



Covid-19 - General

[CMOs to advise on vaccinations for 12 – 15 year olds](#)

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

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right support is available within primary care, with referrals to secondary care when necessary.

Additional Support Needs

[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.

[New standards for services supporting children with neurodevelopmental profiles](#)

New principles and standards of care for services supporting children with neurodevelopmental profiles have been published by the Scottish Government. The publication outlines seven standards of care for services to support children and young people who have neurodevelopmental profiles with support needs and require more support than currently available.

Adoption/Fostering

[Charity calls for more to consider becoming foster carers](#)

The children's charity Barnardo's is calling for more people to consider becoming a foster carer, after the number of children referred to the charity's fostering services across the UK increased by 36% over 12 months. In England the rise in the total number of children referred to Barnardo's fostering services was 40%, in Wales it was 5%, in Northern Ireland it was 20%. In Scotland, however, there was a decrease of 17% in total referrals.

Early Learning and Childcare

[Proposals for integrated early years service published by think tank](#)

A report setting out a model for an integrated early years service for children and parents in Scotland has been published by the Common Weal think tank. The report includes proposals for each stage of a child's development, from ante-natal, post-natal, early childhood and a 'kindergarten' stage.

[Survey for out of school care services on financial sustainability](#)

The Scottish Out of School Care Network (SOSCN) has issued a survey requesting information on the financial sustainability of out of out of school care services in Scotland. It is a fast survey to gauge how services are coping financially at the beginning of the autumn term, closing on 28 September 2021.



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.

Justice

[Resource to guide children through justice system relaunched](#)

An online resource to guide children, families and professionals through the justice system when a child is in conflict with the law has been relaunched by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) and Iriss. 'The child's journey: A guide to the Scottish justice system' is the new name for 'Youth and Criminal Justice in Scotland: the Young Person's Journey'. The online interactive resource describes the stages in the justice system for under 18s in Scotland, from suspicion of having committed an offence through to support after completion of a sentence.

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
- further work on and commitment to The Promise
- expanded entitlement to funded early learning and childcare to be extended to all one and two year olds
- a new system of wraparound childcare by the end of this Parliament, with a five year delivery plan to be published within the next year



- implementation of the OECD's recommendations regarding education reform
- access for eligible children to a 'Bairns Hoose' by 2025.

[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.

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

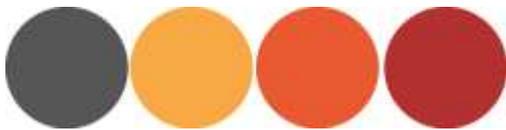
The flu immunisation programme is underway, offering primary and secondary school pupils the vaccine alongside a range of other groups. The programme also includes all those 50 years old and over, healthcare workers and social care workers who delivery direct personal care, teachers, nursery teachers and support staff in close contact with pupils (in both a local authority and independent setting).

[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.

[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.

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