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Covid-19 - General

[Amendments to Covid-19 Inquiry terms of reference announced](#)

Deputy First Minister John Swinney has confirmed three amendments to the terms of reference for the Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry. Coming after a period of reflection on the terms of reference and discussions with Inquiry Chair Lady Poole, amendments made include to expressly include social care and the experiences of unpaid carers in the terms of reference. Paragraph 2H as amended will now task the inquiry to investigate the strategic elements of the handling of the pandemic related to provision of social care support including the management and support of staff and the recognition, involvement and support of unpaid carers. The other amendments relate to consideration of disparities and clarification of the wording in terms of the imposition of restrictions.

Child Protection

[Services for Children and Young People in Ayrshire](#)

A joint inspection of services in North Ayrshire has found strengths in ensuring children and young people at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported. At the request of Ministers, the Care Inspectorate leads joint inspections of services for children and young people at risk of harm. Inspectors looked at how staff were working together across a range of services in the North Ayrshire community planning partnership



area, including social work, health and education staff, police officers, and children's reporters. We will monitor the partnership's progress and continue to offer improvement support through their link inspector arrangements and coordinate further support from scrutiny partners as necessary.

[CYCJ and others call for a Bairns' Hoose for all](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) has joined with other organisations to urge the Scottish Government to work towards the inclusion of all children in the Bairns' Hoose programme, regardless of whether they are child victims, child witnesses or children accused of offending behaviour. The letter, which has been sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans and the Minister for Children and Young People, has been signed by 19 organisations in support of a Bairn's Hoose for all, including those who have caused harm to others.

[Call for evidence on funding of violence against women and girls services](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a call for evidence as part of the independent strategic review of funding and commissioning of violence against women and girls services (VAGW). The evidence is intended to inform the development of a new funding model for services, and covers the types of services available, who should provide them, whether access should be a right in law and how barriers to services can be removed. An easy read version has also been published. The deadline to respond is Monday 1 August.

[Insight paper on parental participation at Initial Child Protection Case Conferences](#)

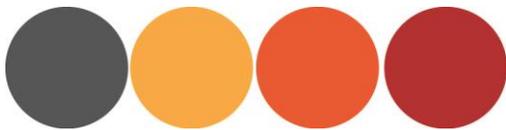
Iriss has published an insight piece on parents who attend Initial Child Protection Case Conferences (CPCCs). According to the paper, parents who attend Initial CPCCs report largely negative experiences which leave them distressed and disempowered. It is also suggested that practitioners want to involve parents but are hindered by the system and there is discord between guidance and reality.

[Child Safety Week: 6 – 12 June](#)

Child Safety Week is an annual community education campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT). This year, Child Safety Week runs from 6 - 12 June, with the theme Safety in Mind.

[Scottish Government to consult on draft guidance on use of restraint in schools](#)

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has confirmed that a consultation on draft guidance on the use of restraint in schools will be launched by the end of June. The comments came in response to a question in parliament regarding what changes have been made since the 2018 report by the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland regarding concerns about the restraint of children in schools.



Disability

[RCN to host webinar on the history of care for people with learning disabilities](#)

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) is to host a webinar on the history of care for people with learning disabilities on 15 June. The free event will use art, photos and archive material to explore how care for people with learning disabilities has shifted over time and to reflect on community support for learning disability today.

Early Learning and Childcare

[UK Government publishes response following ELC data sharing consultation](#)

The UK Government has published a response following its consultation on data sharing to support early learning and childcare (ELC) in Scotland. The consultation related to proposed Westminster legislation that would enable data sharing between HMRC, DWP, the Scottish Government and Scottish local authorities so local authorities can identify those families who are likely to be eligible for the 2-year-old offer of funded ELC. It comes after research previously suggested that more eligible families would be likely to take up the offer if they were aware of it. There were 69 responses in the eight-week consultation period, with most responses positive, and a clear majority agreeing that the proposed data sharing would improve and target a service to eligible households (94%) and thereby improve their wellbeing (88%).

