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[Scottish Covid inquiry listening project](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has launched a listening project, 'Let's Be Heard: Sharing Scotland's Covid Experience', which aims to be the main channel for people who were impacted by the pandemic in Scotland between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022 to share their experiences and any lessons they believe should be learned. Let's Be Heard is seeking answers to three key questions:

1. What were your experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic?
2. What impact did these experiences have on you or people you know?
3. What lessons do you think should be learned from your experiences?

[Sharing experiences with the UK Covid inquiry](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has published a new and improved online form to make it easier for people to share their experiences with the Inquiry. 'Every Story Matters' provides an opportunity for everyone in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to tell the inquiry about their experiences of the pandemic.



[Changes to public health Covid reporting](#)

Public Health Scotland has now moved its weekly report on respiratory infections, including Covid-19, to a monthly publication schedule. This aligns to the pre-pandemic approach for other respiratory pathogens, which typically follow a seasonal pattern with most cases occurring between October and May. A return to weekly publications will resume in October 2023.

[Updated Covid guidance for prisons](#)

Public Health Scotland has updated its Covid-19 guidance for prison settings to include a new appendix on Covid IPC controls for health and social care settings and to reflect the withdrawal of Scottish Government guidance on the extended use of face masks and face coverings in healthcare and social care settings. The guidance has also de-merged prison COVID-19 guidance from PHS COVID-19: information and guidance for social, community and residential care settings (SCRC) in response to feedback from Care Home sector relatives.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Meaningful connection literature review published by Care Inspectorate](#)

The Care Inspectorate's Anne's Law project team has published a literature review, providing an in-depth narrative on the effects of social isolation and the importance of connection for people living in care homes and discusses the key themes emerging. The project aims to uphold the rights of people who live in adult and older people's care homes, with a particular focus on promoting meaningful social connection and community involvement.

[Comments on National Care Home Contract](#)

The BBC reports on negotiations between Scottish Care and COSLA on the National Care Home Contract (NCHC), noting that since January two offers to renew the contract have been made by COSLA which have been rejected by care home providers. Both [COSLA](#) and [Scottish Care](#) have issued statements.

Disabilities

[Use of Dynamic Support Register for people with learning disabilities](#)

The Scottish Government has published a Memorandum of Understanding between themselves and COSLA in relation to the Coming Home Implementation Dynamic Support Registers for people with learning disabilities and complex care needs. The Scottish Government and COSLA have agreed to implement the five key recommendations from the Coming Home Implementation Report. Key Recommendation 2 specifically refers to developing a Dynamic Support Register as a tool to be used by local areas. An equality [impact assessment](#) has also been published.



Justice

[Factsheet on victims and witnesses bill](#)

The Scottish Government has published a factsheet on the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, with information on the different measures in the Bill.

[Report on development of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences](#)

The Scottish Government has published a report on Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (Maracs), covering views, themes and recommendations identified at a series of stakeholder deep dive sessions in 2021. The overarching messages highlighted include the need to ensure adequate resources are available to support Maracs, clear roles and understanding, National Guidance and Quality Standards and discussion around creating a statutory duty.

Mental Health

[Analysis of consultation responses on suicide prevention strategy and action plan](#)

The Scottish Government has published an analysis of responses to its consultation on the development of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan. The report presents the range of views expressed and trends made in comments, and is structured around the themes identified in responses to each question

[Update on Scottish Government response to mental health law review](#)

The Scottish Government's Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport Maree Todd has written to the Scottish Parliament's Criminal Justice Committee in relation to the Mental Health Law Review. The letter confirms that the Scottish Government will provide an initial response by Summer 2023, and addresses specific proposals raised by the Committee on subjects such as safe spaces, Distress Brief Intervention programme, and the Enhanced Mental Health pathway.

Other Health and Social Care

[Members sought for nursing fitness to practise panels](#)

The Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) is recruiting fitness to practice panel members. They are seeking at least 70 people to join their pool of lay and registrant independent panel members, to make fair, high-quality decisions on fitness to practise cases, and are also looking to recruit at least 50 legal assessors to ensure the fairness of proceedings.

[National Care Service events over Summer](#)

The Scottish Government has announced that they will hold a programme of meetings over the Summer, and online meetings for anyone who would prefer to join discussions remotely, as part of planning for a new National Care Service. The purpose of these events is to find out more about the unique nature of social care



support in local areas and discuss what you'd like to see in the future National Care Service. The in-person events will be held in Stirling, Glasgow, Tayside, Dumfries and Galloway, Argyll and Bute, Skye, Highlands, Shetland, and Mora and details can be found on [Eventbrite](#).

[Hospital at home programme](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland's Improvement Hub has published information on the expansion of the Hospital at Home programme, which provides short-term hospital level care in a person's own home.

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