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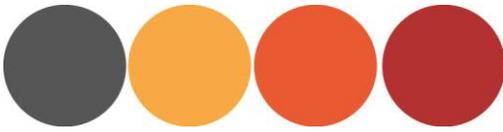
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[Independent guide to 'quality care for autistic people' published](#)

A guide to 'quality care for autistic people' has been published by the National Autistic Taskforce. The guide is designed to provide an independent reflection of what constitutes good quality care and support across the UK for autistic people, both children and adults. The guide covers all care settings and identifies 10 key elements of quality care, emphasising the importance of promoting autonomy and self-determination. The Taskforce is wholly run and managed by autistic people and is funded through an open grant from The Shirley Foundation.

Child Protection

[Child sexual abuse and exploitation data sources](#)

The Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) has highlighted a briefing by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) on the data available on child sexual abuse and exploitation. In order to help professionals make evidence-based decisions, the briefing describes the types of data available, how it can be used and what it tells us.

Early Years and Childcare

[Study into recruitment and retention in social care and ELC – surveys launched](#)

A study looking at recruitment and retention challenges in the social care and early learning and childcare (ELC) sectors has been commissioned by the Scottish Government and COSLA, the ALLIANCE has highlighted. The study, to be conducted by ekosgen, will take the form of extensive fieldwork and a series of online surveys. Surveys for [employers](#) and [employees](#) have been launched and highlighted by the Scottish Social Services Council, with both closing on 17 May.
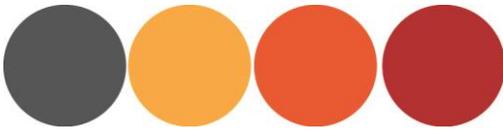
[Inquiry into STEM experiences in early years education](#)

The Education and Skills Committee at the Scottish Parliament has launched an inquiry into STEM (science technology, engineering and mathematics) experiences in early years education, looking in particular at the experiences of three to seven year olds in childcare and school education. The inquiry will explore:

- the extent to which STEM subjects are included in the learning experiences of those aged three to seven and the impact that this has on young people including broadening their horizons, developing an interest in particular STEM disciplines and eventually leading to future careers

- whether teachers have the skills, confidence and resources to teach these subjects alongside many other areas in the curriculum

- the success of different STEM initiatives, including those supported by schools, businesses, science centres etc

[Parliamentary briefing on the expansion of early learning and childcare](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Information Centre (SPICe) has published a briefing on 'The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare' (ELC), providing an overview of the current provision and use of funded ELC in Scotland and examining the expansion to 1,140 hours a year of funded ELC. This examination includes looking at funding arrangements, the National Standard for ELC providers and growth of the ELC workforce.

[Training opportunities for out of school care services](#)

The Scottish Out of School Care Network (SOSCN) has published a blog post highlighting the training opportunities available to out of school care services in Scotland.

Education

[Inspections and investigation of suspected unregistered settings (England)](#)

Children & Young People Now reports on data published by the English education regulator Ofsted on their inspections and investigations of suspected unregistered settings. A specialist taskforce was set up three years ago and Ofsted has carried out 780 inspections of suspected unregistered settings, and they have pledged, where necessary, to prosecute such settings, which do not benefit from any formal external oversight of safeguarding, health and safety or quality of education. In total, reportedly 71 settings have been issued with a warning notice by inspectors, dome 15 of those have since closed, while 39 have changed the way they operate in order to comply with the law, and nine have registered as independent schools.

Health

[Spotting the early signs of sepsis](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a campaign to raise awareness of the early signs of sepsis. The five early signs are a very high or low temperature, uncontrolled shivering, confusion, passing less urine than normal and blotchy or cold hands and feet. The first sepsis awareness campaign launched in February 2018 and the new campaign aims to build on this while increasing public knowledge of the early warning signs.
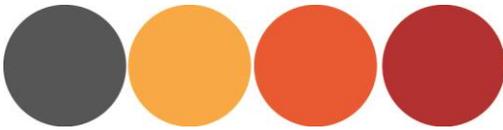
Justice

[Call for ban on solitary confinement for children in detention (England)](#)

The UK Parliament's Human Rights Committee has published a report on 'Youth detention: solitary confinement and restraint', which calls for the ban of pain inducing techniques and solitary confinement of children in detention. The report follows an inquiry which considered the use of restraint and separation in a range of settings where 2,500 children are detained at any one time; some for care, treatment or welfare reasons, and some because of criminal offences.

