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## COVID-19 - General

[First Minister announces latest easing of Covid restrictions](#)

A further easing of Covid-19 restrictions in a number of local authorities has been announced by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. From 5 June, Glasgow will move into Level 2. East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Stirling Clackmannanshire and Dundee will all remain in Level 2. The rest of mainland Scotland will move into Level 1, while all islands in Level 1 will move into Level 0.

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

Public Health Scotland has released its weekly Covid-19 statistical report. By 30 May, there had been 235,911 confirmed cases, with 3,387 in the latest week. In the week ending 26 May, there were 115 admissions to hospital with confirmed Covid-19, with five new admissions to intensive care.



## **Child Protection**

### [Research on childhood experiences of children displaying harmful sexual behaviour](#)

Research on the childhood experiences of children displaying harmful sexual behaviour has been published by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ). The study was commissioned by the Scottish Government in response to one of the proposals by the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending involving Children and Young People. According to the study's conclusion, when children who display harmful sexual behaviour are examined in detail "there is clear evidence of neglect and abuse", with childhoods "characterised by parental separation, domestic violence, parents with additional needs, and frequent places to live".

### [Survey results on harmful sexual behaviours online](#)

The results of a survey on young people's views on online sexual behaviours have been published by Young Scot. The survey was conducted on the back of proposals in the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People and follows an original survey published in February 2020. The survey explored four issues: Personal safety online; Education about sexual issues; Reporting and support; Effect of the coronavirus outbreak on online experience.

### [Code of practice for Child Interview Rights Practitioners published](#)

A code of practice outlining national standards of practice applying to all Child Interview Rights Practitioners has been published by the Scottish Government. The Code relates to the register of child interview rights practitioners, as established by the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019.

### [Child Safety Week \(7 – 13 June\)](#)

Child Safety Week will take place between 7 and 13 June with the time 'share because you care'. The Child Accident Prevention Trust leads the annual campaign and has made several related resources and activities available.

## **Early Learning and Childcare**

### [Education Scotland to be reformed, Education Secretary announces](#)

Education Scotland is to be reformed, Education Secretary Shirley-Anne Somerville has announced. Ms Somerville said the role, remit and purpose of Education Scotland will be considered, as well as functions and governance arrangements. The plans, which will also include SQA reform, will be informed by the findings of the OECD review into Curriculum for Excellence, due to be published on 21 June. Setting out plans for the first 100 days and beyond, the Education Secretary also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the expansion of free early learning and childcare and developing the provision of wraparound care and after-school clubs.



### [Latest Scottish Government ELC Covid-19 update published](#)

The Scottish Government has published the latest edition of its early learning and childcare Covid-19 update. The May issue includes an introduction to the new Minister for Children and Young People, Claire Haughey, alongside information on a range of Covid-related issues and resources for those working in ELC.

### [Ofsted Chief Inspector reappointed \(England\)](#)

Amanda Spielman has been reappointed as Ofsted's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills for a new term of two years. The new term will commence on 1 January 2022, running until 31 December 2023.

## **Mental Health**

### [Latest CAMHS waiting time figures published](#)

The latest figures on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting times have been published by Public Health Scotland. For the quarter ending March 2021, 4,089 children and young people started treatment at CAMHS in Scotland. Over seven out of ten (72.5%) were seen within 18 weeks, compared to 73.1% for the previous quarter and 66.6% for the quarter ending March 2020.

## **Social Work**

### [Funding for early implementation of NQSW Supported Year available](#)

Funding for the early implementation of the mandatory newly qualified social worker (NQSW) Supported Year is now available. The Scottish Social Services Council has highlighted that all local authority, independent and third sector NQSW employers can apply for funding. The Scottish Government has allocated £300,000 to support employers with early implementation of the NQSW Supported Year.

### [Presentations and digital stories available from SSSC social work practice webinar](#)

Presentations and digital stories from a recent social work practice learning webinar have been published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The webinars, a partnership with the Social Work Education Partnership, focused on responses to social work practice learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### [New peer support service for social workers in Scotland launched](#)

A free peer support service has been launched by the Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW). The Social Work Professional Support Service offers social workers a space to talk and think through any personal or professional issues they may be facing, with a trained volunteer coach who is also a social worker. Social workers who want to support their peers can also volunteer to become coaches themselves, and receive training in coaching and mentoring. The Service is funded



by the Scottish Government and delivered by SASW in partnership with social care training company Strengthening Practice.

### [Iriss marks Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month 2021](#)

Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month takes place across June to raise awareness of the minority ethnic communities and celebrate their contribution to society. Iriss has highlighted a range of resources relating to social work's role and the need for culturally sensitive practice and public services.

### **Other Health and Social Care**

#### [Annual global children's rights index published](#)

An annual global ranking index on children's rights has been published by the KidsRights Foundation. The index measures 182 countries on how children's rights are respected and to what extent countries are committed to improving the rights of children. The UK is ranked 169 in the index, ranking 43 on health, 27 on life, 15 on education, 33 on protection and 179-182 on environment. A report published alongside the index highlights the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights and notes the recent passage of the UNCRC Incorporation (Scotland) Bill in reference to Scotland's "interesting record" in this area.

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