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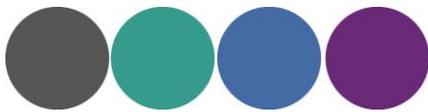
[Consultation on alcohol advertising and promotion launched](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on alcohol advertising and promotion, setting out a potential approach for Scotland. The consultation is seeking views on potential restrictions to alcohol advertising and promotion in Scotland, including whether alcohol sports sponsorship should be prohibited. The consultation will close on 9 March 2023

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Alzheimer Scotland annual 2021/22 review published](#)

Alzheimer Scotland has published its annual 2021/22 review, highlighting that in the past year there has been an increased focus on brain health and dementia prevention, with the first Brain Health and Dementia Resource Centres opening in Alloa as well as the charity developing their Time for You fund. The charity also launched a new vision of 'Prevent, Care, Cure', highlighting that potentially up to 30% of dementias are preventable by protecting brain health.



[Guidance on supporting people with dementia during self-isolation updated](#)

Scottish Government guidance on supporting people with dementia or cognitive impairment to remain safe during periods of isolation has been updated. The guidance was developed with partners within the social care sector to assist care home staff when supporting residents self-isolating in their rooms as per Public Health Scotland guidance. The guidance notes during an outbreak within a care home, residents can choose up to three names visitors and have one visitor each day within their room.

Justice

[Scottish prison population statistics for the period 2021-22 have been published](#)

The Scottish Government has released Scottish prison population statistics for the period 2021-22. The official statistics publication notes the overall prison population has increased by 1% compared to 2020-21 figures. It also noted the average daily population of women in prison continued to fall in 2021-22, from 298 in 2020-21 to 282, while the average daily population of men increased by 3%. It also notes the response to Covid-19 related health measures across the justice system continued to impact Scotland's prison population, with reduced court capacity over the pandemic having significant impacts on volumes of court proceedings, the mix of cases able to proceed in court, and associated sentencing outcome.

Mental Health

[Mental Welfare Commission publishes 15 new reports on facilities in Scotland](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) has published 15 new reports on NHS hospital wards and other facilities in Scotland. The Commission visits units for people with mental ill health, learning disability, dementia or related conditions in Scotland, with a report published after each visit. The Commission noted the reports highlight positive findings, aspects of care and treatment where the service could do better and include recommendations for change where necessary.

Older People

[New report highlights the pressures facing older people's groups](#)

Age Scotland has highlighted findings from its new report "Keeping the Doors Open" which suggest dozens of older people's groups have closed for good or have been unable to resume their activities since the first national lockdown in March 2020. The report notes the pressures these groups are facing as a result of the pandemic, rising costs such as energy, and fewer members taking part. Age Scotland is now calling on the Scottish Government, local authorities, and other partners to commit to support community groups by establishing a new national support fund.



[Age Scotland launches Older People's LGBTQ+ network](#)

The charity has launched its Older People's LGBTQ+ network, a new platform to amplify the voices and uphold the rights of LGBTQ+ people over 50 across Scotland. The network has started working with the Scottish Government to ensure legislation affecting older people is inclusive of older LGBTQ+ people, contributed to a new Age Scotland dementia training programme and is working with the Open University on a public health talk about ageing and the LGBTQ+ community.

Other Health and Social Care

[Analysis of Health and Social Care Data Strategy consultation published](#)

The Scottish Government has published an independent analysis of the responses received to the Health and Social Care Data Strategy consultation. The report notes transparency and consent were recurring themes in the consultation responses, with respondents stressing the importance of knowing what data is collected from them, how it is stored, what it is used for, and by who. Other key findings from the analysis suggest broad support from respondents to use anonymised data for medical advancements, evaluate the impact of health and social care interventions and shape future planning.

[New report highlights inequalities in socio-economic determinants of health in Scotland](#)

The Fraser of Allander Institute has published a report on health inequalities in Scotland. The report, which examines trends in key socioeconomic determinants of health in Scotland since 1999, suggests there are large and persistent inequalities in the socioeconomic determinants of health in Scotland. It also notes that inequality of household income has remained high throughout the period. The key findings from the report also suggest that even though the proportion of people living in relative poverty fell during the period from 1999 until around 2012, this changed from 2015 with a slow upward trend in the proportion of people living in relative and extreme poverty.

[Audit Scotland has published a briefing on challenges facing public sector finances](#)

Audit Scotland has published a briefing on the challenges facing public sector finances, noting that faster reform of Scotland's public sector is needed to protect services. The briefing also notes the importance of delivering these reforms effectively, and with public engagement, in order to deliver sustainable services that improve people's outcomes. It also noted the risk of the Scottish Government overspending against its budget 2022/23 which could impact future budgets.

[Chief Nursing Officers publish joint letter on supporting professionals during winter](#)

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Chief Nursing Officers have issued a joint letter on how they are supporting professionals during the winter period. The letter notes there is additional demand



across all sectors and settings of health and care provision, and that staff shortages are likely to exacerbate this pressure.

[RCN highlights evidence given on National Care Service Bill](#)

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has highlighted evidence given by RCN Scotland Director Colin Poolman to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. At the evidence session, Colin Poolman, raised concerns about the lack of detail in the legislation and urged the Scottish Government to focus on the crisis facing Scotland's health and care services.

[SASW continued engagement with MSPs on the National Care Service Bill](#)

The Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW) is continuing its engagement with MSPs on the Scottish Government's National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. The SASW National Director, Alison Bavidge met with Scottish Green Party Health and Social Care Spokesperson, Gillian Mackay MSP and Scottish Conservative Shadow Health Spokesperson, Sandesh Gulhane MSP. The SASW has briefed parties on its position and recommendations and has highlighted that a National Social Work Agency with explicit responsibility for improving working conditions and recruitment and retention must be included in the Bill.

[New blog published by SCLD on its participation at United Nations event](#)

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) has published a blog on SCLD's participation at the Universal Periodic Review of the United Kingdom at the United Nations. Oonagh Brown, the human rights programme lead at SCLD, outlines the issues SCLD spoke about at the review, including learning disability in Scottish mental health legislation, and equality and non-discrimination.

[The ALLIANCE has published a report on its Carer Voices programme](#)

The ALLIANCE has published a report on its Carer Voices programme, which for the last six years has delivered training sessions in partnership with health and social care, third sector, and public sector organisations to encourage person centred practice. The report includes a number of case studies and examples of good practice evidencing culture change towards compassionate, person-centred care. The ALLIANCE noted the programme has now reached over 250,000 individuals across over 1,700 events.

[Summary statistics of benefits for carers and disability assistance published](#)

Summary statistics, for May 2022, for Carer's Allowance, Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disablement Allowance have been published by the Scottish Government. The report notes that in May 2022, there were 81,682 carers in Scotland in receipt of Carer's Allowance, an increase of less than 1% since May 2021 when there were 81,337. It also notes, there were 129,556 people in Scotland in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. This is a decrease of 8% since May 2021 when there were 141,394.

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