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COVID-19 – General

[Latest weekly COVID-19 stats published by Public Health Scotland](#)

Public Health Scotland has released its weekly COVID-19 statistical report. At Sunday 2 May, there had been 226,644 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 1,022 in the latest week. In the same week, there were 62 admissions to hospital with confirmed COVID-19 and nine new patients treated in intensive care. In the week ending 25 April, there were 32 confirmed cases under the school testing programme.

[Latest COVID-19 death figures published by NRS](#)

As at 2 May, 10,097 deaths had been registered in Scotland with COVID-19 mentioned on the death certificate, according to statistics published by National Records of Scotland (NRS). In the week 26 April – 2 May, 19 such deaths were registered, a decrease of four from the previous week.

[Warning over COVID-19 spread in Moray](#)

Public health officials have warned of “uncontrolled, sustained community transition” of COVID-19 in Moray, the BBC reports. The region currently has an infection rate of more than 81 cases per 100,000, four times the Scotland-wide level. Chris Littlejohn, Deputy Director of Public Health at NHS Grampian, has urged everyone in Moray to get tested, even if they have no symptoms.



Human Rights

[Respecting rights around restraint and seclusion in schools](#)

The Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland has published a blog on the human rights concerns around restraint and seclusion in schools, and how to respect the rights of children and young people affected. Marking the International Day to End Corporal Punishment of Children, the blog discusses a previous investigation into restraint and seclusions that reportedly found that restraint was happening inappropriately, too often and disproportionately to disabled children.

Looked after and accommodated children

[Draft guidelines to achieve fairer outcomes for looked after children](#)

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published draft guidelines for looked after children and young people aiming to achieve fairer outcomes and help them to reach their full potential, with an emphasis on carers considering them as 'one of their own'. The guidance covers support provided to looked-after children and young people and care leavers (from birth to age 25), and their families and carers (including birth parents, siblings, connected carers, special guardians and prospective adoptive parents). This draft guideline is out for public consultation, which is expected to run until 15 June 2021.

Mental Health

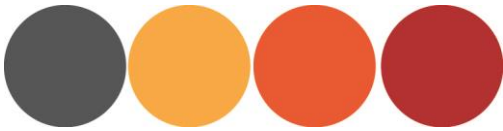
[Supporting traumatically bereaved children and young people](#)

The UK Trauma Council (UKTC) and three child bereavement charities, Child Bereavement UK, Winston's Wish and the Childhood Bereavement Network, have launched new resources including online videos for school staff, bereavement services and NHS mental health services supporting children and young people. In the context of the pandemic, there is an appeal for more awareness of childhood traumatic bereavement.

Other Health and Social Care

[Scottish Care and Inclusion Scotland call for full implementation of social care review](#)

Scottish Care and Inclusion Scotland have issued an open letter calling for the full implementation of the recommendations of the independent review of adult social care. The letter expresses concern that there may be attempts to "water down" the proposals and stresses the need "to ensure that preserving the status quo of local governance and commissioning is not accepted". The letter also calls for "an independent complaints mechanism to ensure genuine accountability".



[New Iriss Insight looks at implementation of Self-directed Support 10 years on](#)

The latest in Iriss' Insight series looks at the implementation of Self-directed Support (SDS) 10 years since the publication of the first SDS national strategy. According to the Insight, evidence indicates "a very mixed picture of delivery across Scotland", "bureaucratic and unwieldy" processes for delivery and the voice of the supported person not being fully heard. It suggests that a change of culture is required and there is a need for "real investment in education and training".

[Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 4 of 2020/21](#)

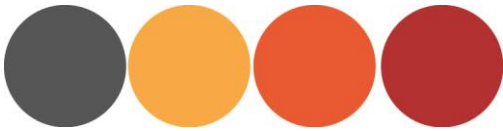
The Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 4 of 2020/21 has now been released. Updated on a quarterly basis, this presents data on the number of registered care services, new registrations and cancellations, complaints about care services and quality theme grades all by care service type and or service sector.

[Charity replaces CEO with interim Chief Executives](#)

The charity Children in Scotland has announced that three members of their leadership team will take on the roles of Joint Interim Chief Executives following the departure of Jackie Brock, who recently left the organisation as CEO. The interim Chief Executives are Sally Cavers, Head of Inclusion; Simon Massey, Head of Engagement and Learning; and Amy Woodhouse, Head of Policy, Projects and Participation.

[Counting begins following Scottish Parliament Election](#)

Counting has begun following the Scottish Parliament Election on Thursday 6 May. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, ballot boxes are opened at 9am on Friday 7 May and counting will continue into the weekend, with the final results not expected until Saturday 8 May.



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