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## **Covid-19 - General**

### [Latest Covid-19 figures published](#)

There were 1,669 patients in hospitals with Covid-19 in Scotland in the week ending Sunday 10 July, according to the latest Covid statistical report from Public Health Scotland. The figure is a 15% increase on the previous week, yet infections in Scotland have increased at a slower rate than in other UK nations, with the number of reported cases and new COVID hospital admissions both lower than the previous week.

## **Adult Support and Protection**

### [Online learning resource on role of large scale investigations in ASP](#)

An online learning resource explaining the role of large scale investigations (LSIs) in the context of adult support and protection (ASP) has been launched by the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss). The resource primarily consists of a series of video interviews aiming to provide learners with a greater understanding of the key tasks involved in carrying out an LSI, the ASP principles in the context of an LSI and other principles in relation to carrying out an LSI.



## **Alzheimer's/Dementia**

### [Care Inspectorate looking at prescribing, use and review of psychoactive medication during pandemic](#)

The Scottish Government has contracted the Care Inspectorate to look at the prescribing, use and review of psychoactive medication in care homes during the pandemic as part of the [Dementia and Covid-19: action plan](#). The beginning of Covid-19 presented tremendous challenges for all working in the care sector, including the necessary suspension of many routine services and supports. Understanding the relationship between the Covid-19 virus and the impact it had on care services and on those with dementia, especially during the first wave is crucial

### [Fund opens to support grassroots dementia work across Scotland](#)

A new round of funding for organisations looking to offer grassroots, community-led support for those affected by dementia has been confirmed by Age Scotland. Around £145,000 is available to both new and established organisations and community groups, who can apply for awards of between £5,000 and £20,000 over a year as part of the Encouraging and Supporting Grassroots Activity Fund, delivered by About Dementia and Age Scotland.

### [Free dementia education workshops funded for two more years](#)

The Dementia Services Development Centre has confirmed that RS Macdonald will be funding two more years of free dementia education workshops for family carers and volunteers in Scotland. The workshops are available both online and in person.

### [Alzheimer Scotland tips on keeping cool in the heat](#)

Alzheimer Scotland has highlighted some tips to help people, or the people they support, cool during the hot weather. The advice focuses on drinking plenty of fluids, keeping the house as cool as possible, dressing for the heat and keeping cool outside.

## **Justice**

### [Roundtable discussions on future of voluntary throughcare and mentoring](#)

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss) is to host a series of roundtable discussions on the future of voluntary throughcare and mentoring in Scotland. Community Justice Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Government, is exploring the provision of non-statutory, voluntary throughcare and mentoring services across Scotland for individuals serving short term prison sentences of up to four years. The sessions, taking place in Inverness, Dundee, Glasgow, Edinburgh and online will go into depth on key questions and inform the work as it progresses.



## Mental Health

### [Consultation on new suicide prevention strategy and action plan](#)

The Scottish Government has launched the third and final stage of its consultation on a new suicide prevention strategy and action plan. The strategy, which aims to take a cross-departmental and societal approach, will run over the course of ten years, with the initial action plan running over three years and implementing the first stage of the strategy. The consultation seeks views on the proposed vision, priorities and outcomes set out across the strategy and action plan. The closing date for response is Tuesday 23 August.

### [Mental health staff recruitment target met](#)

The Scottish Government has highlighted that its commitment to recruit an additional 800 mental health staff to frontline roles has been exceeded. According to new figures, 958 whole time equivalent mental health workers have been recruited for deployment to hospitals, GP practices, police station custody suites and prisons, exceeding the target set out in the Mental Health Strategy 2017-27.

## Older People

### [Charity calls for more action to prepare for ageing population](#)

More needs to be done to address the housing, health, financial, and employment needs of older people in response to this demographic shift, according to Age Scotland. The charity was responding to new [mid-year population estimates](#) from National Records of Scotland suggesting that Scotland's population is ageing compared with previous decades. Since 2000, the number of people aged 65+ in Scotland has increased by a third, while the number of children has fallen 6%.

## Other Health and Social Care

### [SSSC works with Scottish Refugee Council to deliver sessions for employers](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is working with the Scottish Refugee Council to deliver sessions for social service employers in relation to the recruitment of refugees. The sessions, limited to 15 attendees, will take place on 2 August, 25 August and 16 September, providing insight and answering common questions on terminology, challenges faced and how employers can better support refugees.

### [Results of survey on public engagement around design and change of care](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland has published the results of a survey on people's attitudes and experiences towards public engagement around the design and change of health and social services. Commissioned by the Scottish Government, the Citizens' Panel survey ran between January and April 2022 and asked questions around attitudes and experiences to inform the Government's review of community engagement and participation guidance for health and social care. Of those surveyed, 23% were aware that they had the right to be involved in the delivery and



design of new health or social care services, with 62% being completely unaware and the remainder saying they were unsure, while 11% had been asked to give feedback or opinion on the service design or change in local health or social care.

### [Projects share funding as new Veterans Commissioner is appointed](#)

A total of 25 projects will share £500,000 from the Scottish Veterans Fund, the Scottish Government has confirmed as it confirmed the appointment of a new Veterans Commissioner. Employment support from Walking with the Wounded and outdoor counselling from the Venture Trust are among the 14 new projects receiving funding this year. Susanna Hamilton has been appointed as the new Veterans Commissioner, becoming the first woman to hold such a post in the UK.

### [Ukraine super sponsor scheme paused](#)

The Scottish Government has announced a three month pause on new visa applications for displaced Ukrainians. According to the Government, temporary suspension is needed to ensure safe accommodation can continue to be provided to those who have already applied and may now travel to Scotland. A total of 21,256 visas have been issued naming a Scottish sponsor – more than 20% of the UK total. Guidance for [local authorities and hosts](#), as well as for [displaced people](#), has been updated to reflect the change.

### [Conversation cafes for virtual Pride week](#)

The Care Inspectorate's LGBT charter champions group is running a series of conversation cafés from 25 July 2022 as part of our virtual Pride week 'Pride in Care 2'. We are bringing people together virtually in small groups to ask questions about LGBT+ inclusion so that we can share learning and good practice.

### [CQC sets out 'how we will regulate' under new approach \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has produced a summary of how it is changing how it regulates. Following publication of the CQC Strategy 2021, regulation in England "will be more relevant to the way care is now delivered, more flexible to manage risk and uncertainty, and will enable us to respond in a quicker and more proportionate way as the health and care environment continues to evolve". A new single assessment framework is to be used, covers all sectors, service types and levels.

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