[Safer Sleep resources published](#)

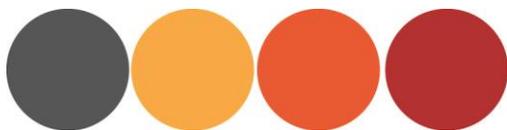
The Scottish Government has published NHS Safer Sleep guidance for professionals and [parents and carers](#) as part of a suite of resources developed in partnership with the Lullaby Trust, UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative and the Baby Sleep Information Source based at Durham University. The government has also published a Safer Sleep [quick reference card](#).

[Covid-19 Early Years Resilience and Impact Survey report published](#)

Public Health Scotland has published a report with key findings from the third round of its Covid Early Years Resilience and Impact Survey (CEYRIS). The report's findings suggest that for a substantial proportion of children in the sample, parents and carers perceive the pandemic to have had a negative impact on child and family health, wellbeing, and development. The impacts generally appear to be felt to a greater extent in families from low-income households and the impacts do not appear to be universal. There are also areas where the perceived impacts tend to be positive, rather than negative.

[SOSCN Service Membership Survey 2022](#)

The Scottish out of School care network (SOSCN) has launched a survey looking at services' recruitment and retention. This includes experiences, capacity and uptake of places, and financial sustainability. Information will be fed back to the Scottish Government. The closing date for the survey is Friday 8 July.



[Children's first five years to be tracked in new study \(England\)](#)

More than 8,000 babies across England have been selected to take part in the first national cohort study in 20 years, which looks at child development and family circumstances in the 2020s, reports Children and Young People Now.

Infection Prevention and Control

[Monkeypox update](#)

The risk of catching monkeypox in Scotland currently remains low, according to Public Health Scotland (PHS). On 1 June, PHS confirmed that there are a total of five confirmed cases of monkeypox in Scotland. Public Health Scotland, in line with the UK four nations statement, recommend that people who are in contact with someone confirmed as infected should be assessed by a health professional to determine if there is a need for exclusion or self-isolation.

Justice

[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Bill introduced to Parliament](#)

The Scottish Government has lodged proposed legislation designed to ensure that, as much as possible, the use of custody for remand is a last resort for the court, and to give a greater focus to the rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals leaving custody. The Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill would amend Part 3 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 to enable the court to receive information from justice social work to help inform its decisions on bail and to limit the circumstances in which the court may refuse bail. The Bill would also reform mechanisms governing release from custody and the support provided to people leaving prison, with an emphasis on reintegration into communities.

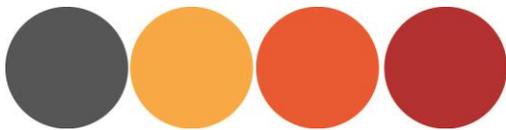
Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Care Inspectorate updates admissions guidance](#)

Following the publication of our paper on [Distance placements: exploration of practice, outcomes, and children's rights](#), we have updated our Admissions Guidance for Residential Services to provide clearer expectations in relation to the admission of young people placed at a distance from home, including those placed cross border. We hope that this will help providers to uphold children's rights, and ensure that young people have more positive experiences.

[Complaints about care services in Scotland, 2019/20 to 2021/22](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published a statistical bulletin on complaints about care services in Scotland. The report covers complaints received and investigated between April 2019 and March 2022 and focuses in particular on the most recent year, 1 April to 31 March 2022. The statistics show we actioned every complaint received and responded appropriately using a risk-based assessment process to



satisfactorily resolve complaints as quickly as possible. In 2021/22, we received 5,595 complaints. In 2019/20, we received 5,831 complaints.

[CELCIS Children's Rights and Alternative Care, free webinar](#)

The Centre for excellence for children's care and protection (CELCIS) is hosting a Children's Rights and Alternative Care: What next for Scotland? Webinar on 22 June at 2pm. This free, online webinar is open to anyone with an interest in the rights of children and young people in care in Scotland, including children, young people, carers, advocates, social workers, policy makers, teachers and all those working in protecting and promoting children's rights.

Mental Health

[Mental Welfare Commission responds to Mental Health Law Review consultation](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission has published its response to the Scottish Mental Health Law Review's recent consultation on changes to Scotland's mental health laws. The Commission said it supported the intention to improve people's rights and protections, and to remove barriers to those caring for their health and welfare, and described the consultation as an "opportunity for the law to ensure greater visibility and support for people with a mental health condition to be involved in directing how services are governed, developed, and scrutinised". The Commission's response includes a section on children and young people. The consultation is now closed, and a final report is due to be delivered to Ministers by the end of September 2022.

