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Covid-19 - General

[Public inquiry into pandemic](#)

The Scottish Government has published a paper setting out the draft aims and principles of an independent public inquiry into the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic in Scotland. The proposed inquiry would be established by the end of the year, to scrutinise decisions taken in the course of this pandemic, and learn lessons for future pandemics.

[Advice on third vaccine dose](#)

The UK Government's Department of Health and Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that a third vaccine dose should be offered to people aged 12 years old and over with severe immunosuppression. This group includes those with blood cancer, advanced HIV and recent organ or stem-cell transplants. The UK Government has accepted the recommendations and confirmed the NHS will contact these individuals to discuss their needs and arrange an appointment where clinically appropriate.



[Vaccination certification](#)

The Scottish Government has published proposals for Coronavirus vaccination certificates, which would be required to enter nightclubs, unseated indoor live events with over 500 people, unseated outdoor live events with over 4,000 people, and any event with over 10,000 people in attendance. There are no plans to introduce this to the wider hospitality industry and children and adults ineligible for vaccination will be exempt. From Friday 3 September, people will be able to download a PDF copy of their certificate with a QR code for use domestically or internationally.

Alcohol and Drugs

[Public awareness campaign on signs of a drug overdose](#)

The Scottish Government and the Scottish Drugs Forum have launched a campaign to raise awareness of the signs of a drug overdose and the role naloxone can play in reversing the effects. The campaign aims to inform the public how to respond to an overdose and provide an early intervention.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Plans for outdoor dementia centre](#)

Alzheimer Scotland has plans to launch an outdoor dementia centre to enable people with dementia and their family carers to experience the mental and physical benefits of spending time outdoors. Following a pilot group with activities such as woodlands walks, wildlife surveys and wood carving, the centre is planned to be opened at Badaguish Outdoor Centre, Aviemore.

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. For each care service inspected, inspection reports will be published by the Care Inspectorate in due course. To meet the timescales imposed by legislation, the report to Parliament outlines high-level findings following oral feedback to care providers.

[Interim suspension of Glasgow care home](#)

Following the Sheriff Court ordering an interim suspension of the care provider's registration at Rowandale Nursing Home in Glasgow, the Care Inspectorate is working closely with partners at Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Government to ensure residents of the home experience a safe transition to new care arrangements. All residents have now moved from Rowandale.



Learning Disabilities

[App to understand human rights](#)

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) has launched a new app, 'Human Rights Town', designed to help people with learning disabilities to understand their human rights. The app invites users to travel around a virtual 'Human Rights Town' where they encounter different scenarios at each location, such as using public transport or working at the supermarket.

Other Health and Social Care

[Consultation on a National Care Service](#)

The Scottish Government has published a consultation on A National Care Service for Scotland, proposing that the National Care Service will define the strategic direction and quality standards for community health and social care in Scotland. The proposals will also take forward the recommendations of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care around:

- ensuring that care is person-centred and human rights based
- providing greater recognition and support for unpaid carers
- improving conditions for the workforce
- commissioning for public good
- more effective approaches to scrutiny and improvement of social care services

The consultation will run until 2 November 2021.

Workforce

[Workforce data report](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has published their workforce data for 2020. Key points from the report include:

- The size of the workforce has increased to 209,690, a rise of 1.6% since 2019
- The social service workforce makes up approximately 8.0% of all Scottish employment
- The whole time equivalent (WTE) measure of the workforce is 159,260, an increase of 2.6% since 2019
- The three largest sub-sectors are housing support/care at home, care homes for adults and day care of children; together these account for almost 79% of the workforce

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