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# Adult and Health

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The advice of the four UK chief medical officers (CMOs) is to be sought on the Covid-19 vaccination of young people aged 12 to 15, the UK Government has confirmed. The CMOs will input after the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency approved the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for people aged 12 and over, while the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation advised that the health benefits from vaccination are marginally greater than potential harms.

[Proposals for vaccination certification scheme published](#)

Proposals for a mandatory Covid-19 vaccination certification scheme for Scotland have been published by the Scottish Government. The scheme will require a person seeking entry to certain venues and settings to show that they have been fully vaccinated. The scheme will be introduced from 1 October after the principle and broad outline of the scheme were agreed by MSPs.

[New £10m Long Covid Support Fund announced](#)

A new £10m support fund to help health boards responding to Long Covid has been announced by the Scottish Government. The funding is designed to improve the coordination of a range of existing services across health and social care and the third sector, and to ensure the right support is available within primary care, with referrals to secondary care when necessary.



## Alzheimer's/Dementia

### [Herbert protocol to be launched](#)

A nationally recognised scheme for people living with dementia and who may be at risk of going missing is due to be launched on 21 September. The Herbert Protocol is a partnership development with Police Scotland, Health and Social Care Scotland, Scottish Government and Alzheimer Scotland. The main aim is for the Herbert Protocol form to be completed in advance so that significant information is recorded and readily available for police and services in the event of someone going missing.

## Care Homes/Care at Home

### [Open with Care webinar available to view](#)

The Open with Care webinar, hosted by the Care Inspectorate in August 2021, can now be viewed on YouTube. Providers, managers and inspectors took part across two events and provided key information on the ongoing implementation of Scottish Government Open with Care guidance. Although relating to care homes for older people, the principles can also be applied to sheltered housing and other housing support/care at home services operating from a building base.

### [Statement on Singleton Park Care Home, Lockerbie](#)

The Care Inspectorate has issued a statement on Singleton Park Care Home in Lockerbie after an inspection identified serious and significant concerns about the quality of care experienced by residents at the service.

### [Updated Covid-19 guidance published by Public Health Scotland](#)

Updated Covid-19 information and guidance for care homes for adults and older people has been published by Public Health Scotland (PHS). The guidance is a joint publication between PHS and Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) Scotland, part of NHS National Services Scotland.

### [Call for examples following feedback on draft design guide for care homes](#)

The Care Inspectorate thanks those who responded to the consultation on draft design guide documents for care homes for adults and care homes for children and young people. You can now view the feedback received on our website. One of the themes in responses was around the inclusion of visuals in the document. We would like to invite providers to share good practice examples of rooms or layouts in their services for inclusion in the guidance. You can [email contributions](#) by 27 September.

## End of Life / Palliative Care

### [SPPC report looks to improve experience of serious illness, dying and bereavement](#)

A new report exploring what can be done to improve people's experiences of serious illness, dying and bereavement has been published by the Scottish Partnership for



Palliative Care (SPPC). Every Story's Ending sets out an ambition for what living with serious illness, dying and bereavement in Scotland could and should look like, explores what matters to people when they are seriously ill, dying or bereaved, identifies key challenges, and identifies actions that could make a positive difference over the next 3 – 10 years.

## **Learning Disabilities**

### [SCLD launches documents to keep people active, connected and included](#)

A set of documents to help people with learning disabilities become more included in their local communities has been launched by the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities. The Active, Connected, Included project has been developed in collaboration with a number of local organisations, including community groups, local authorities and third sector interface organisations. Each document is aimed at a different audience.

### [CQC hails successful community support for those with complex needs \(England\)](#)

A report celebrating examples of successful community support for people with a learning disability, those with a mental health need and autistic people has been published by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Home for Good includes eight stories of people who have previously been placed in hospital settings, and details how each are now thriving in community services across England. Key themes include: designing services for an individual's needs and ambitions; not keeping people in large campus style accommodation; expanding quality housing provision; collaborating with health professionals; involving families in all aspects of delivery; and not labelling people as having 'challenging behaviour'.

