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[Care Inspectorate report to the Scottish Parliament on inspections](#)

The Care Inspectorate has laid before the Scottish Parliament a report of inspections it has carried out in care services in the past two weeks. This report covers inspections completed since the previous report submitted to Parliament on 2 September.

[Impact of COVID-19 on communities](#)

The Scottish Government has published 'The Impact of COVID-19 on Communities, and Priorities for Recovery: Perspectives of Organisations Working in Communities', looking at the impact on people that the community organisations usually work with, changes to their work, and their short, medium and long terms priorities for the future. Publications are also available on the impact of COVID-19 on [people experiencing domestic abuse](#), and estimates of [groups 'at risk' of harmful impacts](#) during the pandemic.

[Letter highlighting rising infection rates to care settings \(England\)](#)

The UK Government's Director of Adult Social Care Delivery in the Department of Health and Social Care has written to care providers to highlight rising infection rates and to request action on testing and PPE in all care settings.



COVID-19 – General

[Insight report on infection prevention and control \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published the fourth in their series of Insight reports into the COVID-19 pandemic, exploring good practice in infection prevention and control. The report covers good practice in three key settings of acute hospital trusts, care homes, and GP surgeries, as well as work carried out to understand provider collaboration, and an update to regular data.

[New restrictions in north east \(England\)](#)

The UK Government has announced that new restrictions will be introduced in parts of north east England, namely Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland and County Durham. The restrictions include no socialising for residents outside of their own households or support bubble, table service only for food and drink in hospitality settings, public transport use only for essential purposes, and leisure/entertainment venues required to close between 10pm and 5am.

[Regulation during next phase of pandemic \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has set out how they will regulate during the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a transitional regulatory approach starting with adult social care and dental services. Their approach will be focused on a strengthened approach to monitoring, use of technology and local relationships, and more targeted and focuses inspection activity.

Alcohol/Drugs

[Recommendations for addressing alcohol-related harm among men](#)

The Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) have published their final report into issues relating to men and alcohol. The report 'Men and Alcohol: Key Issues' summarises the contributions and key findings from the 2019/2020 SHAAP/IAS 'Men and Alcohol' seminar series. Recommendations for addressing alcohol-related harm among men include strengthening restrictions on alcohol availability, joined-up services which are trauma-informed and exercise professional optimism, and for services to be guided by the expertise of individuals with lived experience.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Additional data on adult care homes and COVID-19](#)

The Scottish Government has published the weekly data on COVID-19 in adult care homes in Scotland, covering testing for COVID-19 in adult care homes and deaths reported by adult care homes to the Care Inspectorate.



[Information on investigations into “possible criminal neglect” passed to prosecutors](#)

The BBC reports that Police Scotland has passed information to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Services (COPFS) on their investigations into “any possible criminal neglect” related to the deaths at the Home Farm care home. The COPFS has set up a Covid-19 Death Investigation Team to receive and deal with reports submitted by Police Scotland.

[Update to care home guidance](#)

Health Protection Scotland has updated its guidance for care home settings to Version 1.7 on COVID-19. The new version has updated advice on prevention of spread of COVID-19 for people at increased risk of severe illness and within care homes, a link to an outbreak checklist added, and updated advice on admissions, testing, PPE, staff, and visiting care homes.

[Extra funding for care homes \(England\)](#)

Care homes in England are to receive extra funding to try to reduce transmission of Coronavirus during the winter, allowing care workers to be paid full wages when self-isolating, reduce their use of public transport and stock up on personal protective equipment (PPE), the BBC reports. The UK Government has also published an [adult social care winter plan](#) which aims to curb the spread of Coronavirus infections in care settings, including the extra funding, new Chief Nurses for Adult Social Care to provide leadership to the social care nursing workforce, and asking care providers to stop all but essential movement of staff between care homes.

Justice

[Report of panel on offender rehabilitation](#)

The Scottish Government has published the Annual Report 2018-2020 for the Scottish Advisory Panel on Offender Rehabilitation. The role of the panel is to accredit programmes and endorse interventions and initiatives which support desistance, and also to offer support and advice to those engaged in such efforts in Scotland and to promote best practice in rehabilitative effort and wider desistance initiatives across all professionals in Scotland.

Learning Disabilities

[Role and potential of social housing](#)

To mark Scottish Housing Day 16 September 2020 and its social housing theme, the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) has published a blog exploring the role and potential of social housing in the lives of people with learning/intellectual disabilities in Scotland. The blog highlights that considerations such as space for carers, accessible design, scope for adaptations and physical location can all be crucial to empowering people with learning/intellectual disabilities to live their best lives.



Older People

[Warning on Test and Protect scams](#)

Age Scotland is warning older people to look out for Test and Protect scams, following reports of cold callers posing as contact tracers and trying to persuade people to divulge their bank details or other personal information on the phone. Age Scotland has warned that older people can be disproportionately at risk of scams and are especially likely to be targeted by COVID-19 fraudsters.

Other Health and Social Care

[Reviewing progress towards health and wellbeing outcomes by integration](#)

Public Health Scotland has published 'Core suite of integration indicators', presenting information for each Integration Authority area and Scotland as a whole, on progress towards achieving national Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

[Evidence-based healthcare](#)

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), together with other leaders in evidence-based healthcare, are launching a worldwide initiative to create awareness of the need for better evidence to inform healthcare policy, practice and decision making in order to improve health outcomes. The inaugural World Evidence-based Healthcare (EBHC) Day will be held on 20 October 2020 and spotlights the global impact of EBHC on health research, policy, practice and patient outcomes.

[Details on creation of the NIHP \(England\)](#)

The UK Government's Department of Health and Social Care has published details on the creation of the National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP), which replaces Public Health England. The plans claim that Public Health England did not have the at-scale response capacity necessary to handle the pandemic. The NIHP will bring together health protection responsibilities discharged by PHE and new capabilities from Test & Trace, and aims to be operational by Spring 2021.

Other

[Results of household survey](#)

The Scottish Government is highlighting that the Chief Statistician has published the 'Scottish Household Survey 2019 Annual Report' and key findings. The Scottish Household Survey has been designed to provide reliable and up-to-date information on the composition, characteristics, attitudes and behaviour of Scottish households and individual, and covers a wide range of topic to allow links to be made between different policy areas.



[Journeys through and barriers to accessing accountability](#)

A report commissioned by the Scottish Government has been published by Snook on Commitment four of 'Scotland's National Open Government Action Plan 2018-20', 'Improving Access to Accountability of Public Services: people & Stakeholder Engagement'. The report identifies the common journeys through, and barriers to, accessing accountability in Scotland. Four categories have been identified as requiring attention:

- a lack of transparency
- disempowerment of users and staff
- a lack of accessibility
- cultures of opposition

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