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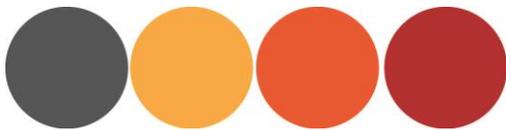
Covid-19 - General

[Setting up the Scottish COVID-19 Public Inquiry](#)

The Scottish Government is seeking views on its approach to setting up the Scottish public inquiry into the handling of the pandemic. Using the Dialogue platform, the Scottish Government are asking for ideas and comments from 23 – 30 September 2021.

[Update on vaccine certificates](#)

An update has been issued on plans for introducing a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme, including how the scheme will operate. Following the Scottish Parliament's approval of proposals, the update provides further detail on how the scheme will operate.



[New antibody treatment](#)

The Department of Health & Social Care has announced a new antibody treatment. Ronapreve, a combination of two monoclonal antibodies, which will be targeted initially at those in hospital who have not established an antibody response against COVID. The UK Government has secured sufficient supply of the new therapeutic for NHS patients across the four nations.

Disabilities

[Proposals to improve transitions for disabled children and young people](#)

A proposal for a Member's Bill has been lodged in the Scottish Parliament by Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP, which would require the Scottish Ministers to introduce, and to implement, a statutory National Transitions Strategy to improve outcomes for disabled children and young people in the transition to adulthood. The Bill would also require a Minister to be appointed to oversee transitions, and Local Authorities to introduce a transitions plan for each disabled child and young person

[Update on BSL Plan marks International Week of Deaf People](#)

The Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) as part of International Week of Deaf People, has issued an update on their British Sign Language (BSL) Action Plan. The update is available in a video in BSL format, along with subtitles and audio.

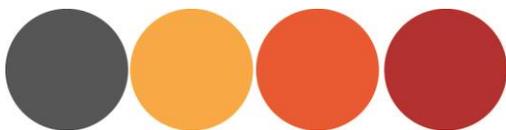
[Evaluation of Scottish Strategy for Autism](#)

An evaluation of the Scottish Strategy for Autism has been published by the Scottish Government, exploring the delivery of the strategy's recommendations and priorities, its impact on the services offered to autistic people and the local services and charities that support them, and the lessons learnt that could inform future policy direction.

Justice

[Raising awareness of Restorative Justice](#)

The findings of a survey to raise awareness and understanding of Restorative Justice have been published by the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ). The survey featured an animation on Restorative Justice in a Scottish context., and people were asked to watch this and then comment on whether it helped raise their awareness and understanding. Amongst other findings, after watching the animation 57% of participants rated themselves as 'more aware'.



Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Toolkit for young people leaving care and their transition](#)

A REAL Toolkit, which stands for Relationships, Empathy and Love, has been launched by the Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum for both young people leaving care and the workforce who support them. The guides on the website follow a particular theme and cover different subjects, such as moving home, employment, mental health to bespoke information on residential and secure care, fostering and kinship care.

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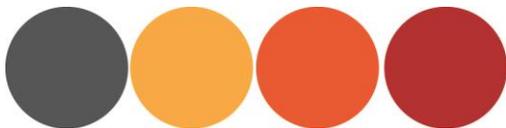
[Scottish Hospitals Inquiry starts oral hearings](#)

The Scottish Hospitals Inquiry has started their oral hearings and will hear from affected patients and families. The inquiry will investigate the construction of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Campus, Glasgow, and the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, and Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Edinburgh. It will determine how issues relating to adequacy of ventilation, water contamination and other matters impacted on patient safety and care and whether these issues could have been prevented.

[Flu vaccine programme and social care staff](#)

The Care Inspectorate is highlighting that the free flu vaccine programme for 2021 will again include social care staff of all ages who have a direct hands-on care role. Workers in the following settings are eligible:

- residential care and secure care for children
- community care for persons at home (including housing support, care at home services and personal assistants)
- care homes for adults



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