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The Scottish Government is to introduce a new bill to update coronavirus legislation for the current situation. The Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill will seek to remove some provisions that are no longer required and extend other measures. The Scottish Coronavirus Acts contain provisions which make temporary adjustments to respond to the pandemic and protect the health of people living in Scotland. While many redundant provisions have already been suspended, some are considered necessary to support the ongoing public health response to COVID-19. To ensure these provisions can, if necessary, continue beyond the original expiry date of 30 September 2021, a Bill will be introduced to Parliament which will remove a number of provisions which are no longer considered necessary in response to the pandemic and extend others to ensure that public services can continue to operate effectively. The Scottish Government has also [published](#) its seventh report to the Scottish Parliament on the Coronavirus Acts.



### [Impact of Covid-19 on wellbeing in Scotland](#)

The Scottish Government has published research on the impact of Covid-19 on wellbeing in Scotland during wave 3. The main findings include:

- The second national lockdown in 2021 was harder for some people in terms of their wellbeing, sense of purpose, financial pressures and missed social connections.
- Levels of loneliness and anxiety in society are higher than before the pandemic, but there are some signs of improvement.
- The experiences of women, disabled people, those on lower incomes, younger people and those living alone have been more negative revealing multiple inequalities.

### [Letter on reopening of day care for adults](#)

Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, Kevin Stewart, has published a letter on the reopening of building-based day services for adults. He has acknowledged that some service providers are seeking clarity on who has the authority to sign off risk assessments required for them to re-open and confirms the authority for doing so is normally delegated by the Director of Public Health. The letter confirms that HSCPs ensure that sign off arrangements are well understood locally to prevent delays.

### [Public Health Scotland Covid-19 update](#)

The latest Covid-19 statistical release by Public Health Scotland shows there were 3,387 confirmed cases in the week ending 30 May.

### [Rapid test kits available in pharmacies](#)

The Scottish Government has confirmed that community pharmacies are extending access to rapid Covid-19 testing kits for people without symptoms. The expansion aims to encourage further uptake of testing among people with no symptoms. Free testing packs will be available to collect from participating pharmacies which can provide results in around 30 minutes.

## **Alzheimer's/Dementia**

### [NES resources showcased for Dementia Awareness Week](#)

Last week was Dementia Awareness Week and NHS Education for Scotland has highlighted its role in supporting the educational and development needs of the dementia workforce. Joint work between NES and SSSC in supporting the Promoting Excellence framework, in addition to other NES psychology resources, have been highlighted. NES has also produced five [Dementia Learning Bytes](#) – to help staff develop their understanding about dementia in order to support people in care homes living with dementia, helping them and their families maintain the best quality of life possible, during the Covid-19 pandemic.



## Care Homes/Care at Home

### [Care Inspectorate 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, covering inspections we have completed since those detailed in our previous report to Parliament on 26 May 2021. To meet the timescales imposed by legislation, the report to Parliament outlines high-level findings following oral feedback to care providers. In due course and following normal publication protocols, the Care Inspectorate will publish more detailed individual reports on each inspection.

## Other Health and Social Care

### [Joint inspection of adult support and protection measures in Inverclyde](#)

A joint inspection of adult support and protection measures in Inverclyde by the Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, has found clear strengths in ensuring adults at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported, but also identified areas which could further improve. Effective communication, information sharing, collaboration and joint work were positive features of the partnership's response to adult support and protection work. Inspectors also identified key areas for improvement, including that the partnership's practice standards and operating procedures need to be revised to ensure service managers apply a more consistent approach to adult support and protection chronology, risk assessment and protection planning work.

### [SSSC Fitness to Practise process changes](#)

The SSSC has announced changes to their fitness to practise hearings process. From 1 July 2021, a hearing will only be held when a worker disagrees with the outcome of an SSSC investigation and asks for a hearing to resolve the disagreement. It is hoped this change will allow the SSSC to focus resources on improving the fitness to practise process and the support available to those involved.

### [Impact of pandemic on unpaid carers](#)

Carers Scotland has published research for Carers Week (7 -13 June) which suggests more than a third of unpaid carers feel unable to manage their caring role. The study also found 71 per cent of unpaid carers have not had any breaks from their caring role during the pandemic. Carers Scotland, along with Age Scotland, Carers Trust Scotland, Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Oxfam Scotland, are now calling on the Scottish Government to prioritise the reopening of services that give unpaid carers a break from caring.

### [Iriss review of the year 2020-21](#)

Iriss has published its review of the year, summarising their work over the Covid-19 pandemic period. This includes capturing worker experiences of Covid-19 and Iriss' collaborative work to improve the use of data in adult support and protection.

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