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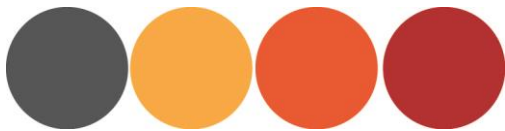
[Draft standards for Bairn's Hoose published](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate have launched draft standards for 'Bairn's Hoose', supporting a child-centred response to health and justice for victims and witnesses of serious crime and abuse. The draft standards, based on international best evidence and incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, are designed to put children's rights at the heart of service design and delivery, ensuring their right to recovery, participation, health and child-friendly justice is upheld. They outline what victims and their families can expect from a Bairns' Hoose. Following initial feedback, a public consultation will now take place on the draft standards. A variety of engagement methods and materials, as well as a child-friendly version of the draft standards, will be used as part of the consultation process.

Disability

[Research on access to services and support during pandemic](#)

A research project commissioned by the Alliance to explore disabled children's and young people's access to support during the pandemic has been published. The report explores how some measures to tackle Covid-19 had negative implications for disabled children's and young people's health, wellbeing, and rights. One of the main issues highlighted through the report was the lack of children and young



people's knowledge of the benefits and support they have access to or are entitled to. The report outlines several recommendations including that offering families the support and company 'from someone within the system' could ease families' feeling of abandonment, and particularly help to recover trust in services, as well as training and capacity building programmes to focus on the needs of disabled people.

Early Learning and Childcare

[New home safety resources highlighted](#)

The Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) has highlighted a new set of resources providing an interactive map of the home, potential household hazards and advice on how to reduce accidents. The Home Safety Map has been launched by the Scottish Community Safety Network in collaboration with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

[Guidance on Childcare Sector Representation and Sustainability Fund](#)

Guidance on how childcare sector representative organisations can apply for the Childcare Sector Representation and Sustainability Fund has been published by the Scottish Government. Eligible organisation can, for each year, apply for either a fixed grant of £40,000 or up to 10% of overall core costs (based on their 2022-23 estimate).

[New funding not clear for local authority nurseries, according to FOI responses](#)

National Day Nurseries Scotland raised a freedom of information (FOI) request to all Scottish local authorities regarding the hourly rates they will pay childcare providers from next week, reports Nursery World. Some 15 of the 32 local authorities that were contacted said they don't know what rate they will pay their early learning and childcare (ELC) providers for the new academic year, which starts next week. Seven councils revealed a higher rate than last year, with four not changing their rate.

Education

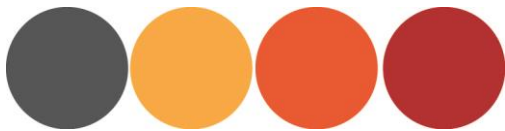
[Education Scotland to host Gender inequality webinar on 5 September](#)

Education Scotland is hosting a webinar on 5 September from 4pm as an introduction to how gender inequality affects attainment, wellbeing and participation. This is an introductory session delivered by the Improving Gender Balances and Equalities (IGBE) team and is relevant to all settings. The session will highlight strategies and practical approaches to address these issues.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Right to Continuing Care information packs launched](#)

CELCIS has launched an information pack designed to support young people in care around their right to Continuing Care. Continuing Care is a policy and legal right



which means that all children living with foster carers, kinship carers or in residential care on or after their 16th birthday are entitled to stay living in the same place with their same carers up until their 21st birthday. The materials have been co-designed and co-produced by care experienced young people with the support of CELCIS, the Care Inspectorate and Clan Childlaw.

Other Health and Social Care

[Care Inspectorate launches Safe Staffing survey](#)

The Care Inspectorate is developing learning resources to support care services who employ staff, to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019, which will be implemented from April 2024 onwards. We want your help to identify your current level of knowledge and understanding of the Act and workload / workforce planning. This will allow us to create targeted learning resources tailored to your needs. Please complete our short survey by **Sunday 4 September**. It should be completed by the registered manager / senior manager for your service, and it will take approximately five minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous, and participation is voluntary.

[Call for evidence on National Care Service Bill](#)

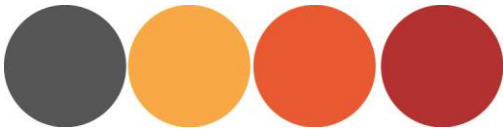
The Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has launched a call for evidence to inform its scrutiny of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. Respondents have an opportunity to provide detailed comments on all aspects of the Bill through the call for views, or feedback, rate specific provisions and ask questions using the Your Priorities digital conversation platform. The closing date for comments is Friday 2 September.

[Charity launches eLearning module and updated participation guidelines](#)

Children in Scotland (CIS) has launched a new eLearning module and participation guidelines. These guidelines offer practical support for those working with children and young people. The new eLearning module introduces the principles of participation, with those signing up able to gain an understanding of what participation is and why it is important, as well as having access to practice techniques. CIS has also updated the participation principles and guidelines in light of feedback from CIS staff, members, partners and children and young people. The guidelines aim to support different types of engagement with children and young people and are particularly relevant for group work.

[Key worker children living below the breadline report](#)

A report issued by the TUC suggests that around 1 million children of key workers are living below the breadline. The report highlights that one in five (19%) of key worker households have children living below the poverty line, an increase of 65,000 children since 2018 to reach 989,000 children in poverty. The TUC has recommended a pay rise for key workers as well as boosting universal credit as possible ways to address the issues raised in the report.



[Scottish Government launches new Citizens' panel](#)

The Scottish Government has announced the launch of a new citizens panel to help shape how parliament engages with the people of Scotland. The panel will comprise of 24 people that will be selected at random and will broadly reflect the demographic make-up of Scotland. 4,800 household addresses from across all eight Parliamentary regions of Scotland will be randomly selected from the Royal Mail address database to receive letters of invitation to participate in the Citizens' Panel. Anyone aged over 16 can participate, there will be nine meetings from September to October 2022.

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