

Here is the brief for Tuesday 20 July 2021.

**COVID-19 vaccination programme – those approaching 18** Vaccination is already being offered to young people whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays are up to 31 July 2021. This window is now being extended to those whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls between 1 August and 31 October 2021.

If you (or someone you know) has their 18th birthday during this three-month period, there are two options:

- Come to one of our drop-in clinics. All our fixed clinics - P&J Live, Fiona Elcock Vaccination Centre (Elgin), Inverurie, Stonehaven, Banchory, Huntly, Peterhead, Fraserburgh, and Macduff - are open for drop-ins. Aberdeen and Elgin are open 7 days a week, Aberdeenshire clinics operate Mon-Fri. In addition, we are running various community clinics, details available here <https://www.nhsgrampian.org/covid-19-vaccination-clinics>
- Register online at [www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments/registering-for-a-coronavirus-vaccine](http://www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments/registering-for-a-coronavirus-vaccine) for a vaccination appointment at a time and place to suit and to receive an invitation via SMS text message.

If the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls after 31 October, appointment invitations will be updated to include those turning 18 in each subsequent month.

**JCVI advice on vaccinating people under 18 years** The JCVI has advised that children at increased risk of serious COVID-19 disease are offered the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. That includes children aged 12 to 15 with severe neurodisabilities, Down's syndrome, immunosuppression, and multiple or severe learning disabilities.

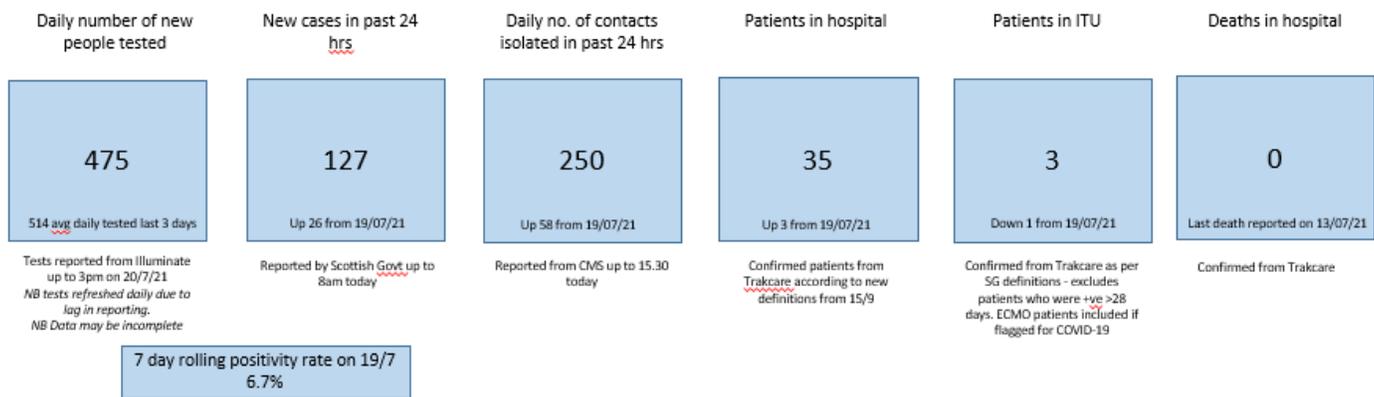
They have also recommended children and young people aged 12 to 17 who live with an immunosuppressed person should be offered the vaccine. This is to indirectly protect their immunosuppressed household contacts, who are at higher risk of serious disease from COVID-19 and may not generate a full immune response to vaccination.

Under existing advice, young people aged 16 to 17 with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious COVID-19 should have already been offered vaccination.

**The JCVI is not currently advising routine vaccination of children outside of these groups, based on the current evidence.**

Work is underway to deliver these recommendations across Scotland in the forthcoming weeks.

**Grampian data** The local update for today, including the 7-day rolling positivity rate is 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. 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](#).



**Calling all clinical researchers** Do you need GCP training? Until the Research & Development team are able to offer face to face training locally the following courses are available:

- NIHR offer online training for:
  - Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
  - Good Clinical Practice (GCP) update.

For further information and details of how to register, please email the Research and Development (R&D) team on; [gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot).

- Glasgow Clinical Research Facility are delivering free virtual face-to-face training for:
  - Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
  - Good Clinical Practice (GCP) update.

These courses are available on several dates until the end of 2021 and recommended for those who are new to research or prefer face-to-face training. Please visit the R&D website for the link to book on the course directly: [Training and Events - NHS Grampian Research and Development \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/Training-and-Events)

**NOTE: Certificates for the above courses must be emailed to the R&D training department, for recording, using the email address above.**

We hope to recommence some face-to-face research based training later in the year or early 2022. This will be advertised via email, Intranet and the R&D website.

**Tune of the day** I never need an excuse to play some Elton John, but since today a second (stupendously) wealthy man took a trip into space (for what I am sure are very good reasons) we'll finish up with [Rocketman](#).

Here's a challenge for you – what are your favourite cover versions? What's the most unusual cover version - that shouldn't work, but does – that you've heard? Get your suggestions in to the usual address!

**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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot).