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Care Experience

[Parliamentary briefing on the care system](#)

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published a subject profile briefing on Scotland's care system for children and young people. The comprehensive briefing offers an overview of policy areas such as The Promise, GIRFEC, various types of care arrangements, residential care, secure care and support for care leavers.

[New listening project for care experienced community](#)

The National Theatre of Scotland has announced a joint listening project, produced in partnership with Who Cares? Scotland and the National Library of Scotland, which is calling upon those with care experience to participate. The project will record the stories of care experienced people to engage with and amplify the voices of the care experienced community. The recordings will then be stored by the National Library of Scotland and will be available to the public.



Early Learning and Childcare

[Concerns raised over proposals to restrict funded ELC](#)

The Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) has raised concerns about proposals by Falkirk Council to reduce the number of families accessing funded early learning and childcare in private nursery settings, instead prioritising council settings. The SCMA has noted the current proposals do not include childminders but have written to the local authority to request clarification about the potential impact of the plan on childminding businesses and local families.

Equalities and Human Rights

[Report on recognising and meeting babies' rights](#)

Together Scotland has launched its Tiny Rights Detectives Report on strengthening the rights of babies in Scotland. Through its Tiny Rights Detectives project, Together Scotland set out to explore how babies experience and communicate their rights, and what prevents these rights from being met. The report highlights how babies express their needs and preferences, yet these signals are often overlooked or misunderstood.

Health

[Interim report finds human error led to Sick Kids delay](#)

An interim report has been published by the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry on the Royal Hospital for Children in Edinburgh, the BBC reports. The report suggests failures in the design brief for the new hospital building led to delays in its opening in 2021. The interim report highlights other issues, including unclear or poor communication with patients and families, which had a significant impact on their wellbeing during an uncertain period.

Justice

[Concern over children held in police custody centres](#)

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland have published an inspection report on three police custody centres in Greater Glasgow. The report provides an analysis of the quality of custody centre operations and the provision of healthcare services, making six recommendations for Police Scotland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. A key finding is on a number of children being held in police cells for an inappropriate length of time after being charged with minor offences.



Mental Health

[Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services waiting times](#)

Public Health Scotland has published official statistics on waiting times for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS). The figures show over 90 per cent of children and young people started treatment within 18 weeks of referral, meeting the Scottish Government standard.

Workforce

[SSSC registration fees to be increased](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has decided to increase their registration fees, with some reductions to the original proposal consulted upon to support the lowest paid parts of the workforce. Provided Scottish Ministers give their approval, the new fee structure will start from 1 April 2025.

[Member reappointed to the Care Inspectorate Board](#)

The Scottish Government's Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd MSP has announced the reappointment of Edward McGrachan as a Member of the Care Inspectorate Board. This reappointment will be for 2 years and will run from 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2027.

[SSSC director appointments](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has announced the appointments of Laura Lamb as Director of Workforce, Education and Standards and Hannah Coleman as Director of Regulation.

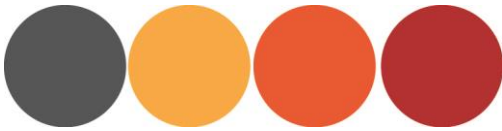
Other

[Care Reform \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has passed the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, which has been renamed the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill as a result of amendments. The Committee agreed to remove Part 1 of the Bill, effectively removing any reference to a National Care Service, and also agreed to provisions on the right to breaks for carers, Anne's Law, independent advocacy and information sharing between health and social care services. The Bill will be further amended and considered at Stage 3, with a date for proceedings to be confirmed.

[Confusion over child benefit payments](#)

Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland has published a report on children's benefits and maximising take-up. The briefing explores how families are missing out on benefits they are entitled to because of confusion about eligibility and draws attention



to myths and misunderstandings concerning the Scottish child payment that many families are raising with advisers.

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We collate items from our parliamentary and Scottish Government monitoring covering health and social care news from throughout the UK, and current research and policy development. We use a variety of sources for the bulletin, including alerts from [Newsdirect](#), [Community Care](#), [Children & Young People Now](#) and [ISD Scotland](#).

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