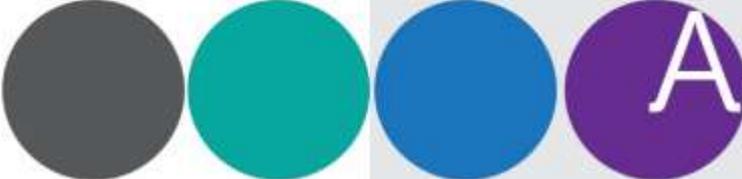


3 - 9 July 2021



bulletin



Adult and Health

**Covid-19 - General**[Drop in and mobile vaccination sites in operation](#)

The Scottish Government has confirmed that all mainland health boards will offer drop-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics from Monday 5 July, the Scottish Government has confirmed. Mobile vaccination units run by the Scottish Ambulance Service will also visit local communities and city centres in Edinburgh and Glasgow for a two-week period. Everyone aged 18 and over can attend for their first dose or – if eight weeks have passed - their second dose.

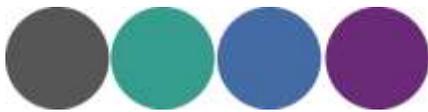
[Test and Protect to prioritise high risk cases](#)

Test & Protect contact tracing staff will prioritise phone calls to high-risk cases to ensure the system delivers maximum benefit as cases rise, the Scottish Government has announced. Text messages will now be used more extensively for low-risk index cases. Health boards are also being supported to ensure they are meeting agreed staffing deployment requirements and additional surge workforce capacity is being brought online in the national contact tracing centre.

[Extra funding announced for NHS boards](#)

An additional £380 million has been allocated to health boards in Scotland to help with costs arising from the pandemic. The Scottish Government said the additional funding includes ongoing support for the vaccination programme, Test and Protect and PPE for health and care workers.

[Covid-19 - General](#)[Alzheimer's/Dementia](#)[Care Homes/Care at Home](#)[Mental Health](#)[Workforce](#)[Other Health & Social Care](#)



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

Public Health Scotland has published its latest weekly statistical report on Covid-19. There have been 297,484 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 20,996 in the week ending 04 July. In the week ending 29 June, there were 306 admissions to hospital with a laboratory confirmed test of COVID-19. The highest number of new admissions were seen amongst those aged 20-29 years and 30-39 years.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Scotland's first Brain Health and Dementia Research Strategy launched](#)

Scotland's first strategy for research and dementia has been launched by the Scottish Dementia Research Consortium (SDRC) and Brain Health Scotland. The Scottish Brain Health and Dementia Research Strategy recommends action in four key areas: Brain health and dementia research boards should be developed locally within NHS boards; the national forum will provide a rapid research-review service; a national scoping review should be undertaken to investigate the current situation regarding research careers in brain health and dementia; a national strategy oversight board will be established to take responsibility for monitoring and supporting implementation of the strategy.

[Dementia in Hospitals Improvement Toolkit launched](#)

The Dementia in Hospitals Improvement Toolkit has been launched on Healthcare Improvement Scotland's ihub. Designed to inform improvement work in inpatient and residential settings which support people with dementia, the toolkit is split into 3 sections: Getting Started; Using people's experience to develop improvement priorities; Improvement area. The toolkit comes after it was announced that the Dementia in Hospitals collaborative had been [relaunched](#) after pausing due to NHS boards being focused on their response to COVID-19.

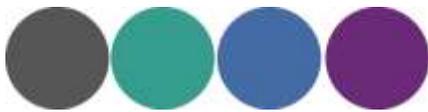
Care Homes/Care at Home

[Union launches campaign to save council care homes](#)

A campaign to save five local authority care homes from closure in Edinburgh has been launched by Unison. The union has said the closure proposals would involve large-scale disruption for care residents, with 270 care home posts lost and a further 160 jobs put at risk. It would also remove a total of 211 residential care places from the council's current network of homes, raising concerns about an increasing reliance on private care provision.

[HC-One planning to make vaccine mandatory for all staff across UK](#)

HC-One has announced plans to make the Covid-19 vaccine a condition of employment for all staff across the UK. The care home provider is consulting with staff and trade union the GMB on the move, arguing that it is "the responsible step for us to take to protect the people we care for, as well as our colleagues".



