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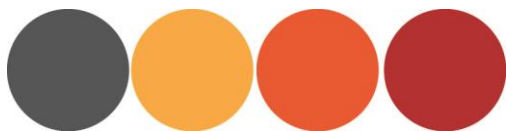
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The Minister for Victims and Community Safety has written to the Scottish Parliament's Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee outlining the implementation of provisions in the Children (Scotland) Act 2020, including confirmation that secondary legislation will be laid in summer 2025 to add child contact services to the list of care services that the Care Inspectorate regulates under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. Once the secondary legislation is in force, this will start a lead-in period of up to 18 months during which time the Care Inspectorate will carry out a range of preparatory work, including recruitment, training, engaging with child contact services, and developing a Quality Framework.



Early Learning and Childcare

[Annual cost of childcare survey](#)

The National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) has reported on the publication of the Coram Childcare Survey 2025, noting that reportedly the cost of childcare is increasing in Wales and Scotland but halved in England. Childcare costs for part-time nursery places for under-twos and two year olds have reportedly risen by 7% in Scotland, and the average full-time place in a nursery for a three- and four-year-old costs £105.88 per week, if they are receiving 30 hours of funded childcare and paying for 20 hours, a 3.7% increase on last year. Availability of the universal 1,140 hour entitlement for three and four year olds, and the targeted 1,140 hour entitlement for two year olds, are both “relatively high” with 78% of LAs reporting enough places for at least three quarters of children.

Equalities

[Children’s rights skills and knowledge framework](#)

The Scottish Alliance for Children’s Rights (together) has launched a Children's Rights Skills and Knowledge Framework, which aims to provide access to resources and training on children’s rights and on taking a children’s human rights approach. Developed in partnership by Together, JRS Knowhow, JustRight Scotland, Children’s Parliament and The Observatory on Human Rights of Children in Wales, the framework is for the Scottish public authority workforce, including those undertaking public functions, but it can be used to support all workers in Scotland with responsibilities for upholding children’s rights. The Training Plan which accompanies the Framework, will reportedly help those staff in public authorities responsible for developing and delivering training, to plan and deliver appropriate training for staff members on children’s rights and taking a children’s human rights approach.

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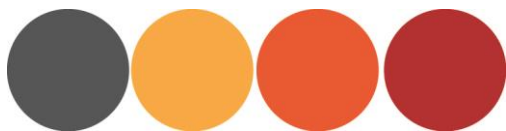
[Restraint and Seclusion in Schools \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

The Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill has been introduced on 17 March 2025, and aims to minimise the use of restraint and seclusion of children and young people in schools. The guidance and duties in the Bill will apply to public and independently funded schools but would not apply to nursery schools.

Other Health and Social Care

[Parliamentary committee to investigate financial cost of public inquiries](#)

The Scottish Parliament’s Finance Committee will reportedly launch an inquiry into the cost effectiveness of public inquiries in Scotland, following concerns over the amount spent on four current inquiries including the Covid inquiry and child abuse inquiry. The announcement follows an investigation by BBC Scotland last year,



during which public bodies were asked about the costs related to preparing and giving evidence to public inquiries.

Other

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