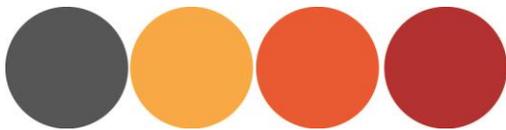
- The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice has also published its [response](#).

[New consultation on Mental Health Law Review proposals](#)

A new consultation has been launched by the Scottish Government as part of the Mental Health and Incapacity Law Review. The new proposals put forward by the Law Review's Executive Team have been developed in partnership with people with lived experience, including unpaid carers and mental health. The consultation is seeking views on subjects including advance statements, independent advocacy and how criminal law and mental health law work together. The deadline for responses is 22 July.

[PHS release CAMHS waiting times statistics](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has published Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting time statistics for the quarter ending March 2022. The statistics show that 73.2% of children and young people were seen within 18 weeks of referral, an increase of 2.7% from the previous quarter, while 5,016 children and young people started treatment, an increase of 7.7% from the previous quarter. One in two of the children and young people seen started their treatment within an average of nine weeks, an increase from seven weeks in the previous quarter, while 9,672 were referred to CAMHS, compare to 10,021 in the previous quarter.



[Infant Mental Health Awareness Week 13 - 19 June](#)

Infant Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 13 – 19 June 2022 on the theme of ‘Understanding Early Trauma’. Infant Mental Health Awareness Week provides an annual opportunity to discuss the importance of babies’ mental health as well as some of the issues that affect it. There are various events running throughout the week.

Play

[Play and autism podcast](#)

Play Scotland has released its 10th podcast episode, with the latest episode looking at autism and play. The episode features a conversation between Learning and Development Officer Jenny Lester and Dr Robert Grant, a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor, creator of the integrative family play therapy approach AutPlay and current chair on the board of directors for the Association for Play Therapy.

[Free Play sessions for children with visual impairment](#)

Together Scotland have announced free play sessions for children aged up to four-years-old with a visual impairment. Led by habitation specialists, the sessions will involve songs, stories and movements. They aim to develop children’s concept development, sensory skills, fine and gross motor skills, self-help and independence and communication skills. Sessions will also provide information, support and networking opportunities for parents and carers. The sessions are free to attend and take place in Edinburgh, Hamilton or virtually from 4 June to 22 October 2022.

Other Health and Social Care

[Care Inspectorate reappointments to board announced](#)

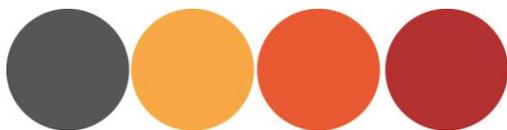
Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care Kevin Stewart has announced the reappointments of Mr Rognvald Johnson and Dr William Maxwell as Members of the Care Inspectorate Board.

[Carers Week: 6 – 12 June](#)

Carers Week continues until 12 June. Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. [A report](#) has been published to mark the week, highlighting the impact of carers and calling for caring to be made “visible, valued and supported”.

[Iriss publishes workplan for 2022-23](#)

Iriss has published its workplan for 2022-23, following a workforce survey sent out in December 2021. Iriss will focus its work on innovation and change in social work and



social care over the coming year. The workplan is informed by the feedback received from the survey and notes that 8 areas of need were identified from this feedback, including staffing, capacity, processes and system shock and recovery.

[SSSC publishes analysis of responses to 'A Register for the future' consultation](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has published an analysis of responses to its consultation on 'A Register for the future'. More than 6,500 people responded to the consultation, which ran for 12 weeks from 20 December 2021 until 14 March 2022. While respondents agreed with most of the proposals, there were two key areas which appear to require further discussion: public facing register information and requirements around adult social care qualifications. Over the summer the SSSC will run workshops with the stakeholder advisory group and other stakeholders to explore views and better understand specific concerns before the proposals are finalised and go to Council for decision in November.

[Patient Information Forum TICK criteria updated](#)

The Patient Information Forum (PIF) has launched an update to the UK's only assessed quality mark for print and digital health and care information. The criteria are 10 key steps organisations must meet before being awarded their PIF TICK. The update places a greater emphasis on inclusion and reflects changes in health and care information since PIF TICK launched in 2020.

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