 1 from 3/4/22</small>	1
	<small>Reported by PHS Dashboard.</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>	<small>Confirmed from Trakcare</small>

Information about the NHS Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS) If you – or someone you know - have recently been raped or sexually assaulted, it's understandable if you don't know what to do or where to turn. SARCS is a dedicated NHS service which can offer healthcare and support in the days after an assault if you are not ready to tell the police or are unsure.

What options are available?

- Police report - If you have been raped or sexually assaulted, you can report it to the police at any time, in an emergency situation dial 999, non-emergencies dial 101, or visit the Police Scotland website www.scotland.police.uk
- Self-referral to a SARCS - If you have been raped or sexually assaulted within the last 7 days and do not want to tell the police or are unsure about telling them now - you can self-refer to a SARCS. This means you don't need a GP or other healthcare professional to refer you to a SARCS - you can do this yourself. You can phone a dedicated NHS telephone number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and speak to a specially trained healthcare professional who can help to arrange the care you might need.

You can find more information about how to self-refer to a SARCS and the telephone number to call on [the NHS Inform website](#).

Pensions update We are now into a new financial year and we have a number of pension updates to share. There will be a different update each day, with a final round-up of what we've covered in Friday's brief.

- **Employee Contribution pay Bandings 1 April 2012**

Each financial year the bandings of pensionable earnings are adjusted in line with the NHS Scotland pay uplift. The table below provides the bandings and the appropriate contribution percentage rates applicable from 1 April 2012. It is important to note that the contribution percentage rates have not changed.

Pensionable earnings band on 2021/22	Contribution percentage rate from 1 April 2022
Up to £21,614	5.2%
£21,615 - £25,981	5.8%
£25,982 - £32,914	7.3%
£32,915 - £66,017	9.5%
£66,018 - £92,423	12.7%
£92,424 - £123,147	13.7%
£123,148 and above	14.7%

Please note the contribution rate to be applied is based on the scheme member's whole time/whole year equivalent pension earnings. For more information please see [NHS Circular 2022-04 Employee contribution tiers from 1 April 2022 v2.pdf \(pensions.gov.scot\)](#)

One Drive Migration As previously shared, the migration of data files from server fileshares (e.g., Shared drives, My Documents) to 365 SharePoint Online is underway. More information can be found on the Grampian Microsoft 365 site: [Data Migration \(sharepoint.com\)](#) **From April 22– June 22** we will be **migrating home drives (my documents) to OneDrive**. Migrations will be done in batches over the 3-month period. Direct emails will be sent to individuals 2 weeks in advance of their migration.

- What Do You Need To Do?

Like your home drive/my documents, all files in your OneDrive will be private to you. **No files will be read or opened as part of the migration process.** All files in your home drive will be migrated to your OneDrive location. As with any type of move, it's always a good opportunity to clear out any redundant files ahead of the move. Over the coming weeks you will be notified by email of when you are planned to be migrated. The email will communicate any actions you need to take, what will happen on migration and how you will access your files in the new OneDrive location.

If you have questions, visit the [GRAM DIGITAL CHAMPIONS](#) Team and post any queries in the Questions Channel. You can join the Champions Team using Teams code **bbduv5**

CGD now MVC... Those of you who regularly use the Corporate Graphic Design (CGD) department may be interested to learn that, due to increasing demand and the launch of exciting new services, it is undergoing a process of change - starting with its name! Marketing & Visual Communications (or MVC for short) will replace the old CGD name from today (4 April) and marks the first step towards an integrated Marketing & Corporate Communications directorate combining intelligent design and visual communications solutions as well as access to audience channels that help communicate our messages. We look forward to sharing further changes with you over the coming months, as MVC introduces new solutions, marketing channels and service improvements to support NHS Grampian.

Corporate Games 2022 The Corporate Games are back for 2022 and NHS Grampian will be taking part once again. There will be more information to come, for now check out the [My Healthy Workplace](#) website and email gram.sports@nhs.scot if you have questions or wish to register for an event.

Royal visit to Inverurie Community Maternity Unit We were pleased to welcome HRH The Princess Royal to Inverurie Community Maternity Unit on Saturday (2 April), visiting in her capacity as Patron of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM). Princess Anne met staff, former patients, and toured the unit before unveiling a plaque to mark the visit. Our thanks to the RCM for offering us this opportunity and to all the team in Inverurie for their hard work in making Saturday such a success!



Tune of the day It was announced today that Eastenders stalwart June Brown has died at the age of 95. Starring in 2,884 episodes of the soap, she gave everything from high comedy to intense drama, especially when it came to the death of her dear friend Ethel. She also became the first UK soap star to have an episode entirely to herself in 2008, performing a monologue about her on-screen husband's stroke. Lady Gaga's [Always Remember Us This Way](#) is our tune of the day, not least because the two women forged a friendship after appearing on a chat show together.

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