[Campaign to rethink youth sentencing (England)](#)

The End Child Imprisonment campaign is campaigning for a rethink of youth sentencing, including an end to imprisonment of young offenders for punishment and as a deterrent, Children & Young People Now reports. The campaign group has published 'Principles and minimum expectations for children deprived of their liberty', which details their proposals such as never imposing extra custodial terms for

children's challenging behaviour while incarcerated, the regular and independent review of any deprivation of liberty, and extra investment in community support for offenders.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Report on vision and future of secure care](#)

The Scottish Government has published the final report of the Secure Care Strategic Board. The Board was established in 2017 with an agreement to "create a vision for the future purpose and place of secure care; develop national standards for secure care; and consider the future commissioning of secure care in Scotland". The three key recommendations include:
- creation of a governance group to continue previous work including, amongst other work, ensuring a sustainable governance and practice support model
- delivery of the pathway and standards framework which will be supported by the Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice (CYCJ)
- re-establish the current Commissioning work stream as the National Commissioning Group to examine different commissioning models and provide clear guidance on the contract specification in time for the next procurement

Mental Health

[Advice to be produced on the healthy use of social media and screen time](#)

The Scottish Government has announced new measures to improve the mental health of young people and target the impact of social media and body image on mental wellbeing, which includes producing advice on the healthy use of social media and screen time, in partnership with young people. In addition, a review of evidence on the effects of screen use on sleep and the implications of this for mental health will be commissioned.
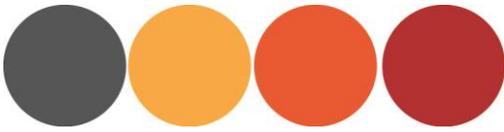
[Mental health videos for deaf people launched](#)

A series of videos to help to breakdown the stigma of mental health issues and encourage deaf people to talk to others has been launched. The British Sign Language (BSL) videos were launched by Deafscotland in partnership with Deaf Links, ITV SignPost, See Me and the ALLIANCE.

Nutrition

[Funding for projects over the school holidays](#)

The Scottish Government has announced funding for projects over the school holidays that support children with food and activities. Six charities will receive funding to offer children breakfast, healthy snacks and a hot lunch, as well as range of games and activities during the school holidays. This is the first funding

announcement of the Scottish Government's recently increased budget to tackle food insecurity during school holidays.

Other

[Social care projects receive funding to support collaboration](#)

Six social care projects receiving funding to help them collaborate more effectively have been announced. The £100,000 Building Collaboration Fund and learning programme is managed by the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS) in partnership with Inspiring Scotland and the Scottish Government.

[Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 4 of 2018/19](#)
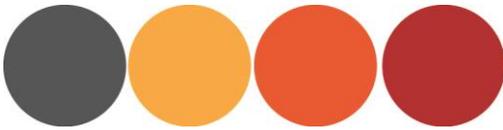
The Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 4 of 2018/19 has now been released. This presents data on the number of registered care services, new registrations and cancellations, complaints about care services and quality theme grades all by care service type and or service sector. This is updated on a quarterly basis.

[Project to support recognition of qualifications from overseas to be expanded](#)

A project to formally recognising and accrediting the skills and qualifications of people from overseas is to be expanded through Scottish Government funding, the First Minister has announced. The initiative, being delivered by Glasgow Caledonian University, will support employers by helping migrants transfer training gained in other countries into UK-recognised qualifications across key sectors, including social care. The scheme has already helped 40 migrants and refugees, with a further 40 people expected to take part in 2019/20. The lessons learned from the project will be studied to see if it can be rolled out across Scotland in due course.

[Report provides overview of 'courageous leadership' events](#)

A report providing an overview of recent events on 'courageous leadership' has been published. The events were run in partnership between the ALLIANCE's Health and Social Care Academy, the Scottish Social Services Council and the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland. The report provides an overview of three events: Exploring Courageous Leadership at Every Age, Unleashing Courageous Leadership at Every Age: Women in leadership, 100 years on and Why is courage important for health and social care?

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