



Findings... hospital

## Carstairs patients' TV & net troubles

By KEN PRATT

PATIENTS at the State Hospital complained they have just one Sky TV box – meaning everyone has to watch the same thing.

A watchdog also found raised concerns over lack of internet access affecting their chances of developing skills required for eventual discharge.

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland called for urgent action following its report into the high-security psychiatric hospital in Carstairs.

It found patients were locked in their rooms for hours at a time as a result of staff shortages caused by the pandemic.

The report also showed a number of patients who had been transferred to Carstairs from prison were being returned to increase bed capacity.

Hospital chiefs say they are actively trying to recruit nursing staff to plug the staffing gap at the Lanarkshire facility.

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## Bug bots fear false

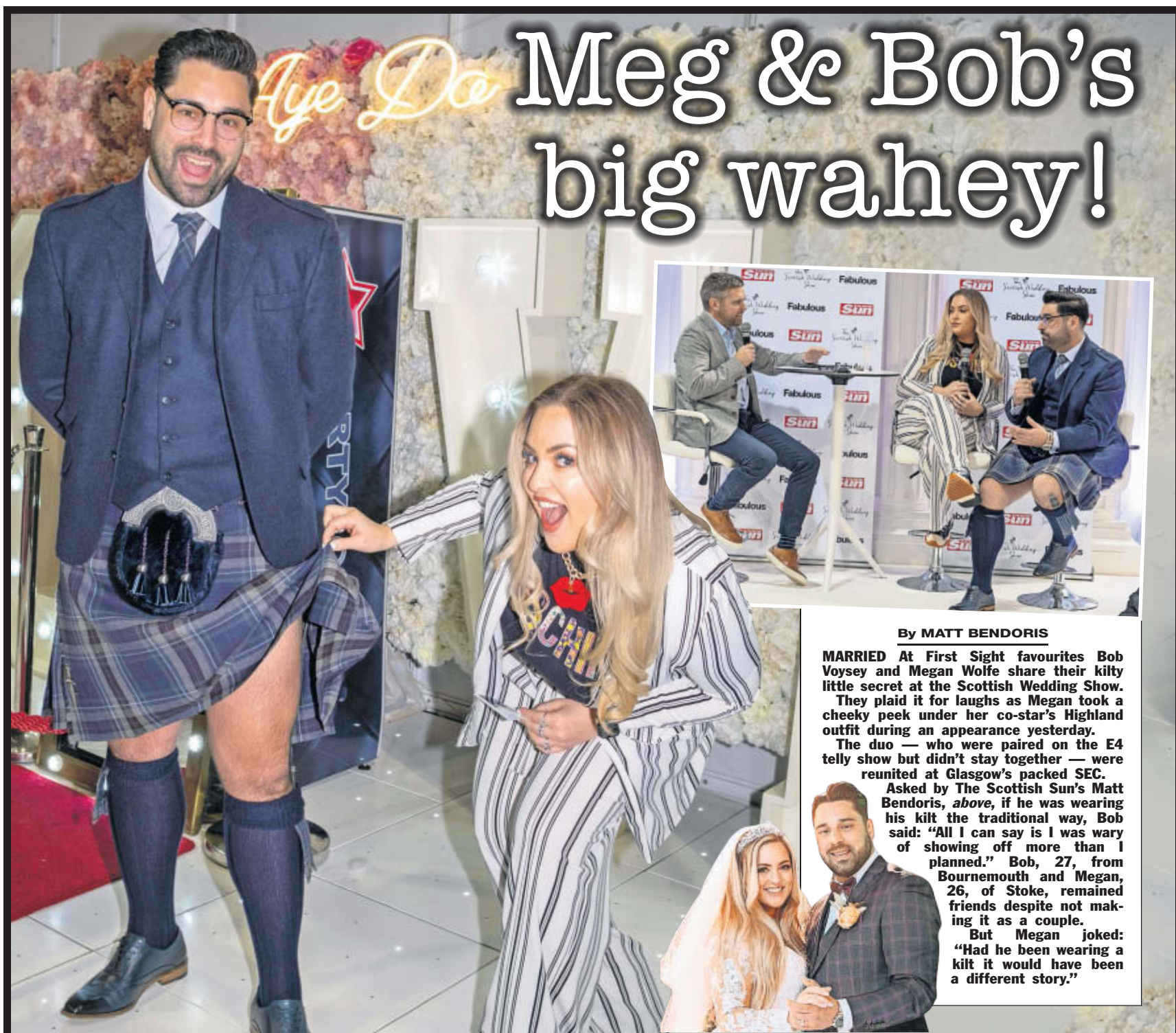
CLAIMS of bots stirring up Covid conspiracy theories are overblown as people take more notice of celebs, a study shows.

Research suggests stars with at least 10,000 Twitter followers are the biggest influencers and a major source of news.

Experts analysed automated messages on issues ranging from vaccines to Brexit to find they had less impact than humans.

Dr Walid Magdy of Edinburgh University said: "Our study suggests that fears of bots spreading harmful messages might be overrated.

"Celebrities have most impact. This may apply to concerns about bots spreading Covid theories."



# Meg & Bob's big wahey!

By MATT BENDORIS

**MARRIED** At First Sight favourites Bob Voysey and Megan Wolfe share their kiltly little secret at the Scottish Wedding Show.

They plaid it for laughs as Megan took a cheeky peek under her co-star's Highland outfit during an appearance yesterday.

The duo — who were paired on the E4 telly show but didn't stay together — were reunited at Glasgow's packed SEC.

Asked by The Scottish Sun's Matt Bendoris, above, if he was wearing his kilt the traditional way, Bob said: "All I can say is I was wary of showing off more than I planned."

Bob, 27, from Bournemouth and Megan, 26, of Stoke, remained friends despite not making it as a couple.

But Megan joked: "Had he been wearing a kilt it would have been a different story."

## HOSPITAL VID CALL SHOCK

# 35YR CANCER CARE CUT OFF IN 20MINS



'Timebomb'... Caroline

EXCLUSIVE  
By CHRIS TAYLOR

**A BRAIN tumour patient fears she will die after experts halted a care plan she's had for 35 years.**

Caroline Macdonald, 40, said a neurosurgeon cancelled her regular scans and check-ups following a 20-minute video call.

But the decision left her terrified any deterioration in her condition may be missed. Caroline, of Elgin, was fitted

## Caroline's death fears

with a shunt to drain brain fluid after a growth was found at the age of nine.

She said: "Someone I have never met has made a decision which will affect what's left of my life. My shunt requires ongoing monitoring to make sure it's doing its job.

"I've started paying up my funeral because I don't know how long I'll have left now. I'm living with a timebomb."

Surgeons first removed a mass from Caroline's brain

when she was five, before finding another benign tumour which is now the size of a 10p piece.

She's made more than 100 trips to hospital over the years to be monitored.

But she said an Aberdeen Royal Infirmary medic scrapped her arrangement during the pandemic, claiming the growth was "stable".

When she asked for a second opinion, she was warned she faced a 30-week wait.

Caroline added: "I'm worried something is going to happen to the shunt. I've had a tear before and it feels the same.

"If it becomes infected, I will be dead by the time I get an appointment."

Caroline, discharged from ongoing care in February 2020, begged health chiefs to reconsider but was told monitoring is not required.

NHS Grampian would not comment on her condition but said: "In cases where shunts fail it'd be detected by a blockage or clinical symptoms. A scan wouldn't identify an impending failure."

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