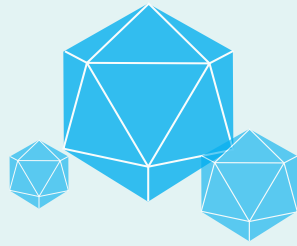


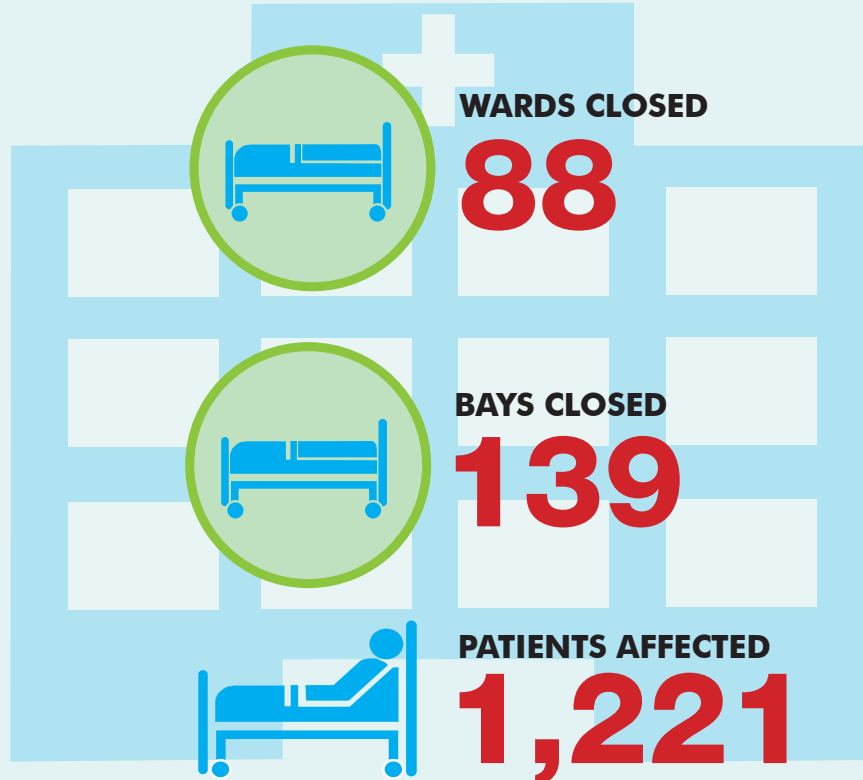
# Norovirus Outbreaks



**NOROVIRUS** SPREADS VERY EASILY AND THERE IS A RISK OF OUTBREAKS IN ANY PLACE WHERE THERE ARE SHARED LIVING SPACES SUCH AS IN HOSPITALS.

THIS MAY LEAD TO CLOSURE OF A BAY OR A WHOLE WARD WITHIN THE HOSPITAL, WITH SUBSEQUENT INCONVENIENCE AND SUFFERING TO PATIENTS.

## HOSPITAL NOROVIRUS CLOSURES AND PATIENTS AFFECTED – 1 OCTOBER 2017 – 9 JULY 2018



If you get **norovirus**, avoid direct contact with others until at least 48 hours after your symptoms have stopped.

Don't spread it. If you get ill, stay at home.  
#NoToNorovirus [www.nhsinform.scot/norovirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/norovirus)



IN 2018 THE 'STAY AT HOME' CAMPAIGN WAS RE-LAUNCHED BY HPS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEALTH SCOTLAND PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF **NOROVIRUS**. IN ADDITION, THIS CAMPAIGN AIMED TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND BURDEN THAT **NOROVIRUS** CREATES ON INDIVIDUALS AND SERVICES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

THE **NOROVIRUS** GUIDANCE FOR CARE HOMES' WAS REVIEWED AND PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 2018, PROVIDING KEY INFORMATION TO ASSIST WITH PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF **NOROVIRUS** OUTBREAKS IN CARE HOMES.

### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND INTERVENTIONS TO CONTROL **NOROVIRUS**



- MONITORING
- ENGAGEMENT WITH BOARDS AND HEALTH SCOTLAND TO CO-ORDINATE CAMPAIGN
- GUIDANCE
- TOOLKIT