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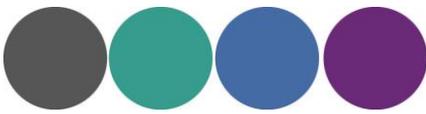
## Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Project to explore care for people living with dementia and sight loss](#)

The BBC reports on a project to be run by the Royal Blind charity, which will consider how to care for people living with both dementia and sight loss, carrying out research and trying out new techniques for dementia reminiscence, such as taste tests of local foods. The charity will also reportedly put together resources for other care providers so they are better equipped to deal with those with both dementia and sight loss.

[Key things to consider for going into hospital](#)

Alzheimer Scotland has highlighted five key things for people living with dementia to consider when going into hospital. The information is meant to answer questions people may have and what to expect during their stay, including what to bring to hospital, how staff can support their needs, when family and friends can visit, and what to do if there are any concerns about their care.



## **Care Homes/Care at Home**

### [Awards finalists announced](#)

Scottish Care has announced the finalists for this year's Care at Home & Housing Support Awards. Finalists have been announced for awards including emerging talent, co-ordinator/administrator, training, learning and staff development, management and leadership, carer of the year, palliative and end of life care award, and provider of the year.

## **End of Life/Palliative Care**

### [Campaign for 'dignity in dying' launches](#)

Dignity in Dying Scotland has launched a new campaign, 'Let's do the Right Thing', featuring people who are dying and those who have lost loved ones. The Director of Dignity in Dying Scotland, Ally Thomson, is reported as commenting that, "This campaign is all about love and putting the voice of people who have lived and are living through the injustice of the current law at the heart of the debate."

## **Learning Disabilities**

### [Learning Disability Week 2019 and 'community'](#)

The Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) in the run up to Learning Disability Week 2019 is asking people to talk about their 'community'. The first in a series of blogs by people on this subject is about the scouting community and how being part of scouts can make people feel less lonely, less isolated, and challenge the perception that disabled people don't give back to their community.

## **Older People**

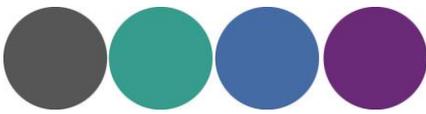
### [Challenging inequalities faced by older people](#)

The Scottish Government has published 'A Fairer Scotland for Older People: framework for action', to challenge the inequalities older people face, provide a platform for work for highlight the positive contributions of older people and challenge the negative perceptions they face. The Framework identifies key actions that the Government and others can take to maximise contributions and remove barriers.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

### [Demand for SVQs expected to rise, according to annual SSSC data report](#)

Demand for SVQs for people working in adults and children's services is expected to rise, according to the latest annual SVQs in the Scottish Social Service Sector report by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The report, covering data from 2016-17 and 2017-18, presents a detailed analysis of the entries (registrations) and awards (certifications) in relevant SVQs for the adults and children and young people



frameworks. It also includes the proportion of SVQ activity made up by modern apprenticeships in Scotland.

### [Shortlist for 2019 Scottish Social Services Awards](#)

The shortlist for the 2019 Scottish Social Services Awards has been announced by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). A total of 29 finalists have emerged from 157 entries received nationwide, covering a mix of social services from third sector, independent and health organisations and local authorities.

### [Recognition of qualifications post-Brexit](#)

The UK Parliament's Department of Health and Social Care has confirmed that EU or Swiss qualified person entering the UK after Brexit may have their qualifications recognised. Legislation introduced in March 2019 means health and social care workers with professional qualifications from EU and Swiss institutions who are currently registered can continue to practise in the UK as they do now, guaranteeing their ability to work in the NHS.

### [Guide to good practice for integration \(England\)](#)

A guide has been made available through an online webinar by Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), which captures common features of good practice of integration between health, social care and the voluntary and community sector. The guide and associated materials are called Integrating Better: new resources on health and social care integration.

### [New understanding between regulator and investigator \(England\)](#)

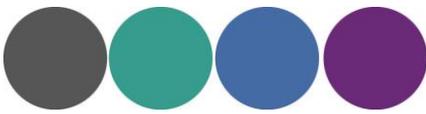
The Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) have published a new Memorandum of Understanding agreement setting out how they will work together to promote the safety and wellbeing of people receiving NHS care in England. The formal agreement between both organisations is underpinned by the following principles:

- respecting each other's independent status
- cooperating in an open and transparent way
- making decisions based on promoting people's safety and encouraging high quality care

### **Other**

### [App to help understand autism and support autistic people](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC), in partnership with Scottish Autism, Autism Network Scotland and The Richmond Fellowship Scotland, has produced an app to help people develop their understanding of autism and how to support people who are autistic. The app provides short, focused pieces of information along with short videos, on topics including:



- what makes a good support worker
- recognising strengths
- environments and the senses
- supporting transitions
- stress and coping
- communication

### [Steps to increase support for people with autism](#)

A number of steps have been announced by the Scottish Government to increase support for people with autism and improve understanding of the condition, including a National Autism Implementation Team to work across children and adults services to improve the diagnosis process and care pathway for autism and other neurodevelopmental conditions. The Scottish Government will work with Scottish Autism to improve the support given to newly diagnosed autistic people and their families, and an awareness campaign with Inspiring Scotland will encourage people to see autism as a different way of thinking.

### [Iriss launches online 'finding evidence' course](#)

A three-week online course on the process of finding evidence to improve practice has been launched by Iriss. Information Specialist Annelies will take users through techniques for searching for, and evaluating, evidence, as well as highlighting other resources. You can work through the course in your own time and will receive an open badge on completion.

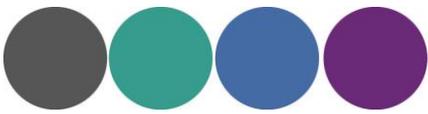
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