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The Scottish Government has confirmed that the legal requirement to wear face coverings in most indoor public spaces and public transport will become guidance from 18 April. The public are advised to carry on with sensible precautions to reduce the spread of the virus and face coverings are strongly recommended where appropriate such as indoor crowded spaces and on public transport. The Scottish Government has updated [guidance for hospitals, primary care and wider community](#), noting that the extended use of facemasks and/or face coverings will still be necessary in certain settings.

[Updated Covid-19 ventilation guidance](#)

Guidance on ventilation has been updated by the Scottish Government to reflect the current Covid-19 situation. The guidance notes that the provision of fresh air into indoor spaces is essential to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and consists of two parts; one providing guidance to support safe mixing of individuals in domestic, or home settings, and the other providing guidance for non-domestic, or commercial properties.

[Public Health Scotland now reporting updates on Covid-19 data](#)

The Scottish Government no longer provides updates on Covid-19 data, as of 11 April 2022. Public Health Scotland (PHS) has



confirmed that all headline coronavirus data can now be found from the PHS Covid-19 daily dashboard. The daily dashboard includes data on Covid-19 cases, hospitalisations, deaths and vaccinations, and neighbourhood and demographic breakdowns.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Age Scotland announces new Head of Dementia](#)

Dr Kainde Manji has been announced as the new Head of Dementia at Age Scotland. The charity said that the newly created role will enable them to take a more formalised and strategic approach to dementia and bring together the work currently being undertaken across the organisation. Dr Manji has been with Age Scotland since 2019.

[Blog on meaningful activities for people with dementia](#)

Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC) has published a blog on meaningful activities for people with dementia. Highlighting a number of examples, the blog suggests meaningful activities provide the opportunity for engagement, help reduce loneliness and social isolation, and reduce distressed behaviours.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Care home group to provide new staff benefits in response to sector issues](#)

Scottish care home group Renaissance has announced plans to offer its employees a range of new benefits in response to resignations and exhaustion across the sector. Following interviews with staff across all levels, the group will provide staff with flexible working, a pay review across all roles, and a health and wellbeing package. The group will also implement a minimum 5% pay increase for all staff and has committed to becoming a Scottish Living Wage Employer.

[Care home operator to build affordable rental homes for staff new care hub](#)

Parklands Care Homes has announced plans to build affordable rental homes for its staff at a new care hub in Inverness. The operator has submitted plans for 24 affordable rental homes near to where it is constructing a 58-bed care home at Milton of Leys. The care home is due to open in 2023, followed by a later living village intended to act as a bridge between independent living and the traditional care home model.

Carers

[Care Inspectorate unpaid carer inquiry launched](#)

A national inquiry into adult unpaid carers' experiences of social work and social care has been launched by the Care Inspectorate. We will talk to unpaid carers directly about how social work and social care services support them to maintain or improve their quality of life and support their ability to continue to care. From this work we will



learn lessons about how the future support of carers can be developed and improved. We have launched a survey for unpaid carers to inform the inquiry. The survey will remain open until Friday 3 June.

[Latest estimation of 685,000 carers living in Scotland](#)

There are around 685,000 carers, including 30,000 young carers, living in Scotland according to the latest figures published by the Scottish Government. The estimates were produced using the Scottish Government's Scottish Health Survey and mid-year population estimates published by National Records of Scotland.

[Call for legal framework and single definition for kinship carers](#)

A family justice charity has launched a campaign calling for a "clear and simple legal framework" and single definition for kinship carers. The Family Rights Group argues that a universal definition would automatically "passport" kinship carers and their children to entitlement to a minimum level of support and services.

Justice

[Consultation launched on revised National Strategy for Community Justice](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation seeking views on key aspects of a revised National Strategy for Community Justice. The revised strategy will be accompanied by a delivery plan which is to contain tangible and time-limited actions to drive improvement nationally towards the aims set out in the strategy the Vision for Justice in Scotland. The consultation will close on 25 May 2022.

Mental Health

[Consultation launched on 10-year mental health and wellbeing plan \(England\)](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care has launched a discussion paper and call for views on a new 10-year mental health and wellbeing plan. The discussion paper has been informed by conversations with stakeholders, people with lived experiences and government departments. The call for views will close on 5 July.

Other Health and Social Care

[Public protection guidance for safeguarding Ukrainian refugees](#)

The Scottish Government has published guidance for practitioners involved in the safeguarding of children and adults who are arriving in Scotland from Ukraine. The guidance sets out the current safeguarding challenges presented by the arrival of vulnerable children and adults from Ukraine, and outlines the approach to: identifying; supporting and maximising safety; the principles that should be applied and the legal frameworks underpinning practice. The guidance should be read in conjunction with [Super Sponsor Scheme and Homes for Ukraine: guidance for local authorities](#).



[Iriss webinar on the role of technology in rural social work](#)

Iriss is to host a webinar exploring the role of technology in rural social work. Jane Pye, a lecturer in Social Work at the Department of Sociology at Lancaster University, will speak at the event, which takes place on 4 May.

[NES to host knowledge sharing sessions for health and care staff](#)

Three taster sessions on Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) have been scheduled by NHS Education for Scotland to support health and social care staff. The 60 minute sessions, to be hosted on Microsoft Teams and open to all staff in health and care, come on the back of the popularity of the TEL Knowledge Sharing Network.

[Quarterly Statistical Summary Report published](#)

Our Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 4 of 2021/22 has been released. The quarterly report presents data on the number of registered care services, new registrations and cancellations, complaints about care services and quality theme grades all by care service type and or service sector.

[Funding for projects to support people with neurological conditions](#)

Funding for 19 projects to support people with neurological conditions has been announced by the Scottish Government. As part of a five-year neurological care and support action plan, projects which harness new techniques and technology will be helped by a third round of funding worth £1m for work commissioned across Scotland. The 2022-23 award will continue to support earlier projects as well as invest in new schemes.



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