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## **Covid-19 - General**

### [UK Covid-19 Inquiry officially launched](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has been officially launched, with the final [terms of reference](#) and a new website published. The Inquiry will examine, consider and report on preparations and the response to the pandemic in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, up to and including the Inquiry's formal setting-up date, 28 June 2022. The Inquiry will set out publicly how it intends to minimise duplication and will liaise with any devolved inquiry before it investigates any matter which is also within that inquiry's scope. Areas to be covered include management of the pandemic in health and social care and the public health response, which includes impact on children and young people, education and the early years.

### [Covid Recovery and Reform Bill passed by MSPs](#)

A Bill to embed some of the reforms necessitated by the pandemic has been passed by MSPs in the Scottish Parliament. The Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill is designed to make permanent those reforms that "though necessitated by the pandemic, have delivered improvements to service users and efficiencies, and to help build resilience against future public health threats". As well as a number of new ministerial powers



around the response to public health emergencies, the Bill amends the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to embed those powers given to the Care Inspectorate during the pandemic to enable the electronic sending of formal notices.

### [Latest Covid-19 infection data published](#)

The latest ONS Covid-19 infection survey notes that in recent weeks, the estimated percentage of people testing positive for the virus increased for most ages in Scotland. The Scottish Government has also noted that it will no longer report Covid-19 infection survey data for Scotland on its website. After 1 July 2022, the latest data for Scotland will be available on the Public Health Scotland (PHS) weekly report.

### [People eligible for Spring/Summer booster jab urged to come forward](#)

The Scottish Government has updated advice for people on the Covid-19 highest risk list to include an update on spring/ summer booster jabs. The additional vaccinations are being offered to people aged 75 or over and those aged over 12 who are immunosuppressed. People in Scotland who are eligible for the booster jab are urged to come forward and be vaccinated before the end of this month.

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

### [Call for nominations for National Collaborative Change Team and Reference Groups](#)

A call for nominations has been issued for the National Mission on Drugs Collaborative Change Team and Reference Groups. The Scottish Government has committed to putting people with lived and living experience at the heart of the National Mission to reduce drug related deaths. An open invitation has been issued for people to nominate themselves or somebody else to be part of the Change Team of the National Collaborative, and for groups who want to advise and influence the National Collaborative to put themselves forward as Reference Groups. Supporting documents have been published in relation to the nomination process, including a [revised roadmap](#) for the National Collaborative.

### [PHS publishes report on residential rehabilitation placements](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has published its third interim monitoring report on statutory funded residential placements. According to the report, between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 511 placements for residential rehabilitation were approved by Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs). Estimated costs were provided for 88% of placements approved by ADPs, with a total estimated cost of £3,146,303.

## **Alzheimer's/Dementia**

### [Carers' Hub opens at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary](#)

The Carers' Hub at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary has now opened to provide support to unpaid carers across the region, Alzheimer Scotland has announced. The Hub is funded by the NHS Endowment Fund and is supported by the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership, Support in Mind,



Quarriers, Relationships Scotland Dumfries and Galloway, Alzheimer Scotland, and the Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre.

## Care Homes/Care at Home

### [New healthcare framework for adults living in care homes](#)

A healthcare framework for adults living in care homes has been published by the Scottish Government. My Health – My Care – My Home, designed to strengthen the continuity and increase access to healthcare for people living in care homes, includes recommendations for Scottish Government, partners and providers across six core elements: nurturing environment, the multi-disciplinary team, prevention, anticipatory care, self-management and early intervention; urgent and emergency care; palliative and end of life care. The framework notes a number of actions the Scottish Government will undertake to enable implementation of the recommendations, including working with the Care Inspectorate, Health Improvement Scotland, Public Health Scotland and academic and policy colleagues to develop a set of metrics to monitor and evaluate success and provide a robust platform for quality improvement.

### [Care Home Day 2022 – 20 July](#)

Care Home Day 2022 will take place on 20 July, Scottish Care has highlighted. The awareness-raising day will take place largely online, with a theme of Care Home Voices.

### [Care Home Conference, Exhibition and Awards – 18 November](#)

Scottish Care's annual Care Home Conference, Exhibition and Awards will return on 18 November. The events will take place in person at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow.

### [Home First care programme to expand in South Lanarkshire](#)

Members of South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board have approved increased capacity for the Home First programme, healthandsocialcare.scot reports. The community-based care scheme is part of the Discharge Without Delay programme, which looks to care for people at home whenever possible, prevent admissions to hospital when avoidable and support timely discharge where hospital admission is necessary.

## Healthcare

### [Annual summary of delayed discharge information](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has published its annual summary of delayed discharge information across NHS Scotland, covering the period up to March 2022. According to the publication, there were 540,302 days spent in hospital across the year by people whose discharge was delayed. Of these, 66% were occupied by people aged 75 years and over. There was an increase of 51% in the average daily



number of beds occupied by people whose discharge was delayed between financial years ending 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022.

### [New Core Advanced Pharmacist curriculum welcomed](#)

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) in Scotland, Directors of Pharmacy Scotland and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) have welcomed the publication of the new RPS Core Advanced Pharmacist curriculum. The new curriculum aims to standardise the level of practice of pharmacists who assess, prescribe and manage care for people with complex needs, across the UK, aligning with current multi-professional advanced practice pathways in Scotland and the UK.