## **Mental Health**

### [Suicide Prevention Week underway](#)


Suicide Prevention Week is now underway, with World Suicide Prevention Day taking place on 10 September. Public Health Scotland has marked the event, highlighting Scotland's Suicide Prevention Action Plan and the focus on the "pivotal" role inequality plays and its underlying causes.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

### [Scottish Government sets out programme of actions for next year and beyond](#)

The Scottish Government has set out the actions it will take in the coming year and beyond in its Programme for Government 2021-22. The focus of the publication is on rebuilding from the Covid-19 pandemic, with actions including:

- confirmation of the establishment of the National Care Service (NCS), with a Bill introduced by June 2022 and the NCS to be operational this Parliament
- work with Scottish Social Services Council and NHS Education Scotland to develop a national induction programme for new entrants to Adult Social Care

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- the introduction of Anne's Law to strengthen residents' rights in adult residential settings
  - a new Human Rights Bill, including a right for older people to ensure equal access to their human rights.

### [Keith Redpath and Naghat Ahmed reappointed to Care Inspectorate Board](#)

Keith Redpath and Naghat Ahmed have been reappointed as members of the Care Inspectorate Board, Mental Wellbeing and Social Care Minister Kevin Stewart has announced. The reappointment of Keith Redpath will be for one year and will run from 16 April 2022 to 15 April 2023, while the reappointment of Naghat Ahmed will be for four years, running from 16 April 2022 to April 2026.

### [Auditor General blog on 10 years since Christie](#)

Auditor General Stephen Boyle has published a blog marking 10 years since the launch of the Christie report on reforming public services. While noting the longevity of the report, the blog suggests public bodies still measure success by short-term, service-specific measures, despite the report calling for a shift towards prevention and long-term outcomes for individuals and communities. The Auditor General also highlights potential opportunities through the introduction of the Community Empowerment Act in remobilising the public sector during Covid recovery.

### [Key findings from Scottish Care survey highlight workforce concerns](#)

Some of the key findings of a recent workforce survey have been published by Scottish Care. The Workforce Recruitment and Retention Survey ran between July and August 2022, with 251 providers and organisations from the private, third and voluntary sectors responding. Almost 90% of respondents stated recruitment and retention was problematic for them, with issues highlighted including high non-attendance rate of those invited to interview, staff leaving within the first three months of joining an organisation, and high sickness and absence levels. A fuller summary of the results, as well as an in-depth report on the current state of the workforce, is to be published in due course.

### [Flu immunisation programme underway and extended to secondary school pupils](#)

The flu immunisation programme is underway, the Scottish Government has confirmed. All school pupils are now offered the vaccine, alongside all those 50 years old and over, healthcare workers and social care workers who deliver direct personal care, teachers, nursery teachers and support staff in close contact with pupils (in both a local authority and independent setting).

### [RCN Scotland's new Interim Director takes up post](#)

The Royal College of Nursing's (RCN) new Interim Scotland Director Colin Poolman has taken up post. Mr Poolman has been a registered nurse for over 30 years and a member of the RCN Scotland team for many years, most recently as Associate Director for Pay, Terms and Conditions.



### [Charity launches materials to support putting kindness at the heart of practice](#)

A set of materials designed to help put kindness at the heart of practice has been launched by Carnegie UK. The charity convened a Kindness Leadership Network (KiLN) from across the UK and, through that process, four publications have been produced to communicate different elements of KiLN's collective learning. The materials tell the story of KiLN and hope to inspire and support other organisations to put kindness at the heart of their practice.

### [UK Government announces health and social care funding reform](#)

A new plan to reform funding of health and social care in England has been published by the UK Government. Build Back Better sets out plans to improve funding for the health and social care system through a UK-wide health and social care levy of 1.25% on earned income National Insurance contributions from April 2022, with dividend rates increasing by the same amount. According to the UK Government, this would raise £36bn over three years and would enable innovative solutions to health challenges. Money raised through the levy will be directed back to the devolved nations for "health spending".

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