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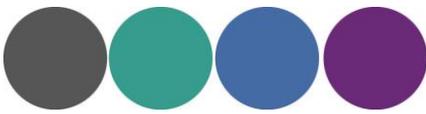
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Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Update to Dementia Benchmarking Toolkit](#)

The Information Services Division has published an updated Dementia Benchmarking Toolkit with data prescribing, Quality and Outcomes Framework and hospital activity up to 31 March 2018. For Scotland as a whole for the financial year ending March 2018:

- the number of paid items for dementia drugs increased from 244.1 in 2016/17 to 247.3 per 1,000 population aged 65 years and above in 2017/18
- the average length of stay for psychiatric hospital discharges with a dementia diagnosis increased from 147.6 days in 2016/17 to 175.4 days in 2017/18
- the proportion of dementia spells admitted to acute hospitals from private residence in Scotland that followed the "Home to Hospital to Home" care path shows a decrease from 61.4% in 2016/17 to 59.5% in 2017/18



Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Refurbished dementia resource centre opens in West Lothian](#)

Alzheimer Scotland has promoted the opening of the refurbished West Lothian Dementia Resource Centre. The newly designed Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Resource Centre aims to bring dementia to the local community by providing a stimulating and sociable environment for people living with dementia, their families and carers to access information, advice and support.

Health

[Revised standards to improve care for people with neurological conditions](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland has published revised general standards for neurological care and support, setting out what care people can expect to experience throughout Scotland, regardless of the type of neurological condition they have, their geographical location, care setting or personal circumstances. The revised standards cover leadership and governance, working together, staff education, training and information, diagnosis, assessment of needs, treatment and management and person-centred care.

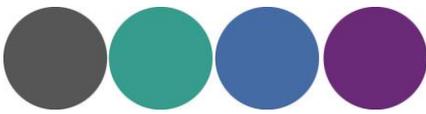
Justice

[Survey on experiences and perceptions of crime](#)

The Scottish Government has published, 'Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2017-18', a National Statistics Publication for Scotland which allows people to independently report their experiences and perceptions of crime. The publication presents statistics on the level of crime in Scotland, and also provides a range of additional information, including details of adults' perception of crime, the characteristics of crime, on victims, offenders, policing and the justice system. This year's report also contains key findings on the more sensitive topics of drug use, partner abuse, and sexual victimisation and stalking.

[Response to report on vision for social care in prisons](#)

The Scottish Government's Social Care Integration in Prisons Workstream has responded to a report by the University of Dundee on 'A new vision for social care in prisons'. The response highlights the range of work being led by the Health and Social Care Integration in Prisons Workstream of the Scottish Government's Health and Social Care in Prisons Programme, and states that Scottish Ministers will consider the proposals for a model of integrated health and social care provision in prisons in Spring 2020.



Older People

[Summary of evidence received on the issue of the prosecution of elder abuse](#)

The Justice Committee has sent the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Justice a summary of the oral and written evidence received during their session on the issue of the prosecution of elder abuse, along with a series of questions arising from the evidence. The Committee is of the view that a more coherent and systematic focus is now required to address the complex issues around elder abuse in Scotland.

Other Health and Social Care

[Free personal care for people under 65 years old](#)

The First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has confirmed that the extension of free personal care to those under 65 who are assessed as requiring it will begin on Monday 1 April 2019. The Scottish Government has been working with the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, local authorities and stakeholders to ensure that the policy will be successfully implemented.

[Campaign calls for independent review of impact of Brexit on health and social care](#)

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is joining with other organisations in the 'Assess and Address' campaign calling for an independent review of the impact of Brexit on health and social care. A debate has been held in the Houses of Parliament on the concerns of those backing the campaign.

[Staff shortages of skilled workers](#)

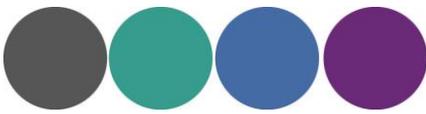
The Scottish Government has warned that shortages of skilled workers in Scotland across key sectors of the economy such as health and social care will be made worse after Brexit in their submission to the UK Government's Migration Advisory Committee about the range of occupations which are officially classed as suffering from a shortage of staff.

[Report exploring social care registration qualifications](#)

'Qualifying Care: An Exploration of Social Care Registration Qualifications in Scotland', a report based on survey data collected from Scottish Care member services across adult social care (care homes, care at home & housing support services) in early 2019, has been published by Scottish Care. The report explores different aspects and stages of achieving registrable qualifications (largely SVQs), as required as part of SSSC registration of the workforce, as well as post-registration training and learning (PRTL) requirements.

[Social Work Scotland Annual Conference & Exhibition 2019 \(12 – 13 June 2019\)](#)

The Social Work Scotland Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held in Crief on 12 and 13 June 2019, and the theme for 2019 will be 'Rights, Relationships and



Recognition'. Through their programme, Social Work Scotland are looking to highlight:

- how human rights are shaping how we work, and the structures within which services and supported are provided
- the critical, fundamental importance of relationships, between social workers and the people they work with, and across all the professional groups who must work in partnership
- the personal commitment, compassion and energy of those delivering social services in Scotland today

Other

[Estimates of people living in poverty](#)

The Scottish Government has published 'Poverty & Income Inequality in Scotland: 2015-18', presenting three year averaged estimates of the percentage of people, children, working-age adults and pensioners in Scotland living in poverty, and other statistics on household income and income inequality. These estimates are used to monitor progress in reducing poverty and income inequality. The number of people in relative poverty after housing costs in Scotland had been falling since the late nineties, but data of recent years shows a continuous increase since 2009-12. Before housing costs, relative poverty numbers have been rising since the all-time low in 2011-14.

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