

Covid-19 – first community transfer case in Scotland reported

The number of positive cases in Scotland has risen to 36 as of 2pm today. Of those eight are in Lothian.

The Scottish Government reports that one case has been ‘transmitted in the community’. This means they have had no travel history or contact history, and that the source of exposure to the virus is unknown.

Chief Medical Officer Catherine Calderwood explained: “We have identified the first case of community transmission in Scotland which is unrelated to contact or travel. This was identified through our enhanced surveillance scheme.

“It is important to emphasise that we are still in the containment phase. This case was to be expected and highlights the importance of the additional measures we have put in place to identify positive cases beyond self-identification.”

There is public health information [here](#)



Dr Catherine Calderwood the Chief Medical Officer at a media briefing at St Andrew's House on 2 March 2020 PHOTO ©2020 The Edinburgh Reporter