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Public Health Scotland (PHS) has published data on changes to the severity of Covid-19 and the impact on hospitals in Scotland from January to April 2022. According to the data, the proportion of all Covid-19 emergency hospital admissions who acquired their infection in the community decreased from 78% in the week ending 7 November 2021, to 59% in the week ending 1 May 2022.

Adult Support and Protection[Joint inspection of adult support and protection in Moray](#)

A joint inspection of adult support and protection measures in Moray has found some clear strengths in ensuring adults at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported. Key strengths included: partnership staff were committed to improving the safety, health, and wellbeing of adults at risk of harm; the partnership supported the adult at risk's involvement in adult support and protection processes; collaborative work with advocacy was strong; the partnership's approach to assessments of capacity was timely and effective. However, inspectors also identified important areas of improvement in the partnership's key processes for adult support and protection.



Alcohol and Drugs

[Proposed Right to Addiction Recovery Bill to go before Parliament](#)

A proposed Bill to enable people addicted to drugs and/or alcohol to access the necessary addiction treatment they require has received the support of enough MSPs to be brought before the Scottish Parliament. The Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill, introduced by Conservative leader Douglas Ross, would enshrine a right to addiction treatment in Scots Law, placing an obligation on NHS services, health boards and the government to protect this right. It would also introduce reporting arrangements.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Applications open for Dementia Assistance Dog](#)

Applications are open for a new match with a Dementia Assistance Dog. Dementia Dogs is a project that harnesses the power of dogs to improve the lives of people living with dementia, with the highly trained dogs helping families with specific tasks such as fetching medication pouches or reminding their owner to complete routine daily tasks. Alzheimer Scotland is seeking applications from people living in mainland Scotland who are at a mild stage of dementia and who live at home with a full-time unpaid carer.

Autism and Learning Disabilities

[Survey to inform Autism Commissioner plans](#)

A survey has been launched to seek the views of autistic people, families and professionals on a new independently appointed Commissioner to promote and protect the rights of autistic people. The Scottish Government made a commitment in its Programme for Government to establish an Autism Commissioner. Run by the National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism, the survey aims to collect views to inform thinking around the Commissioner's role and responsibilities.

[Providers to ensure learning disability and autism interaction training \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has confirmed that all registered health and social care providers in England will need to ensure that staff receive training in how to interact appropriately with people who have a learning disability and autistic people. The new legal requirement was introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022 and will come into force on 1 July.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Care Home Awards open for entries](#)

The 2022 Care Home Awards are now open for entries, Scottish Care has announced. The Awards recognise achievements across 13 categories, with the closing date for entries 5 September and a ceremony to be held on 18 November.



Infection Prevention and Control

[Care Inspectorate to host series of webinars on IPC standards](#)

The Care Inspectorate is hosting a number of webinars to explore how implementation of Healthcare Improvement Scotland's infection prevention and control (IPC) standards can support good practice in care homes and other adult social care services. Care staff, managers and providers are invited to take part in the webinars, which are designed to be interactive and to increase confidence, knowledge and understanding. The webinars, taking place on 19 and 21 July, as well as 23 August, will give an overview of the standards and how they will be used during scrutiny and assurance activities, and the timeframe for implementation.

[Survey to support development of future IPC guidance](#)

A survey has been launched as Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection Scotland (ARHAI) begin the process of transitioning content from the Winter Respiratory Infections IPC addendum back to the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual (NIPCM). ARHAI is seeking feedback to support the development of future guidance, with a closing date of 26 July.

[Thirty-four cases of monkeypox reported in Scotland as of 1 July](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has confirmed there have been 34 laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox reported since 23 May in Scotland, as of 1 July. On the same date, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) reported 1,185 confirmed cases in England, 10 in Wales and six in Northern Ireland. PHS and UKHSA are advising people to be alert to any new rashes or lesions, which appear like spots, ulcers or blisters, on any part of their body.

Mental Health

[SPICe briefing on suicide and self-harm](#)

A short briefing on suicide and self-harm has been published by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe). The briefing suggests the issues are likely to be prominent in policy during the rest of this year and throughout 2023, with the publication of a new suicide prevention strategy due later this year.

Older People

[Final report published on wellbeing in later life](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) and International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) have published a final report on the Wellbeing in Later Life (WeLL) discovery programme. The WeLL project, Overall, a virtual learning network involving 70 organisations and communities in Scotland, explored the Five Ways to Wellbeing through the lens of later life and in the context of a shared ambition to create health and wellbeing through age friendly, inclusive and compassionate communities.



[Relaunch of Scottish Ethnic Minority Older People Forum](#)

Members of the Scottish Ethnic Minority Older People Forum held a face-to-face meeting in Edinburgh to formally relaunch their work. The Forum, hosted by Age Scotland, has 20 members from a wide range of ethnic minorities and plans to set out an agenda for the next chapter of its work aimed at challenging inequality and discrimination faced by ethnic minority older people.

[Nominations open for Creative Ageing Awards](#)

Nominations are now open for the Creative Ageing Awards in Luminate's 10th anniversary year. The awards are across six categories, including social care and creativity. The closing date for nominations is 11 September.

Workforce

[Voluntary Sector Development Fund open for applications](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has announced that applications are now open for the 2022/23 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF). There is around £900,000 available during 2022/23 to help with costs associated with staff meeting the required registration qualification criteria set by the SSSC. The fund is administered by the SSSC on behalf of the Scottish Government and supports voluntary sector organisations providing social services that are registered with the Care Inspectorate. The deadline for completed applications is 2 September.

[Updated FAQs on Safe Staffing Programme](#)

We have revised and updated our Safe Staffing Programme FAQs following a number of questions raised at recent collaboration events. We were commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead on a national quality improvement programme to support care services and our staff for the introduction of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019. You can find out more about the project on [The Hub](#).

[Webinar on immigration and international recruitment – 28 July](#)

Scottish Care is to host a webinar on immigration and international recruitment. The event, taking place on 28 July, will feature Scottish Care representatives alongside officials from the Home Office, the Department of Health and Social Care, and the Scottish Government, providing an overview of the Points-Based Immigration System, guidance on ethical international recruitment, and examples of best practice for the social care sector in Scotland.

[SASW to host online engagement sessions on National Care Service Bill](#)

The Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW) will host a series of online engagement sessions on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill throughout the summer. Six online sessions are planned throughout July and August to provide an opportunity to learn more about the Bill and for attendees to ask questions and share their views to inform engagement with the Scottish Government and MSPs.



Other Health and Social Care

[SASW among organisations urging UK ministers to reconsider Bill of Rights](#)

The Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW), alongside 124 other Scottish organisations, have issued a joint statement to UK ministers asking them to reverse the proposed replacement of the Human Rights Act (HRA) with the new Bill of Rights. The joint statement notes concerns that many elements of the new Bill will significantly reduce human rights protection, including restricting relationships with the European Court of Human Rights.

[New targets set for NHS Scotland to address waiting times](#)

NHS Scotland has set new targets to address the impact of the pandemic on long waiting times for planned care. Health Secretary Humza Yousaf announced NHS Scotland will aim to eradicate waiting times of more than two years, and then one year in most specialities by September 2024. The National Clinical Prioritisation Framework will be revised to ensure any patient waiting more than two years is prioritised and treated, as well as those who require urgent clinical care.

[Boris Johnson standing down](#)

Boris Johnson is to stand down as Conservative leader but intends to carry on as Prime Minister until the autumn, the BBC reports. Mr Johnson plans to stay in post until a new Tory leader has been elected to replace him.

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