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The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has published 'Prevalence of ongoing symptoms following coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the UK', reporting on estimates of the prevalence of self-reported long COVID and associated activity limitation, using UK Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey data. Amongst other key findings, the report states that as a proportion of the UK population, the prevalence of self-reported long Covid was greatest in people aged 35 to 69 years, females, people living in more deprived areas, those working in social care, those aged 16 years or over who were not students or retired and who were not in or looking for paid work, and those with another activity-limiting health condition or disability.



Disability

[Disabled workers believe businesses should do more to support them into employment](#)

Two thirds of disabled workers think businesses should do more to support them into employment, Learning Disability Today has reported. The number of Disability Confident employers has risen by 1,100% in the last five years, according to new figures published by global hiring platform Indeed. However, 68% of disabled people say employers should be doing more, with two in five (40%) believing there are good job opportunities available for them and 58% agreeing that finding a job is harder for them than others.

Older People

[Older people encouraged to keep hydrated in summer](#)

Age Scotland is encouraging older people to stay hydrated throughout the summer and warmer weather. They have produced a hydration matters free guide that is accessible online, as well as available by post. The guide highlights why it is important to keep hydrated, as well as how to recognise signs of dehydration and how to treat it.

[Charity calls for urgent action to reduce delayed discharge figures](#)

Age Scotland is calling for urgent action to tackle delayed discharge, as the number of those affected is now higher than pre-pandemic levels, which the charity estimates is costing the NHS more than £400,000 a day. The latest report published by Public Health Scotland shows that there were 50,340 days spent in hospital by people whose discharge was delayed in June, an increase of 36% compared with the previous year.

Workforce

[Revised code of practice for international recruitment published](#)

The Scottish Government has published a revised Scottish code of practice for the international recruitment of health and social care personnel. This addresses concerns raised around strengthening the best practice benchmarks to ensure fairness and consistency in employment contracts, setting out the routes of escalation for concerns about exploitative recruitment, providing more clarity on how the code applies to different international recruitment models, introducing a knowledge test for recruiting organisations applying to be on the Ethical Recruiters List, and expanding the scenario examples.

[New National Leadership Development Programme](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is hosting several free information sessions on a new leadership development programme (NLDP) for health and social care staff that will launch in October. The NLDP will offer a range of leadership



development opportunities and support for health, social care, and social work staff, including community events, tailored support for communities of practice and talent management tools. The information sessions will take place in August and September.

[NMC publish second phase of Ambitious for Change research](#)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) has published the second phase of Ambitious for Change research, outlining findings from the second phase of its research into why some professionals have different experiences of its processes.

[Rural Social Work Forum to host webinar on National Care Service](#)

The Rural Social Work Forum is hosting a webinar on 24 August (1-2pm) that will provide an opportunity to learn more about the National Care Service Bill, ask questions, put forward views, and identify if there are implications for rural social workers. The event will be led and facilitated by the Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW).

Other Health and Social Care

[Care Inspectorate appoints permanent Chief Nurse](#)

Marie Mckerry has been appointed to the permanent post of chief nurse for the Care Inspectorate after holding this post on an interim basis. Marie brings a wealth of experience of nursing in public health, community and social care settings. She will work in partnership with registered services to support quality improvement. The Chief Nurse works across the life span and across all disciplines of nursing for the Care Inspectorate.

[Care Inspectorate publishes quarter 1 statistical report](#)

The Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 1 of 2022/23 has now been released. This presents data on the number of registered care services, new registrations and cancellations, complaints about care services and quality theme grades all by care service type and/or service sector. This is updated on a quarterly basis.

[Call for views on the SSSC Codes of Practice](#)

As part of its Future Proofing Programme, the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is reviewing its Codes of Practice to ensure they align with the Health and Social Care Standards. Before drafting the new Codes, it is gathering views and feedback from employers, workers and people with experience of care on what they think of the current Codes, how they use them and what might improve them. The deadline for feedback is Monday 31 October. The SSSC will use the feedback gathered to draft updated Codes, which will go out for formal consultation in summer 2023, with the new codes expected to be published in early 2024.



[Public Health Strategic Framework Implementation Plan published](#)

The Scottish Government has published a public health strategic framework implementation plan for the Scottish allied health professions (AHPs), covering 2022-27. The plan sets out how AHPs can be supported and empowered to expand upon and develop further the leadership role in public health improvement. The implementation plan covers five specific outcome goals around developing the AHP workforce, demonstrating impact, increasing the profile of the AHP's public health role, developing strategic connections and leadership, and improving the health and wellbeing of the workforce.

[Device fund for Community Learning and Development \(CLD\) organisations](#)

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) has launched a new fund to provide CLD organisations with devices. These devices include laptops, tablets, monitors, and cameras. Any community based voluntary organisation based in Scotland can apply for the fund. The applications close at 12 noon on 16 September.

[NES develop new eLearning module for Technology Enables Care](#)

The Scottish Government's Technology Enabled Care (TEC) team with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) have developed a new eLearning module. The module aims to increase awareness, knowledge and confidence of the health and social care workforce to understand the role of telecare in assessment and support planning. The module is around 45 minutes and can be found on [Turus](#).

[Long-term funding of adult social care report \(England\)](#)

The Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee have warned the UK Government that they need additional funding for adult social care in order to meet the pressure the sector is under in its new report. The report identifies insufficient funding and advises the government to produce a ten-year plan for how it will achieve what was set out in the white paper.

[CQC launch feedback surveys for new responsibilities \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has new responsibilities under the Health and Care Act relating to reviewing and assessing local authorities and integrated care systems. They are now looking to engage and get feedback on three key areas including, quality statements and evidence categories, information that should be in assessments and general comments. The surveys will be online and open until 14 August.



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