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### Covid-19 - General

#### [Vaccine programme moves to next phase](#)

Roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine has reached two thirds of the eligible population, the Scottish Government has confirmed. The national vaccination programme is now moving through those aged 40-49 years old and more than 50% of this age group has come forward to receive their first vaccination. As the programme progresses through this group, appointments are being scheduled for those aged 30-39 years old.

#### [Glasgow and Moray remain Level 3 as Scotland's restrictions ease](#)

Most of Scotland moved into Level 2 of the Scottish Government's protection level framework on Monday, with Glasgow and Moray remaining in Level 3 due to a high level of cases. The Scottish Government will review the position a week later and are continuing to work with local authorities and health boards with measures, including enhanced testing and vaccination.

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

Public Health Scotland has released its weekly Covid-19 statistical report. By Sunday 16 May, there had been 2279,774 confirmed cases, with 1,777 in the latest week. In the same week, there were 67 admissions to hospital with confirmed Covid-19 and four new patients treated in intensive care. In the week ending 9 May, there were 26 positive confirmatory PCR tests under the school testing programme.



### [Report on UK Government response to pandemic published](#)

A report on initial learning from the UK Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been published by The National Audit Office. The report looks at learning across six themes: risk management; transparency and public trust; data and evidence; coordination and delivery models; supporting and protecting people; and financial and workforce pressures. Recommendations in the final report relate to what extent the pandemic and government's response have widened inequalities and providing appropriate support to front-line and other key workers to cope with the physical, mental and emotional demands of responding to the pandemic.

### **Alzheimer's/Dementia**

#### [Updated Promoting Excellence framework for dementia launched](#)

The Scottish Government has published a new version of the framework for all health and social services staff working with people with dementia, their families and carers. Promoting Excellence 2021 reflects progress made since 2011, such as new research on preventing dementia, new ways to support people across their dementia journey and what works best for people with dementia; new laws, including the Carer's Rights (Scotland) Act; and the new Health and Social Care Standards.

#### [Dementia Awareness Week \(31 May – 6 June\)](#)

Dementia Awareness Week will this year be exploring the theme of 'Hidden voices, Hidden impact, Hidden cost'. Alzheimer Scotland has set out resources for each day of the campaign week, which takes place between 31 May and 6 June.

### **Care Homes/Care at Home**

#### [Weekly additional data on Covid-19 in adult care homes](#)

The Scottish Government has published weekly additional data on Covid-19 in adult care homes in Scotland. According to the figures, between 10 and 16 May there were two confirmed Covid-19 deaths out of 195 care home deaths recorded. As of Monday 17 May, 92% of Scottish care homes were supporting indoor visits.

#### [Care home Covid-19 guidance updated to include outings advice](#)

The Scottish Government has updated its Covid-19 guidance for care homes to include additional advice on activities and outings away from the service. Part of the Open with Care suite, the document provides further guidance around care home residents leaving the care home for meaningful contact or activities as restrictions are relaxed in Scotland.

#### [Commission reports on hospital to care home discharge during pandemic](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland has published a report on the discharge of adults who lack capacity from hospital to a care home setting during the pandemic. The report details a sample number of hospital to care home moves



across Scotland during the early stages of the pandemic, assessing whether these were done in accordance with the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000. The report suggests 20 of the 457 cases sampled were unlawful.

### [CQC comments on visiting decisions in care homes \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has issued a statement highlighting the action it has taken in relation to visiting decisions in English care homes. According to the statement, any concern the CQC has heard relating to a potential blanket ban on visiting has led to action, including following up with providers, inspecting, raising safeguarding alerts where appropriate and engaging with local authorities. The update notes the importance of engaging with care providers and maintaining the anonymity of those raising concern about a care home's visiting capabilities.

## **Workforce**

### [New guidance on qualification requirements of Registered Managers](#)

We have produced joint guidance with the SSSC to provide clarity on the qualification requirements of Registered Managers. The guidance applies to both new and existing services and is relevant for providers and applicants.

### [Surveys launched to understand how well social care workers can voice their views](#)

A group set up to improve working conditions for social care workers in Scotland is seeking to understand how well employees can voice their views. Scottish Care has launched two surveys on behalf of the Fair Work in Social Care Group on how much influence people can have on their working experience. One survey is for employers and the other employees. The deadline for responses is 23 May.

### [Final survey in UK-wide study on impact of pandemic on workforce](#)

The final survey in a UK-wide study on the wellbeing of the health and social care workforce during the pandemic has been launched. The Health and Social Care Workforce Research Study, led by Ulster University and the Public Health Agency, examines the impact of providing health and social care during the pandemic on the quality of working life for the workforce. The survey is seeking views from nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, social care workers, and social workers.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

### [New quality framework for adult placement services](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published the new quality framework for fostering, adoption and adult placement services. The new framework will help us answer key questions about the difference that care is making to people and the quality and effectiveness of the elements that contribute to those differences. The framework supports services to evaluate their own performance and will also be used by our inspectors to provide independent assurance about the quality of care and support.



### [Updated HIS remobilisation plan published](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland has published an update to its Remobilisation Plan, setting out its high level delivery intentions between April 2021 and March 2022. A sign-off letter from the Scottish Government confirms that health boards will be asked to review and update their remobilisation later this year to reflect the changing situation with regards to the pandemic.

### [Webinar to launch vision for future of social care](#)

Scottish Care will launch 'Coileanadh', the output of its 'Building our collective care future' programme which aims to manifest a positive future for social care. A webinar will take place on 20 May to launch and celebrate the work done so far.

### [Annual delayed discharge stats published](#)

Annual statistics on delayed discharge have been published by Public Health Scotland. The figures suggest that in the year ending 31 March 2021, there were 358,426 days spent in hospital by people whose discharge was delayed. Of these, 63% were occupied by people aged 75 years and over. There was a decrease of 34% in the average daily number of beds occupied by people whose discharge was delayed between financial years ending 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021. This decrease will be influenced by the measures put in place to respond to COVID-19.

### [Timeline for Scottish pharmacy education reform launched](#)

A five-year timeline to modernise and deliver on strategic ambitions for pharmacy education has been launched by pharmacy bodies in Scotland. The timeline sets out timings for the introduction of the new Foundation Training Year, introduction of new GPhC standards, and the eventual graduation of the first new Independent Prescribers in 2026. The timeline has been co-created by Scotland's Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, NHS Education for Scotland, the University of Strathclyde, Robert Gordon University, Directors of Pharmacy, Community Pharmacy Scotland, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the General Pharmaceutical Council.

### [Nicola Sturgeon confirms new Cabinet after vote confirms her as FM in new session](#)

Nicola Sturgeon has announced her new Cabinet after being selected to continue as First Minister following a vote of MSPs. Speaking in Parliament, the First Minister said the SNP's [100 day plan](#), which includes plans to consult on legislation for a National Care Service, is now Scottish Government policy. Appointments in the new Cabinet include Humza Yousaf as the new Health and Social Care Secretary. Keith Brown has replaced Mr Yousaf as Justice Secretary, Kevin Stewart has been appointed Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, and Deputy First Minister John Swinney will co-ordinate pandemic recovery among a wide-ranging remit.

### [CQC launches resource to support culturally appropriate care \(England\)](#)

A new online resource offering guidance for providers on culturally appropriate care has been launched by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The guidance contains



examples and good practice to help care providers think about different ways people's culture might affect the way they wish to receive their care and support.

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