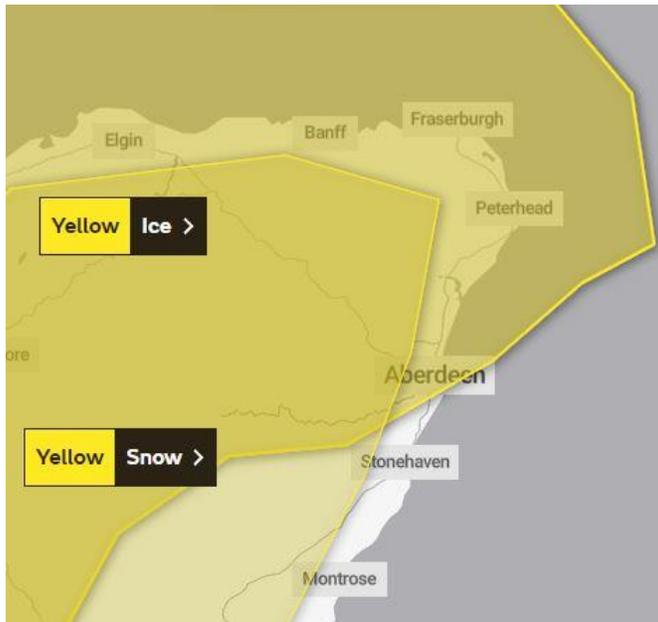


Here is the brief for Friday 18 February 2022.

**Weather warning update** First and most importantly take care travelling home or to work this evening – Traffic Scotland and Police Scotland are reporting some very challenging conditions across the region.

A Yellow warning for snow remains in place until 6pm with a yellow warning for ice now in place from 6pm today until 9am tomorrow (areas shown in image).



A new yellow weather warning for wind has been put in place from noon on Sunday until noon on Monday covering part of south-west Grampian.

The Met Office said: “Winds could gust to 50 to 60 mph inland, and between 70 and 80 mph for a time on the mountains and exposed coasts, with large waves expected as well.

“The strong winds will be accompanied by heavy, frequent and increasingly wintry showers with blizzard conditions expected in the mountains, before conditions ease later on Monday.”

Forecasters have warned there is a slight chance of damage to buildings, a small chance of injury and danger to life and a possible impact on travel.

**National Adult Support and Protection Day** This will take place on Sunday, February 20. The annual day is a reminder to act on any concerns about vulnerable adults who you suspect may be at risk from harm, neglect or exploitation.

A video recorded by Kenny O'Brien, adult public protection lead, ahead of Sunday can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

A further article from Kenny will feature on Monday.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact [kenneth.obrien2@nhs.scot](mailto:kenneth.obrien2@nhs.scot) or [gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot)

**Grampian Situation Update** The latest Covid-19 situation update, presented by Corri Black, can be viewed by [clicking here](#)

**JCVI statement on vaccination of children aged 5-11 years old** Earlier this week we noted the Scottish Government’s decision to start to vaccinate youngsters in this age group against Covid-19. Since then the JCVI has issued a statement.

It said: “JCVI advises a non-urgent offer of two 10 mcg doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty®) to children aged 5 to 11 years of age who are not in a clinical risk group. The 2 doses should be offered with an interval of at least 12 weeks between doses.

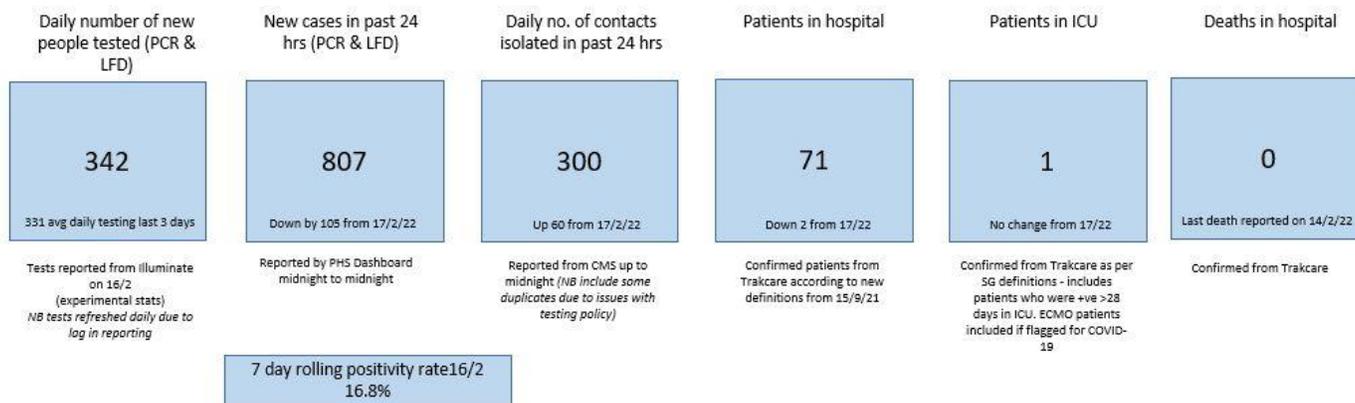
“The intention of this offer is to increase the immunity of vaccinated individuals against severe COVID-19 in advance of a potential future wave of COVID-19.”

The JCVI said while most children experience asymptomatic or mild disease the vaccination would “prevent a small number of hospitalisations and intensive care admissions in this population” and that “the committee agreed that the potential health benefits of vaccination are greater than the potential health risks”.

The full statement can be read by [clicking here](#).

We will bring you more news on the local rollout in the coming days.

**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](#).



## Cavell Star Award Health Protection Specialist Nurses Helen Corrigan and Fiona

Browning have received a Cavell Star Award.



They were nominated by, clinical lead nurse for COVID-19 vaccination programme, Katrina Morrison.

She said: “I nominated them as they have been outstanding since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. They have compiled local guidance and services for staff and the public with the aim of protecting, reducing risk and supporting all in Grampian.

“Between them they set up the Patient/Staff Testing Services, the Contact Tracing Team, the Covid Call Centre, they commenced daily supportive calls to Care Homes and offer ongoing support to Education.

“The Health Protection team has significantly grown; however, this has not altered their passion and dedication. NHS

Grampian is lucky to have such knowledgeable and dedicated members of staff.”

**Tune of the day** Today we turn to Aimi Stewart, who is clearly keen for us all to get our cowboy boots out for the Coronary Care Nurses in 106A. Aimi has asked for Billy Ray Cyrus’ [Achy Breaky Heart](#).

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