Mental Health

[Report on care of women with mental ill health in prison](#)

A report on the care of women with mental ill health in prison in Scotland has been published by the Mental Welfare Commission. The report reviews the records of nine women who received mental health care in prison custody between 2017 and early 2020. The report highlights the lack of available beds in specific units in Scotland's mental health facilities and raises concerns about missed opportunities with early intervention, pathways from prison to the community, and the "revolving door" of prison. The report makes a series of recommendations for Cornton Vale, the Scottish Prison Service and the Scottish Government, including that all prisoners, including those in conditions of segregation, should be afforded, as a bare minimum, at least two hours of meaningful human contact a day.

Workforce

[Review of impact of ending freedom of movement on social care commissioned](#)

The UK Minister for Future Borders and Immigration, Kevin Foster, has written to the Migration Advisory Committee to commission an independent review of adult social care and the impact the ending freedom of movement has had on the sector. The review will look at the effect of the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 on the adult social care workforce, skills shortages, visa options for social care workers, long term consequences for the workforce and other relevant issues. The Committee is invited to consult with devolved administrations and is to report findings by the end of April 2022.

[New Test of Competence to be launched by NMC on 2 August](#)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council is to launch a new Test of Competence (ToC) on 2 August. The new test is designed to reflect the NMC's new Future Nurse and Future Midwife standards, ensuring that all those delivering care in the UK meet the same standards regardless of where they are trained or how long they've been out of practice. A range of [supporting resources](#) are available to help candidates, employers and recruiters to prepare for the new ToC.

Other Health and Social Care

[Healthcare professionals raise concerns over assisted dying bill](#)

A coalition of 175 healthcare professionals have raised concerns about the Assisted Dying Bill brought forward by a Liberal Dem MSP, the BBC reports. Liam McArthur's Member's Bill aims to introduce the right to an assisted death for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. Twelve cross-party MSPs wrote an open letter of support for the bill but the Scottish Government is still to outline its position. The campaign against the bill was launched by Our Duty of Care and it argues that the intention of enhancing patient choice will diminish the choices of the most vulnerable. A consultation on the proposals could take place in the autumn.



[Consultation launched to refresh adult protection committee guidance](#)

Updated guidance for Adult Protection Committees has been published by the Scottish Government following several changes impacting the Adult Support & Protection (Scotland) Act 2007. A code of practice, which aims to bring guidance up to date with current relevant changes to legislation, has also been published for consultation. The consultation is open until Monday 27 September.

[Sessions on future of approaches to commissioning](#)

Iriss is to hold three sessions to explore experiences of ethical and collaborative commissioning, as part of wider work to influence future changes in the commissioning system. The project is described as a “process to identify the support required to develop new models around ethical and collaborative commissioning” following the publication of the recommendations of the Adult Social Care Review.

[Voluntary Sector Development Fund open](#)

The SSSC has announced that applications to the 2021-22 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF) are now open, supporting voluntary sector organisations that provide social services and are registered with the Care Inspectorate. Support workers in housing support and care at home services are deemed eligible for the fund, with a maximum of £1,200 available for each worker who undertakes the SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 6 after 1 January 2022.

[New Health and Care Bill introduced by UK Government \(England\)](#)

A new Bill to reform health and social care in England has been introduced by the UK Government. The Health and Care Bill is designed to build on the proposals for legislative change set out by NHS England in its Long Term Plan and ensure each part of England has an Integrated Care Board and an Integrated Care Partnership responsible for bringing together local NHS and local government.

[New Chief Executive for RQIA \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

Briege Donaghy has taken up the post of Chief Executive at the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority.



Disclaimer

This weekly bulletin is produced as an update on the key issues concerning adults and health.

Each item in the bulletin has a hyperlinked headline that will take the reader to the original source.

We collate items from our parliamentary and Scottish Government monitoring covering health and social care news from throughout the UK, and current research and policy development. We use a variety of sources for the bulletin, including alerts from [Newsdirect](#), [Community Care](#), [Children & Young People Now](#) and [ISD Scotland](#).

We aim to be representative rather than comprehensive, so we try to cover only the main Scottish stories, along with some stories from the rest of the UK. The purpose of the bulletin is to alert readers to items of interest. It should be noted that these items are the works of others and are neither authorised nor endorsed by the Care Inspectorate, with the exception of publications which are identified as Care Inspectorate publications.

It should also be noted that the Care Inspectorate has no liability in respect of the content of external websites which may be signposted on this site.