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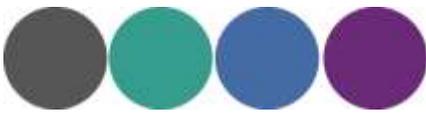
Public Health Scotland has released its weekly COVID-19 statistical report. By Sunday 8 November, 55,367 individuals had been recorded in the contact tracing software, leading to 156,769 unique contacts being traced. There had been 74,075 confirmed cases, with 8,210 in the latest week. In the week ending 8 November, there were 545 admissions to hospital with confirmed COVID-19 and 55 patients were treated in intensive care. 850 people aged 2-17 tested positive.

[Latest 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 we have completed since those detailed in our previous report to parliament on 28 October 2020.

[Factsheet for those asked to self-isolate](#)

A factsheet with information on when and how to self-isolate if an individual has symptoms of COVID-19 has been published by the Scottish Government. The guidance covers financial support, key contacts and sources of mental health advice.



[COVID vaccine that can protect more than 90% could be available this year](#)

A vaccine that can prevent more than 90% of people from getting COVID-19 may get emergency approval by the end of the month, BBC News reports. Pfizer and BioNTech have confirmed their potential vaccine, tested on 43,500 people in six countries with no safety concerns raised, needs two doses, three weeks apart, achieving protection seven days after the second dose. Pfizer believes it will be able to supply 50m doses by the end of 2020 and around 1.3bn by the end of 2021.

[Refreshed website to help communities work together](#)

A Scottish Government website supporting communities to work together during the COVID-19 pandemic has been refreshed. Ready Scotland provides a range of information for anyone looking for support during the pandemic as well as advice on preparing for winter. It also provides guidance for those who wish to help those around them on an individual or group basis.

[Three council areas move up restriction level](#)

Three local authorities have moved up a protection level as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in those areas, the First Minister has announced. Fife, Perth and Kinross and Angus moved from Level 2 to Level 3 restrictions on 13 November.

[Inspectorate sets out assurance approach during second wave \(Wales\)](#)

Care Inspectorate Wales has published a statement setting out its approach to assurance during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The statement recognises the pressure social care and childcare services are experiencing and suggests it is “essential” to continue to provide assurance about the safety and well-being of people receiving care during the second wave.

Adult Support and Protection

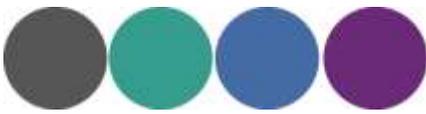
[Minutes from latest ASP Strategic Forum meeting](#)

Minutes from a recent meeting of the Adult Support and Protection (ASP) National Strategic Forum have been published by the Scottish Government. The meeting took place on 2 September and covered issues such as the Mental Health Law Review and experiences and lessons emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Summary of survey responses on COVID-19 impact on care at home](#)

A Committee at the Scottish Parliament has published a summary of responses to a survey on the impact of COVID-19 on care and support at home. The Health and Sport Committee sought views from people who provide or receive care and support at home, with the findings to inform an ongoing inquiry into adult social care. Many respondents highlighted the impact of reduced or withdrawn services, while the need to ensure better recognition and support for care at home staff was also a key



theme. Respondents also stressed the need for safety in the context of the pandemic, as well as highlighting the importance of the continuity of care, the impact of the pandemic on wellbeing and the key role non-formal care has played.

[Latest weekly data on COVID-19 in care homes](#)

The latest weekly data on COVID-19 in adult care homes has been published by the Scottish Government. During the week beginning 2 November, there were 148 care homes with active confirmed COVID-19 cases and 70 confirmed COVID-19 deaths.

Justice

[Call for evidence on new domestic abuse legislation](#)

The Scottish Government's plan to introduce domestic abuse protection orders and notices is the subject of a call for evidence by the Justice Committee. The [Domestic Abuse \(Scotland\) Bill](#) would give the courts and the police powers to introduce short-term measures to protect victims such as by removing perpetrators of abuse from the home. The call for evidence on the proposed legislation closes on 4 December.

Learning Disabilities

[ENABLE becomes accredited Living Wage employer as rate rise is announced](#)

ENABLE Scotland has celebrated becoming an accredited Living Wage employer. The charity said it is now the largest accredited social care provider in the week a new Living Wage rate of £9.50 an hour was announced.

