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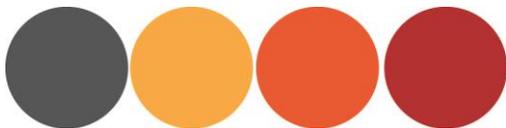
## **Covid-19 - General**

[Spring Booster information published](#)

Public Health Scotland has published a Covid-19 vaccine spring booster leaflet for people aged 5 and over with a weakened immune system.

[Online tool for people with Long Covid](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) are highlighting a new online tool for people living with Long Covid to manage their symptoms. Jointly produced by Let's Get On With It Together (LGOWIT) and Covid Aid, the online portal is open for registration until 31 March.



## **Child Protection**

### [Charities encourage launch of national strategy to prevent child sexual abuse](#)

NSPCC Scotland hosted an event at Holyrood with Stop It Now! Scotland to call on the Scottish Government to launch a national strategy to prevent child sexual abuse, reports North Edinburgh News. In collaboration with experts in the field, the two charities discussed the impacts of sexual abuse on victims and the next steps needed to guarantee Scotland was a safe country for children to grow up in.

### [Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry of historical child migration published](#)

The initial findings of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry's consideration of historical child migration have been published. The inquiry has said thousands of children in care who were shipped to countries like Canada, Australia and New Zealand were physically, emotionally, and sexually abused by those charged with caring for them. Lady Smith, chair of the inquiry, concluded the migration system was "inherently abusive."

### [Charity highlight need for child safety advocate within Online Safety Bill \(England\)](#)

The NSPCC has highlighted an amendment to the Online Safety Bill lodged by a cross-party group of peers which would see the bill incorporate a statutory user advocate for children to provide an expert voice and representation.

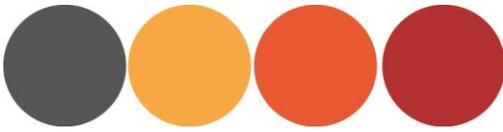
### [Online Safety Bill report published by Constitution Committee \(England\)](#)

The Constitution Committee has published a report on the Online Safety Bill. The report welcomes provisions in the Bill to ensure Ofcom codes of practice are subject to parliamentary scrutiny. However, it suggests an affirmative procedure would have been more appropriate for certain codes.

## **Disability**

### [Gender based violence of women with learning disabilities report published](#)

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities has published a report with People First Scotland on the experience of gender-based violence of women with learning disabilities in Scotland. The report, based on interviews, FOI requests on the rates of gender-based violence and a literature review, finds approaches to support at the local level are often inconsistent when applied to women with learning disabilities, with restrictive legislative measures often employed when they report such crimes. It also criticises a lack of consistent data collection and monitoring at a local and national level. The report makes a series of recommendations, including the creation of National Human Rights Institutes, the development of an accessible framework for reporting gender-based violence, a national advocacy service for disabled women, and co-created national staff training



for the police and justice services on working with women with learning disabilities who experience such crimes.

## **Early Learning and Childcare**

### [Applying to register an existing care service \(care homes for adults and daycare of children\)](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published a new position statement on applying to register a care service (care homes for adults and daycare of children). It explains the registration process and why care providers must be registered with us. It highlights what to do when registering existing care service premises, including links to good practice guidance, and provides answers to frequently asked questions to support applicants.

## **Education**

### [Scottish Government publish privacy notice on data relating to pupils and staff](#)

The Scottish Government has published a detailed privacy notice on data relating to pupils and staff produced by the government's education analytical services. The notice explains why data is needed, what data is collected, how data is processed and by who, how its stored, data sharing and related rights. The Scottish Government has also published a privacy notice for staff on data relating to staff produced by Education Analytical Services.

## **Health**

### [Research into 'shaken baby' syndrome advice \(England\)](#)

Researchers at the University of the West of England are investigating whether giving prospective and new parents safety tips would reduce shaken baby syndrome, reports the BBC. It follows a suspected increase in the likelihood of babies suffering abusive head trauma during the pandemic lockdowns.

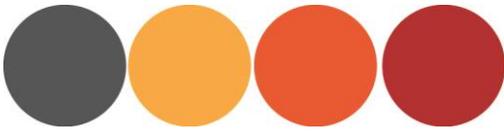
## **Looked After and Accommodated Children**

### [First Minister delivers formal apology for historical forced adoption practices](#)

First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon delivered a formal apology to those affected by historical forced adoption practices in a statement to parliament. The Scottish Government is urging those affected to share their experiences about how they can be best supported and has dedicated £145,000 to support specialist mental health counselling.

### [Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care meets with Who Cares? Scotland](#)

Ahead of a meeting with Who Cares? Scotland, Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care has pledged to Keeping The Promise by 2030. Mr Yousaf



said he would work closely with Who Cares? Scotland as First Minister, should he be elected, accelerate the commitments of The Promise Implementation Plan where possible and progress to enshrine the UNCRC Bill into Scots law would be a key priority.

#### [Integrated Care Matters series 7 webinar 19 April](#)

The International Foundation for Integrated Care have announced the fourth webinar in their Integrated Care Matters Series 7, reports the Alliance. This webinar will be hosted on 19 April, 4-5:30pm BST, and will feature examples of Child and Family Centred integrated care. Each webinar will be accompanied by a topic resource with links to further information. All who register will receive links to the recordings and topic resources.

#### **Other Health and Social Care**

#### [Charity calls for transitions to adulthood to focus on person centred support](#)

Children in Scotland has called for the Scottish Government's new Transitions to Adulthood Strategy to focus on person-centred support, arguing for planning to be tailored to individual needs and circumstances and involve and listen to young people.

#### [Young Carer Grant statistics published](#)

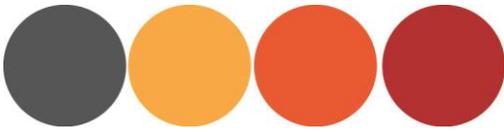
The Scottish Government has published high level statistics on the Young Carer Grant, including the number of applications received, processed and authorised, and the value of payments made up to 31 January 2023.

#### [Meeting qualification conditions](#)

The SSSC has published statistics on how many social care staff are currently registered with a condition to obtain a relevant qualification within the next five years. The SSSC has also published [statistics](#) on the number of ongoing fitness to practise cases currently under consideration by its fitness to practise department, alongside [statistics](#) on the number of these cases dealing with residential childcare.

#### [Sustainable greener prescribing](#)

The Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland (RCGP) and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Scotland (RPS) have hosted a virtual roundtable event discussing how to reduce the environmental harms of prescribing. It has also been announced that the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network will launch a Short Life Working Group to develop an implementation strategy for sustainable prescribing guidelines.



### [Annual survey of social workers](#)

The British Association of Social Workers (BASW) has published their annual survey of social workers and students from across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Whilst the survey reportedly shows that 59% are happy in their profession, it also highlights the high demands experienced by social workers by the cost-of-living crisis and worsening levels of poverty across the UK.

### [Public Health Scotland appoints new Chief Executive](#)

The Chair of Public Health Scotland (PHS) has announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive, Paul Johnston. Mr Johnston joins PHS from the Scottish Government, where he has been a Director General since June 2015.

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Each item in the bulletin has a hyperlinked headline that will take the reader to the original source.

We collate items from our parliamentary and Scottish Government monitoring covering health and social care news from throughout the UK, and current research and policy development. We use a variety of sources for the bulletin, including alerts from [Newsdirect](#), [Community Care](#), [Children & Young People Now](#) and [ISD Scotland](#).

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