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COVID-19 - General

[Glasgow to remain in level three](#)

The Scottish Government has confirmed that Glasgow will remain in level three restrictions, but may be able to move to level two on Saturday 5 June, the BBC reports. Whilst there are reportedly signs that the situation in Glasgow is beginning to stabilise, there are still concerns about the outbreak of the 'Indian variant'.

[Iriss publishes analysis of pandemic experiences](#)

Iriss has published an online resource bringing together learning from a collection of stories from those working across a range of sectors, including social care, social work and health, during the pandemic. Iriss has provided a detailed analysis of the stories, showing how experiences evolved throughout the year. The analysis attempts to explore what the crisis has meant for outcomes for people.



[Report on human rights during pandemic](#)

The ALLIANCE has highlighted research from Amnesty International UK and the Human Rights Consortium Scotland on how human rights were considered by public authorities during Covid-19. The report suggests there is little evidence that human rights were taken into consideration when major public services were redesigned during the first wave of the pandemic in Scotland. The report makes several recommendations including that public bodies must carry out and publish equality and human rights impact assessments of all COVID-19 related policy.

[Report on local authorities' response to pandemic](#)

The Accounts Commission has published its latest local government overview report examining Scotland's local authorities and their responses to COVID-19. The report finds that Scottish councils reacted quickly, in collaboration with communities and partners, to address the challenges created by COVID-19 and provided sustained support to vulnerable people. However, there was a "severe and unequal impact" caused by the disruption or halting of services for carers who lacked access to respite care, people with learning disabilities who were unable to access critical services and support, those receiving care at home, and school children whose education was disrupted.

[Weekly Public Health Scotland statistics](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has released its weekly COVID-19 statistical report. By Sunday 23 May, there had been 232,343 confirmed cases, with 2,373 in the latest week. In the same week, there were 75 admissions to hospital with confirmed COVID-19 and seven new patients were treated in intensive care. In the week ending Sunday 16 May, there were 25 positive confirmatory PCR tests under the school testing programme.

[Call for summit on impact of pandemic on disabled people](#)

The ALLIANCE, Camphill Scotland, Scottish Care, Sense Scotland and the Scottish Youth Parliament are calling for an urgent summit to address the impact of COVID-19 upon disabled people, including people with learning disabilities. The group says a summit is vital to address issues such as the impact of COVID-19 and the lockdown restrictions upon disabled people and their families and other carers, on safeguarding, on care and support, including access to day services, on the availability of health services, on access to transport and to other key infrastructure, as well as issues around mental health and wellbeing, and tackling social isolation and loneliness.

[Union survey of care staff and vaccine uptake \(England\)](#)

A survey by UNISON suggests care workers are more likely to turn down the Covid-19 vaccine if they have felt forced by their employers to have the jab. The survey of 4,000 care staff shows the majority (88 per cent) have received the vaccine, while 12 per cent have not. The most common response from non-vaccinated staff was they had simply turned down the offer (65 per cent). This was followed by other reasons



(24 per cent) such as pregnancy, the desire to do more research or because they were still waiting for an appointment.

Alcohol and Drugs

[Substance use harms monitoring report](#)

Public Health Scotland has published the Monitoring and Evaluating Rights, Respect and Recovery report, focused on Scotland's strategy to improve health by preventing substance use-related harms. An interactive data portal produced by Public Health Scotland has also been launched which aims to provide one accessible point to find up to date information.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Care Inspectorate publishes statistics on Covid-19 deaths in care homes](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published statistics on Covid-19 related deaths in care homes. The publication follows a review by the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner which found that the data, gathered by the Care Inspectorate and submitted to it by care providers can lawfully be published. Between 16 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 the Care Inspectorate received 3,774 notifications of deaths related to Covid-19 from care homes. Care homes for older people were most affected: 3,761 (99.7 per cent) of these deaths occurred in care homes for older people, and 510 (59 per cent) care homes for older people reported at least one Covid-19 related death. Putting these into the context of the size of the care home sector, overall there were 9.2 deaths per 100 registered places. As the size of a care home increased, so too did the rate of Covid-19 related deaths per 100 places from 2.1 deaths per 100 places in care homes with up to 20 places, rising to 12.6 deaths per 100 places in care homes with more than 80 places.

Learning Disabilities

[National survey of people with learning disabilities](#)

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) has launched the second in its series of reports exploring the results of the 2019 national survey of people with learning disabilities in Scotland. The report, "Mostly a 10, but sometimes a zero": Exploring the wellbeing of people with learning disabilities in Scotland', considered the wellbeing of people in Scotland with learning disabilities and found that on a rating system of how satisfied those with learning disabilities were with their lives, the average rating was 8.13 out of 10.

Older People

[Workshops on social security](#)

Age Scotland are offering free social security training workshops for older people, aiming to offer an accessible guide to social security for those over state pension



age and their carers, providing understanding of the support available and how best to go about accessing it.

[Importance of creativity for older people](#)

Scottish Care has published a blog outlining the importance of creativity for older people and their wellbeing. The blog discusses the need for a “human right of creativity”, including addressing discrimination, and maximising resource.

Other Health and Social Care

[New strategy for England’s health and care regulator \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has launched their new strategy setting out how they will achieve their purpose of ensuring high quality, safe care. The strategy is under four themes of people and communities, smarter regulation, safety through learning and accelerating improvement.

Other

[Overview report for local government](#)

Audit Scotland has published its latest local government overview report examining Scotland’s local authorities and their responses to COVID-19. Amongst other reported findings, they found that local government reacted quickly, working alongside communities and partners, to address the unprecedented challenges created by Covid-19. But that many challenges remain significant, made more urgent by the multiple impacts of Covid-19 on communities and services.

[Ministers to enter talks to reach co-operation agreement](#)

The Scottish Government has formally announced ministers will enter into structured talks with the Scottish Greens, supported by the civil service, with a view to establishing a formal co-operation agreement. In the weeks leading up to the next Parliamentary Recess talks will be ongoing and focus on agreeing policy areas which the government and the Scottish Green Party will co-operate on.

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