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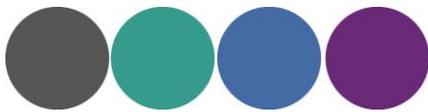
Covid-19 - General

[Booster programme for spring](#)

The Scottish Government has announced residents in care homes for older adults are receiving their spring Covid-19 booster following recent advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). A spring booster dose will also be offered to those aged 75 and over from 11 April and individuals aged five and over with a weakened immune system from 24 April.

[Funding application process reopens for Inquiry](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has announced that it has reopened its core participant and funding application process for its health and social care investigations. The Inquiry is inviting concurrent core participant and funding applications from parties with an interest in health and social care until 11.59pm on 14 April 2023.



Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Post Diagnostic Support](#)

Public Health Scotland has published figures on the Scottish Government's Local Delivery Plan (LDP) standard that everyone newly diagnosed with dementia will be offered a minimum of one year's post-diagnostic support, coordinated by an appropriately trained link worker, including the building of a person-centred support plan. The figures reportedly show that there were 6,569 people diagnosed and referred for dementia post-diagnostic support in 2020/21, compared to 8,137 in 2019/20, and of those referred in 2020/21 for post-diagnostic support, 81.0% received a minimum of one year's support this is similar to the percentage in 2019/20 (81.1%).

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Demand for Care at Home Services](#)

Public Health Scotland has published information on demand for care at home services, which includes the total number of individuals waiting for an assessment for social care services, the number of people waiting for a package of care at home and the number of hours of care that are being waited for. Main points include that the number of people waiting on a social care assessment to enable them to live independently at home or in the community is just over 7,200 on 20 March 2023., and the number of people assessed and waiting for a care at home package is just under 4,400 on 20 March 2023.

Justice

[Safer communities and justice statistics monthly report published](#)

The Scottish Government has published its monthly report on safer communities and justice statistics. The report provides information on how crime flows through the justice system and provides summary statistics on crime in general, policing, hate crime, drugs, community safety, criminal and civil proceedings, and prisons. The report suggests that police recorded crime is at one of the lowest levels seen for a 12-month period since 1974 and is down 4% since the year ending December 2018.

[Report published on the financial impact on families of imprisonment and release](#)

A report published by the abrdn Financial Fairness Trust states that the burden of care and costs associated with supporting someone in prison in Scotland falls disproportionately on women. The report notes that many women spend half their income or more in costs relating to their family member's imprisonment, and that many children and women were not able to take part in social activities during the imprisonment of family members.



Older People

[National survey on issues facing older people](#)

Age Scotland are running their 'Big Survey' for people over 50 years old, exploring topics affecting older people such as health and wellbeing, housing, transport, communities, ageism and representation. Submissions to the survey close on 29 April 2023.

Other Health and Social Care

[Joint inspection of adult support and protection in the Shetland Islands](#)

The Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland have published a joint inspection of adult support and protection measures in the Shetland Islands. The report finds clear strengths in ensuring adults at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported. However, inspectors also identified areas which could further improve, such as that the Shetland public protection committee's vision and strategic business plan be updated and more focussed on adult support and protection.

[Scottish code of practice for the international recruitment of health and social care personnel](#)

The Scottish Government has published a revised version of the Scottish Code of Practice for the international recruitment of health and social care personnel. The Code aims to promote high standards of practice in the ethical international recruitment and employment of health and social care personnel, and ensure all international recruitment is conducted in accordance with internationally agreed principles of transparency and fairness.

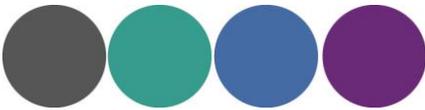
[National Care Service timetable](#)

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has written to the First Minister, Humza Yousaf, seeking clarification on the Scottish Government's position regarding the planned timetable for completing Stage 1 scrutiny of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

Other

[UN's review of UK human rights](#)

The Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Scottish Human Rights Commission have published a statement relating to the UN's review of UK human rights. The statement notes concern around conditions in immigration detention and the disproportionate policing of some ethnic minority groups and urges the UK government and devolved nations to "publish clear, actionable plans for implementing" the recommendations from the review. The statement also notes concern that the repeal of the Human Rights Act and introduction of the UK's Bill of Rights will weaken human rights protections, have



implications for devolution and is not compatible with the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement.

[Equality evidence strategy](#)

The Scottish Government has published its Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-25 setting out their approach to improving and strengthening Scotland's equality evidence base. The Strategy aims to improve and expand data already collected and explore new and innovative ways of improving Scotland's evidence base.

[Scotland's second National Human Rights Action Plan has been published](#)

SNAP 2 (Scotland's second National Action Plan on human rights) has been published. The strategic plan recommends 54 practical actions to be taken by Scottish public bodies, civil society organisation, and rights holders. The plan sets out a number of key priorities including achieve a decent standard of living, improve health, wellbeing and the environment, enhance education and work, protect private and family life, ensure justice, learn from Covid-19, and realise a human right culture.

[New Chief Executive for COSLA](#)

COSLA has announced Jane O'Donnell as its new Chief Executive, replacing current Chief Executive Sally Loudon who leaves COSLA in June after seven years in the job. Jane O'Donnell has been working in Scottish Local Government for over 25 years but is currently working with Scottish Government as the Deputy Director for Community Empowerment, Reform and Governance.

[New First Minister and ministerial team](#)

Humza Yousaf was elected leader of the SNP this week and formally sworn in as First Minister. He confirmed the appointment of his Cabinet and ministerial team, including:

- Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Shona Robison
- Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, Michael Matheson
- Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Jenny Gilruth
- Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice Shirley-Anne Somerville
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs Angela Constance
- Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Natalie Don
- Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance, Tom Arthur
- Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning, Joe FitzPatrick
- Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Jenni Minto
- Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd
- Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy, Elena Whitham
- Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees Emma Roddick
- Minister for Housing Paul McLennan
- Minister for Victims and Community Safety Siobhian Brown



The new First Minister is expected to outline his government's priorities on Tuesday 18 April.

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