



Update for key stakeholders

28 January 2022

Covid figures

We had 1,349 new cases in the seven days to 22 January. The infection rate is 420.4/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 426.1/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 415.4/100,000 in North Highland.

We have 26 patients in hospital with COVID-19, including 2 in ITU.

There have been 259 recorded deaths of people with COVID in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic. This represents an increase of 2 in the last 7 days.

Moray Maternity Review

Following publication of the Moray Report, our Chief Officer and Deputy Medical Director for acute services met with maternity and paediatric clinicians to hear their feedback on the report. A further series of meetings is planned and input from the maternity team at Raigmore will help set the direction and inform next steps, as we work together to deliver the recommendations within the report, should this recommendation be endorsed by Scottish Government.

It is important to note that the option recommended in the report, of increasing use of Raigmore by women living in Moray, would require significant time and resourcing to develop the increased team and improved environment to deliver these services in Inverness.

PICT Team

The Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma (PICT) team is a valued part of NHS Highland's acute care provision.

Plans for the delivery of acute care across NHS Highland are under continual review, and pre-hospital care is an important aspect of this. In line with the rest of Scotland, NHS Highland is conducting a review of urgent care delivery, including the funding for the PICT team and all other urgent care services.

We are committed to developing emergency medicine services in collaboration with our colleagues in the Scottish Ambulance Service and other regional and national emergency services, to ensure we continue to provide the best possible care for the people of the Highlands.

Shoremill Care Home

Shoremill Care Home has given 13 weeks contractual notice to NHS Highland that it will cease trading on 18 April 2022.

NHS Highland and Shoremill Care Home are working very closely together to ensure the residents, families and staff are fully informed of the closure programme and a person centred plan is being developed that will ensure that new homes are identified for residents in due course.

There are currently 12 residents in the home.

Liaison Social Workers have been appointed to support the closure programme and residents and families will be fully involved in the transition process.

Feedback

If you have comments or queries please contact nshighland.feedback@nhs.scot