

Here is the brief for Monday 28 March 2022.

ASK CAROLINE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE STAFF QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION



[In the 5th "Ask Caroline" staff Q&A](#), Chief Executive Caroline Hiscox promises answers on fuel mileage expenses in light of higher petrol prices and on the 3,500 yearly mileage cap.

Among other topics tackled, Caroline also addresses concerns about CCTV in staff car parks and the importance of making sure people can finish on time and are able to take their breaks.

As always, we know lots of you may only have time to watch the sections that are most relevant to you, so the timestamped question links are listed below.

If your question wasn't asked this time around, please be assured it will be held over for the next Q&A session. If you have a new question to ask, or some feedback to provide, please drop us a line at gram.communications@nhs.scot – remember to state if you want your question asked anonymously or not.

[00:30](#) Chief Executive at the "coal face", working from home and getting out and about to speak to colleagues directly

[04:18](#) Common issues being raised with Caroline by people

[07:15](#) Linda Stewart, Community Midwifery Manager + other anon colleagues ask if there are any discussions ongoing to increase the current travel allowance per mile as a result of the fuel hike

[09:29](#) Community Mental Health Nursing Teams/Joanna Taylor, Community Children's Nurse Team Lead, ask if NHSG will consider scrapping the 3,500 annual mileage expenses cap

[12:07](#) Given the recent spike in Covid cases and the continued pressures in Grampian on health and social care, are there any plans to extend Operation Iris beyond 31st March?

[14:08](#) Ukraine - What support are NHSG going to provide to staff who take in refugee women and children to their homes?

[16:34](#) Breaks, finishing on time and meaningful change for colleagues in NHSG. What's being done?

[22:34](#) Extra CCTV for staff car parking areas?

[25:23](#) Cancer outpatient appointments and issues with people being able to bring someone with them for support.

Finally, one of the topics previously covered in 'Ask Caroline' was the availability of hot food. Chilled vending machines are now providing meals and soups 24hrs across some of our Aberdeen sites. The machines are located in the AMH staff rest area, the Emergency Care Centre's main seating area, Royal

Cornhill Hospital's staff rest area and in Woodend at the staff social space in the general block. A similar machine will be up and running at Dr Gray's in the coming weeks. There is also a vegan/vegetarian snack machine in place at ARI in the Yellow Zone, Level 1, close to the lifts.

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 26/3	967	123	177	1	3 <small>25/3/22 & 26/3/22</small>
Sun 27/3	792	113	183	1	0
Mon 28/3	775 <small>Down 17 from 27/3/22</small>	172 <small>Up 59 from 26/3/22</small>	183 <small>No change from 27/3/22</small>	2 <small>Up 1 from 27/3/22</small>	1 <small>Last death 28/3/22</small>
	<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>

Aberdeen City Vaccination Centre From next Monday (4 April), the Aberdeen City Vaccination Centre will move to 6-day working. The final Sunday clinic will take place on Sunday 3 April.

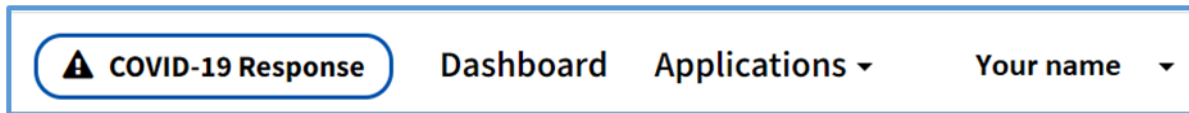
Gluten-free accreditation NHS Grampian has received Gluten-Free accreditation from Coeliac UK for a third year in a row. We are the only hospital catering service in Scotland to have this accreditation; in fact, one of only two to have it across the UK. The award shows our commitment to the preparation and service of food which meets the needs and expectations of those with coeliac disease and/or following a gluten free diet. Huge congratulations to the catering team!

Upcoming change to Turas dashboard From Thursday (1 April), the Dashboard on the Turas platform will be changing its name to 'My Turas'. From this date, when logging into the website <https://turasdashboard.nes.nhs.scot> for the first time, the message below will appear advising of the name change.

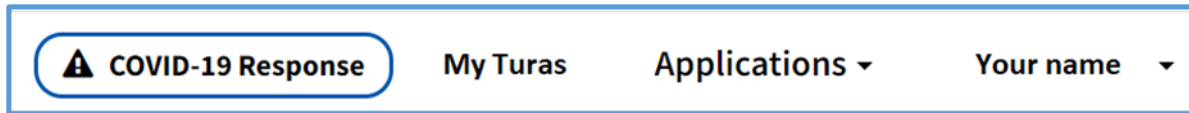


When logging into another specific Turas application (such as [Turas Learn](#)), on the top navigation line, the word 'Dashboard' will be replaced with 'My Turas'.

Current view:



From 1 April:



Pause for thought Be it at work or at home, whatever we are engaged with, seeing our strengths helps us build on the positive and keeps us from becoming experts on our weaknesses. It helps us build our aspirations for the future rather than spending all our time on fixing what's not working so well. What are your strengths and which specific ones might you choose to develop further over the next few months?

These opportunities for reflection come from the Guided Journaling team. These sessions are offered as part of the We Care programme; they will be taking a short break, returning on Thursday 7 April.

Tune of the day With the sad news at the weekend that Taylor Hawkins had died at just 50 years of age, we had to have a Foo Fighters song today. You could argue for just about any track of theirs; I've gone for [The Pretender](#). The insistent drum line showcases Taylor's amazing talent, which is no mean feat when you consider the man on mic is arguably the greatest rock drummer of our generation.

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