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Covid-19 - General

[Long Covid projects have been awarded £3 million in funding](#)

The Scottish Government announced that £3 million will be awarded to projects to improve the care and support available for people with long Covid. The funding will support boards to introduce care co-ordinator roles, extra resource to support a patient-centred assessment, including a multi-disciplinary assessment service, and additional capacity for community rehabilitation to support people with issues affecting their day-to-day quality of life.

[Covid-19 autumn booster dose for more vulnerable adults](#)

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have provided interim advice to the government on Covid-19 booster doses for this autumn. The JCVI have advised that an autumn Covid-19 vaccine should be offered to residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care home for older adults, frontline health and social care workers, all those aged 65 and over, and adults aged 16-64 who are in a clinical risk group.



[Scottish Covid-19 Public Inquiry has been set up and officially launched](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Public Inquiry has been publicly launched alongside a dedicated website. The website includes an introduction to Lady Pool, chair of the inquiry, a Q&A section where the chair of the inquiry answers key questions, and an easy read version of the inquiry's aims. The website also notes that the academic scoping research will be published on the website in the coming weeks.

Disability

[National roll out of annual health checks for over 16s with a learning disability](#)

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, has written to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee informing them of the roll out of annual health checks for anyone over the age of 16 with a learning disability. He noted that £2million per year will now be allocated to NHS Boards to implement annual checks for people with learning disabilities across Scotland. This will begin this financial year. The Scottish Government expects that by 31 March 2023 all known adults with learning disabilities will have been offered their first annual check and that the majority will have had one completed

[Shifting the balance of power: putting people back in control webinar 16 June](#)

Learning Disability Today are hosting a free webinar, on 16 June 2-3pm, that will debate why power should be given to people with a learning disability and/or autism so they can gain more direct control over their own lives. It will also discuss how people with lived experience of learning disability who are at the heart of government policy can help drive future change. Scott Watkin, Jim Blair and Viki Ainsworth will be speaking at the event.

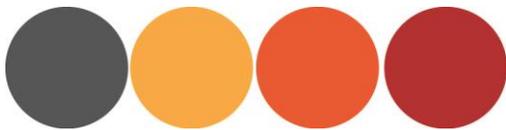
Early Learning and Childcare

[New ELC guidance published](#)

The Scottish Government has published updated interim guidance on the requirements on childcare providers delivering funded early learning and childcare (ELC) and local authorities regarding the delivery of Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for ELC providers from August 2022.

[New Care Inspectorate framework for daycare of children, childminding and school-aged childcare](#)

From 1 June 2022, we will use our new quality framework in our inspections. The framework focuses on children's wellbeing and sets out the elements that will help us answer key questions about the impact care and learning is making to outcomes for children. The framework is mainly a self-evaluation tool to help settings self-evaluate their own performance in delivering good care and learning for children. What influences good outcomes for children has not changed but we hope the way in



which the framework is set out will reassure practitioners of how this will apply in their particular setting.

Education

[Success Looks Different Award by the Young Ambassadors for Inclusion](#)

The Inclusion Ambassadors recently launched the Success Looks Different Award as a chance for school communities to share how they successfully celebrate the achievements of all pupils, regardless of exam results and predications. It is part of the wider work they're doing with their Vision Statement for Success for children and young people with additional support needs. The award is a chance to share how they are promoting, supporting and celebrating success that doesn't take the form of exam results. Entry to the awards is open to all publicly funded schools, including secondary, primary, ELCs and special schools. It is free to enter and applications need to be submitted by 5pm on Friday 10 June 2022.

Justice

[UK Government publish Independent Review of Children's Social Care \(England\)](#)

The UK Government has published the findings of an independent review of children's social care in England and announced plans to establish a national implementation board of sector experts and people with experience of leading change and the care system.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

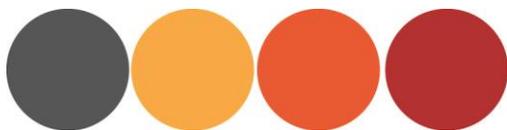
[The Promise publish first progress report](#)

The Promise Oversight Board has published their first progress report since the pledges made by the Scottish Government in 2020. The report highlights that to keep the promise by 2030 the pace of change needs to increase as well as the scale of change. The report further highlights that "Scotland does not have the systems and structures in place to know enough about the current experiences of children, young people and families to fully understand how lives are improving, or if those with responsibility towards them are really stepping up to the challenge." It was also noted that there was insufficient data to allow the oversight board the ability to do its job well.

Mental Health

[SPICe publish mental health briefing](#)

Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published a briefing on children and young people's mental health in Scotland. The briefing looks at recent developments in children and young people's mental health services and covers the universal and specialist levels of support available in Scotland. It also contextualises Scottish Government policy within the worsening mental health of children and



young people over the last decade and considers the impact of the COVID pandemic. In concluding, the briefing notes a series of challenges relating to the balance between prevention and early intervention, ensuring early intervention reduces the number of referrals to specialist services, and strengthening the CAMHS workforce.

Other Health and Social Care

[Public Health Scotland appoint new director for data and digital innovation](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has appointed Scott Heald as their new director of data and digital innovation. Scott was the interim director for the last 10 months and his appointment begins with immediate effect. He will also continue in his role as head of profession for statistics.

[New notification on the use of restraint and restrictive practices](#)

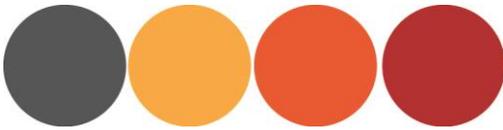
We have worked collaboratively with the Scottish Physical Restraint Action Group (SPRAG) to develop a specific notification for children and young people's services on the use of restraint and restrictive practices. You can access the new notification using our eForms system, and read about when it should be used in our updated [Records that all registered children and young people's care services must keep and guidance on notification reporting](#). The new notification will provide a more streamlined process for care services, as well as providing us with better data about the use of restraint and restrictive practices, helping us all to [Keep the Promise](#).

[Family Nurse Partnership review published](#)

The Scottish Government has published the Family Nurse Partnership: 10-year analysis paper and has highlighted its commitment to expand Family Nurse Partnerships. The report highlights that at a national level, there has been a substantial decline in the pregnancy and birth rate among younger mothers over the last 10 years.

[BASW has published a general update on social work and the war in Ukraine](#)

The British Association of Social Workers (BASW) has published an update on the work of social workers in Ukraine. It provides a roundup of from the last three weeks on the Ukraine situation and includes information from social work staff who are working on the borders. It notes that the BASW's international development fund (IDF) has donated £10,000 to the international federation of social workers (IFSW) Europe which has coordinated medical supplies and other equipment to be delivered via social workers in Ukraine.



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