## **Justice**

### [Revised National Strategy for Community Justice published by Scottish Government](#)

A revised National Strategy for Community Justice has been published by the Scottish Government. The new strategy is designed to set the national direction for community justice, building on progress made to date and providing a roadmap for future improvement work and key areas for partners to focus on. The document sets out Priority Actions under four National Aims: Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity; Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland; Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence; Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners. A separate document listing the [National Aims and Priority Actions](#) is available.

### [Call for views on Bail and Release from Custody Bill](#)

A call for views has been launched on proposed legislation designed to change the way remand is used and place a greater focus on rehabilitation and reintegration for people leaving prison. The Scottish Government's Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill will enable the court to receive information from justice social work to inform its decisions on bail, limit the circumstances in which bail may be refused and reform mechanisms governing release from custody and support provided to people leaving prison. The Criminal Justice Committee at the Scottish Parliament is seeking views in particular on proposals to change the test courts apply when thinking about bail, plans to end Friday release, throughcare minimum standards and information provided to victim support organisations. The closing date is 8 September.

## **Mental Health**

### [Consultation on new mental health and wellbeing strategy](#)

A consultation on a new mental health and wellbeing strategy for Scotland has been published by the Scottish Government. The strategy will generally cover the next five years until 2027 but will also set out a longer-term approach to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the population. The consultation includes questions about



the strategy, relating to the overall shared vision, draft outcomes and key issues, as well as a section on children and young people. The finalised strategy will be published later in 2022.

### [Report on first year of Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund](#)

The Scottish Government has published a report on the first year of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. The report notes that over 1,800 community mental health projects have been funded, including projects focused on sport and exercise, nature, social spaces, art, and therapeutic approaches, with a strong emphasis on the key themes of prevention and early intervention.

### [Draft Mental Health Bill published for pre-legislative scrutiny \(England\)](#)

The UK Government has published a draft Mental Health Bill, intending to give effect to the policy approaches outlined in Sir Simon Wessely's [independent review](#) of the Mental Health Act. The Bill aims to modernise the legislation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and give people greater control over their treatment. The Bill also aims to make it easier for people with learning disabilities and autism to be discharged from hospital.

## **Older People**

### [2022 Global Ageing Network Biennial Conference to take place in Glasgow](#)

The 2023 Global Ageing Network Biennial Conference will take place in Glasgow on 7 – 8 September 2023. The conference will be hosted in partnership with Scottish Care and the National Care Forum, bringing together international delegates and leaders in ageing services, housing, research, technology and design. The conference theme is Care about Our Future: Global Symposium for Sustainable Care and Support. A [call for presentations](#) has been issued.

## **Social Work**

### [Iriss summary of Chief Social Work Officer annual reports](#)

A summary of Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) Annual Reports for 2020-21 has been published by the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss). Iriss is annually commissioned by the Office of The Chief Social Work Adviser to undertake analysis and produce an overview of the 32 CSWO reports, highlighting key themes to improve understanding of performance and challenges experienced.

### [Social Work Scotland briefing reflects on European Social Services Conference](#)

Social Work Scotland has published a briefing following the recent European Social Services Conference in Hamburg. Convenor Alison White and Head of Policy and Workforce Jennifer Rezendes attended the event across 8 – 10 June, with the latter producing a briefing reflecting on the sessions attended and themes emerging.



## Other Health and Social Care

### [Care Inspectorate appoints new Chief Executive](#)

Jackie Irvine has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Care Inspectorate. Jackie has been a Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) for over 10 years and comes to the Care Inspectorate from her current post as Service Director, Children and Families and Justice Services at the City of Edinburgh Council. Jackie has over 30 years' experience of working in the public sector and has also managed community health services for children.

### [Iriss launches Adult Support and Protection participation learning resource](#)

A new online learning resource supporting the participation of adults and carers throughout the Adult Support and Protection process has been launched by the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss). Working Together in Adult Support and Protection is a completely updated version of a handbook from 2011 (Working Together in Adult Support and Protection) and is the first of three learning resources developed in partnership with the National Adult Protection Coordinator for Scotland that Iriss will release over the course of the summer.

### [IJB financial analysis published by Accounts Commission](#)

A financial analysis relating to integration joint boards (IJBs) has been published by the Accounts Commission. The report suggests funding to IJBs increased by nearly 10% in real terms in 2020-21 but warns of "significant financial sustainability risks exacerbated by uncertainty of future funding, rising demand and the potential impact of a national care service".

### [Professional Standards Authority publishes annual report](#)

The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care has published its annual report and accounts for 2021-22 and its [business plan](#) for 2022-23. The annual report provides an overview of the Authority's work over the past year, while the business plan includes strategic objectives, business principles, regulatory oversight, and a standard-setting work programme.

### [New practice development hub for reducing inequalities](#)

A new practice development hub for reducing inequalities has been launched on the Public Health Scotland Virtual Learning Environment. The resource, aimed primarily at those in public service roles, provides practice improvement support and has been designed flexibly so individuals can select information most relevant to their learning needs which can be integrated into actions in their daily work.

### [New plan for digital health and social care published \(England\)](#)

The Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England have published a new plan for digital health and social care. The plan is directed at leaders in the health,





social care, and technology sector, collating existing digital strategies, plans and guidance into one single action plan. The priorities set out in the plan include digitising health and social care records, a lifelong joined up health and social record by March 2025, and digitally supported diagnoses.

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