Mental Health

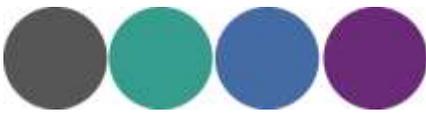
[1 in 5 COVID-19 patients receive psychiatric diagnosis within 3 months, study finds](#)

Almost one in five people diagnosed with COVID-19 receive a psychiatric diagnosis within the next three months, according to research by the University of Oxford. The study found that in the three months following testing positive for COVID-19, 1 in 5 were found to get a diagnosis of anxiety, depression or insomnia for the first time. The researchers also found that people with a pre-existing psychiatric diagnosis were 65% more likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19 than those without.

Other Health and Social Care

[Committee publishes report following 2021/22 pre-budget scrutiny](#)

A report on the Scottish Government's health and social care budget for 2021/22 has been published by a committee at the Scottish Parliament. The Health and Sport Committee focused its pre-budget work on Integration Authority budgets and the impact of COVID-19, calling on the Scottish Government to measure the consequences of cancelling all non-urgent care at the height of the pandemic. The report's findings include a lack of information on budgets, a lack of engagement with



stakeholders and the need for statutory guidance on this. The Committee took oral evidence from the Care Inspectorate and includes a section on our work in its report.

[CCPS submission to care review published](#)

The Coalition of Care and Support Providers (CCPS) has highlighted its submission to the Independent Review of Social Care. Drafted collaboratively with the CCPS membership, the submission sets out a shared understanding on the meaning of 'adult social care' conceptually and in practice and argues that there is a need to "reset" the system. It also addresses key areas of focus identified by the review, including human rights, regulation and the social care workforce.

[Scottish Care response to care review published](#)

Scottish Care has also published a submission to the Independent Review of Adult Social Care. The paper offers "a collection of social care narratives underpinned by a Scottish Care evidence review as a way to engage imaginations across all sectors and stakeholders towards creating a positive future for social care in Scotland". The submission includes a chapter on regulation, suggesting "any review of adult social care has to focus on the need for clear and consistent regulatory oversight and practice rooted in the National Standards and in a nonclinical approach to care".

[SASW asks how racism can be addressed across social work in Scotland](#)

A survey on ways anti-racism can be strengthened across social work in Scotland has been launched by the Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW). The survey, which closes on 9 December, seeks the views of social workers in Scotland on what can be done to address racism, exclusion, discrimination, and oppression.

[Stay in Scotland Toolkit for EU citizens launched by Scottish Care](#)

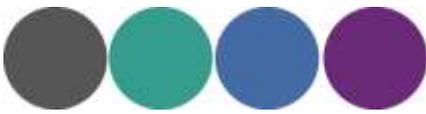
Scottish Care has created a Stay in Scotland Toolkit to help guide EU citizens on how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. The package is designed to spread the message that EU citizens will have to apply to the UK Government Scheme by 30 June 2021 in order to continue living, working and studying in the UK after that date.

[Health Secretary provides information to inform medicine supply and demand inquiry](#)

Health Secretary Jeane Freeman has written to a parliamentary committee to provide further information to inform its [inquiry](#) into supply and demand for medicines. Following a recent session with the Health and Sport Committee, Ms Freeman expands on a range of topics, including the use of information technology in prescribing and dispensing, pharmacist skills and training, and social prescribing.

[Western Isles IJB appoints new Chief Officer](#)

Western Isles Integration Joint Board (IJB) has announced the appointment of a new Chief Officer, healthandcare.scot reports. Nick Fayers replaces Dr Ron Culley and will take up the role in the new year.



[Paper raises SDS 'clawback' concerns](#)

A paper highlighting reports of 'clawbacks' of self-directed support (SDS) funding has been highlighted by the ALLIANCE. The paper is informed by a survey, to which 16 of 52 respondents reported that they had been asked to return unspent budgets. The paper is published by the SDS Collective, of which the ALLIANCE is a member.

[Scottish Budget pushed back into 2021](#)

The Scottish Government's Budget will be published on 28 January 2021, Finance Secretary Kate Forbes has confirmed. The announcement follows the UK Government's decision to postpone its Autumn Budget until an unspecified date in the new year.

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