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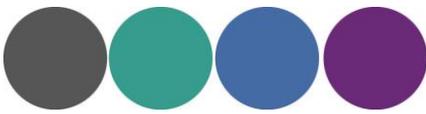
The Dementia Services Development Centre has published a report of the International Masterclass on Dementia Care, Design and Ageing (IMDDA), detailing the ideas discussed by guests and speakers on the day. Focusing on keynote speakers who are living with a diagnosis of dementia, the ideas included how to take a diagnosis as an opportunity and practical solutions to improve quality of life.

[Study suggests weight change could increase dementia risk](#)

The Alzheimer's Society is highlighting research from the Republic of Korea investigating the association between BMI changes over a two-year period and dementia in an elderly Korean population. The research reportedly confirms that heart disease and diabetes are risk factors for dementia, and suggests that rapid changes to weight in older people could increase the risk of dementia.

[Dementia Research Leaders awards](#)

The winners of the 2019 Dementia Research Leaders awards have been announced by the Alzheimer's Society for the categories of Rising Star and Outstanding early-career contribution.



Care Homes/Care at Home

[New inspection framework for care homes for adults](#)

The Care Inspectorate's Interim Executive Director of Strategy and Improvement, Edith Macintosh, and Chief Inspector - Adult Services, Marie Paterson, have written a blog outlining the new inspection framework for care homes for adults which starts on 20 May 2019. The new framework is for self-evaluation, inspection and to support improvement and is adapted from an approach widely used in quality management. It uses a series of key questions to try to understand the impact care has on people.

[Report addressing "urgent" issues facing care sector](#)

Scottish Care has published the report 'A Care Twilight Zone' addressing what they consider to be the "really urgent" issues facing the care at home and housing support sector in Scotland. These issues were identified at their annual conference in 2018 and at the 2019 conference, Scottish Care has launched this new report revisiting the issues facing the care sector a year later. The issues examined in the report include the Scottish Living Wage, time and task commissioning, prevention, self-directed support, recruitment of staff, qualifications and the older workforce, integration, technology, and the overall funding of social care.

[HSE fines care home after chlorine tablet death](#)

The BBC reports that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued a fine to Lomond Court care home in Glenrothes, after a resident died after eating chlorine tablets. The resident, who was living with Alzheimer's, reportedly found and opened a package of chlorine tablets, which he thought contained strong mints. The HSE inspector is quoted as saying that, "Suitable procedures need to be put in place and then regularly checked to ensure that they are being followed by everyone, not just for the use of such substances, but also for their delivery, storage and disposal."

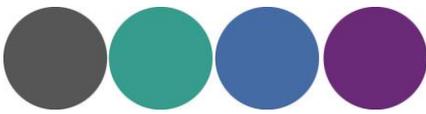
[Latest developments in relation to Four Seasons Health Care Group \(England\)](#)

The House of Commons Library has published a briefing paper exploring the latest developments in relation to the financial state of the Four Seasons Health Care Group and, for England only, the regulatory oversight of strategically important social care providers and the temporary duty of local authorities to meet people's needs when a provider suffers business failure.

End of Life/Palliative Care

[New prize established for individuals working in end of life and palliative care](#)

The Colin McNab Palliative and End of Life Care Prize has been established by Scottish Care to support and enhance the work of palliative care in care home, care at home and housing support services. Prizes in the amount of £2000 will be awarded to individuals working within the care home sector and in the care at home and/or housing support sector delivering end of life and palliative care, and should be used to support personal learning and development.



Learning Disabilities

[Call for independent review of segregation in mental health wards \(England\)](#)

Publishing an interim report on early findings from a review of restraint, prolonged seclusion and segregation for people with a mental health problem, a learning disability or autism, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is calling for an independent review of every person who is being held in segregation in mental health wards for children and young people and wards for people with a learning disability or autism. They are proposing that these reviews should examine the quality of care, the safeguards to protect the person and the plans for discharge.

[Undercover filming at specialist unit triggers police investigation \(England\)](#)

Following undercover filming by the BBC TV programme Panorama, the reported treatment of adults with learning disabilities and autism at a specialist hospital unit at Whorlton Hall, County Durham, has triggered a policy investigation and the suspension of staff. The footage reportedly shows staff “intimidating, mocking and restraining patients with learning disabilities and autism.” The Deputy Chief Inspector of Hospitals (lead for mental health), at the Care Quality Commission, Dr Paul Lelliott, has [commented on the footage](#) and confirms that, “The footage captured by Panorama shows sickening abuse of vulnerable people. As soon as the BBC told us that they had evidence of abuse we alerted the police and they are now investigating.”

Nutrition

[Evidence review on in-premise marketing of food](#)

A rapid evidence review on the impact of in-premise marketing on consumer purchasing and consumption of high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) food and drink has been published by NHS Health Scotland. Commissioned by the Scottish Government, and in partnership with the University of Stirling and the University of Edinburgh, the evidence review reportedly suggests that overall, marketing of foods high in fat, sugar and salt encourages us to make unplanned purchases, and this is particularly influential for children and young people.

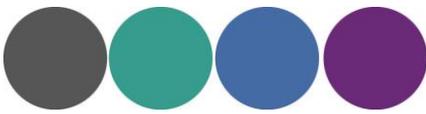
Other

[Annual statistics for SPSO](#)

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) has published their annual statistics for 2018-19, detailing the enquiries and complaints they received and determined over the past year.

[Consultation to further limit use of unsuitable temporary accommodation](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on improving temporary accommodation standards, seeking views on extending the seven day restriction on



time spent in unsuitable temporary accommodation to all people experiencing homelessness; and introducing a legally enforceable temporary accommodation standards framework. The Scottish Government are aiming to ensure that consistent high quality standards are applied across all temporary accommodation, and wish to understand how they can extend the Unsuitable Accommodation Order to all homeless households. The consultation closes on 14 August 2019.

[Analysis reports published following first phase of Local Governance Review](#)

The Scottish Government has published a range of reports following the first phase of the Local Governance Review. The Review was announced in 2017 to give communities a say on how more powers, responsibilities and resources are shared across national and local spheres. The following has been published: an [analysis of responses](#) to 'Democracy Matters' engagement activity at a community level; an [analysis of responses](#) from public sector partners on proposals for alternative governance arrangements; a [joint statement](#) from the Scottish Government and COSLA.

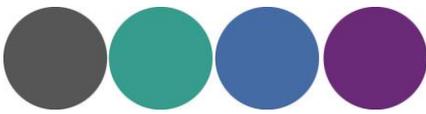
Other Health and Social Care

[Changing practice through an online course](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is drawing attention to a proposal by the Scottish Improvement Science Collaborating Centre (SISCC) for a massive open online course (MOOC) to change practice in health and social care. The SISCC are seeking participants who deliver or manage care to help in carrying out research, to help co-design and identify behaviour change techniques that could be delivered within a MOOC about compassionate care, take part in the MOOC, and answer some questions about the experiences of taking part in the MOOC and if/how it has changed practice.

[Progress of integration from perspective of public sector workers](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) has published 'Health and social care integration: How is it for you?', a research report presenting findings from a small-scale qualitative research study of individuals working in the public sector and involved in the planning and delivery of health and social care services. The findings include general perspectives on health and social care integration, the challenges and successes of integration, the ways the third sector has contributed to integration, and what difference health and social care integration is making.



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