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## **Covid-19 - General**

### [ELC Covid-19 updated guidance](#)

The Scottish Government has published updated Early Learning and Childcare Covid-19 guidance to reflect the end of the Highest Risk List – formerly known as the Shielding list. The decision to end the list has been taken following careful review of growing clinical evidence by a team of specialist clinicians. It shows that, for the vast majority of those on the list, the risk of hospitalisation or death from Covid-19 has been significantly reduced and is no greater than that of the general public. Support remains in place for those who are immunosuppressed and who may still have reduced immunity

### [Changes to reporting Covid-19 statistics](#)

Public Health Scotland has confirmed that they will move to weekly reporting of Covid-19 statistics from Wednesday 8 June 2022. Following the changes to testing policy, a reduction in the quantity and quality of available data limits the utility in daily reporting. The [PHS COVID-19 dashboard](#) will be updated weekly on a Wednesday alongside the [PHS Covid-19 weekly statistical report](#).



## [UK Government responds to committee report on its preparedness for Covid-19](#)

The Public Accounts Committee has published the UK Government's response to its report on the Government's preparedness for the Covid-19 pandemic: lessons for government risk, which was published on 23 March 2022. The Government's response notes the recommendations made by the Public Account Committee in its original report and provides information on the Government's progress on these recommendations.

### **Early Learning and Childcare**

#### [Monkeypox guidance for ELC settings](#)

New guidance from the World Health Organisation (WHO) has states that 'Contacts without symptoms can continue routine daily activities such as going to work and attending school...It may, however, be prudent to exclude pre-school children from day care, nursery or other group settings.' Specific advice from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is that any childcare settings who are identified by local health protection teams through contract tracing will be 'provided with expert advice on any actions that are required.'

### **Education**

#### [Education inspection to resume in new academic year](#)

Scotland's education inspection programme will resume at the beginning of the new academic year. Education Scotland paused its programme of routine inspections in March 2020 in response to COVID-19 and deployed its HM Inspectors to alternative duties to support education staff during the pandemic. Education Scotland will provide further advice on how HM Inspectors will take account of the current context, the challenges schools and settings face and the impact of the pandemic.

### **Health**

#### [PickUpMyPeriod locator app](#)

The Scottish Government has announced the PickUpMyPeriod locator app now links to over 1,000 places to help people find free period products. Shona Robison also marked World Menstrual Hygiene Day by highlighting £100,000 of Scottish Government support for a project in Rwanda to help people make and sell reusable period products in their communities.

#### [NHS Education Scotland Survey](#)

NHS Education Scotland is conducting a survey to gather information which will be used to support the development of digital skills and confidence across Scotland's health and social care workforce. The survey is for everyone working in health and care, whether you are very confident with digital technology, or completely new to it.



### [SCMA Happy Teeth webpage](#)

The Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) is encouraging childminders to support good oral care with their minded children and families with plenty of useful resources, tools and learning opportunities available through 'Happy Teeth'. 'Happy Teeth' is a three-year project funded by the Scottish Government's [Oral Health Community Challenge Fund](#). Working alongside the [NHS Childsmile Programme](#) to provide support and opportunities for childminders across Scotland, to encourage and implement supervised tooth-brushing within their settings and within the child's own home.

## **Justice**

### [CYCJ launch new podcast](#)

Children and Young People's Centre for Justice has announced it is launching a new podcast called, 'Creative Conversations with CYCJ'. CYCJ's new podcast is a space to discuss, debate and question justice with children and young people. They will be speaking with members of CYCJ and guests about a variety of issues, Episode one is available now.

## **Looked After and Accommodated Children**

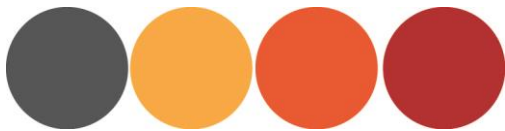
### [Committee approves legislation on cross-border placements](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee has approved The Cross-Border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022. The Regulations provide for a Deprivation of Liberty Order made in England, Wales or Northern Ireland to be recognised in Scotland and treated as if it were a Compulsory Supervision Order.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

### [Services for children and young people in Orkney](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published a second progress review following a joint inspection of services for children and young people in need of care and protection in Orkney. An earlier joint inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate and partner organisations between August and October 2019 identified weaknesses in the way services were led and delivered. The progress report follows up on two remaining priority areas for improvement needed across services, the ability to evidence the difference changes were making to children and that children's lives were improving, and also the involvement of children and families in decisions about their lives. There is evidence of key improvements, and given the progress made and the commitment of leaders to continued improvement, there will be no further formal reviews specifically related to the 2019 inspection. However, the partnership will be asked to report and provide evidence on their progress by March 2023.



### [NHS Festival of Learning](#)

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) has published an outline of the contents of its upcoming Remote and Rural Festival of Learning (FoL), set to take place on Skye from 19-30 September. FoL will bring together health and social care professionals and community members to deliver a diverse range of models of health and social care, practice, education, training, and digital innovation. The festival will support the development of the National Centre for Remote and Rural Health and Social Care. (NES) is leading the development and establishment of the Centre on behalf of the Scottish Government with a proposed launch date of spring 2023

### [BASW Social Work Policy Panel](#)

The British Association of Social Work (BASW) has announced the next meeting of the Social Work Policy Panel takes place on Tuesday 7 June, 13.00-14.30. The panel is a space for front-line social workers to share their views and experiences with policymakers to help improve specific areas of social work practice. The theme of the next meeting will be “Professional social work now and in the future.”

### [RCN independent report calls for significant change and multi-year strategy](#)

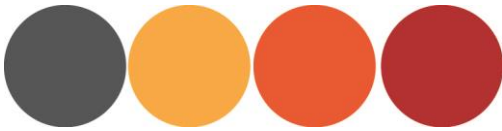
The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has released an independent report from KPMG as part of RCN Council’s review of its governance. The report makes 25 recommendations across four broad themes and calls for clear articulation of member involvement in decision making and the principles for co-productions and co-creation between RCN members and its staff. RCN announced it intends to set a 2023-2028 strategy by this autumn following member engagement.

### [Report on social work’s capacity](#)

A report has been published by Social Work Scotland on the social work profession capacity across Scotland. ‘Setting the Bar’ reportedly shows that social work is facing challenges in rising demand, a lack of understanding of the profession, cuts to local authority budgets and increased administrative burdens. However, the report also documents that social workers are committed to the values of social work and making a difference to people.

### [Resource Spending Review 2022 published by Scottish Government](#)

Kate Forbes, Finance and Economy Secretary, delivered a statement on the Scottish Government’s [Resource Spending Review 2022](#) detailing how the Government will invest over £180 billion to deliver on its key priorities over the coming years. A [Medium-Term Financial Strategy](#) has also been published which sets out the medium-term economic and fiscal outlook and provides the context for the Scottish Government’s spending decisions.

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