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Covid-19 - General

[Covid-19 Committee annual report](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Covid-19 Recovery Committee has published an annual report for 2022-23. The report covers the Committee's work on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill, and inquiries on pre-budget and post legislative scrutiny, and equalities and engagement.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[People living with dementia encouraged to join clinical drug trials](#)

Prof Jonathan Schott, a neurologist at University College London's dementia research centre, and Alzheimer's Research UK's chief medical officer, is encouraging people living with dementia to join clinical drug trials, the Guardian reports. As well as potentially gaining access to "extremely exciting studies from new treatments that have shown clinical benefits", trial participants benefited from being in contact with experts in the field and helping to drive forward understanding of dementia, Professor Schott reportedly comments.



Care Homes/Care at Home

[Pressure ulcer guidance for care at home services](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published Guidance for developing a policy for care at home services based on the NHS Scotland Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management Standards (Oct 2020). These standards are applicable to both health and social care which includes care at home services. We would encourage care at home services to take account of the standards and supporting guidance to put in place a robust approach to focusing on a preventative approach so that skin damage is picked up at an early stage and escalated. We are planning a webinar to support services to implement this guidance. A date for this will be announced shortly.

[Nominations open for Care Home Awards](#)

Scottish Care has announced that nominations for the 2023 National Care Home Awards are open. There are 13 award categories and nominations close on 11 September 2023.

Other Health and Social Care

[Protecting against cyber threats](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has published a blog on the importance of cyber security and how social service organisations can recognise potential cyber security threats, and implement robust safeguards. The top three cyber security threats identified include ransomware attacks, data breaches, and phishing and social engineering. Organisations must establish comprehensive policies, processes and training frameworks that work alongside technological solutions.

[Survey results on how staff and service users understand the term co-production](#)

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has published a survey examining how co-production is perceived in the UK, exploring how the term co-production is defined by staff in the adult social care workforce and service users, and the individual experiences and the lessons learnt from working in a co-productive way.

[Hospital at home framework](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has published a framework co-produced with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and national Hospital at Home stakeholders, 'Hospital at Home Knowledge, Skills and Development Framework' for healthcare support workers, nurses and allied health professionals. It is intended to support practitioners, managers, service leads, educators and those aspiring to work within Hospital at Home, providing acute hospital level services at home.



[Allied health professionals' compendium updated](#)

Allied Health Profession Federation Scotland (AHPFS) have recently published the 'Scotland Allied Health Professions Compendium 2023'. The updated version for 2023 includes additions demonstrating the impact of AHPs in mental health.

Other

[Standards to support international social workers coming to the UK](#)

The British Association of Social Workers (BASW)'s Social Work Special Interest Group (SIG) have developed and published new standards to support international social workers coming to the UK and their employers. The standards aim to ensure that international social workers have the support, guidance and training they need to provide the best possible support to people they work with.

[Partnership Agreement between Scottish Government and COSLA](#)

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Scottish Government have agreed a new Partnership Agreement (the Verity House Agreement), setting out their vision for a more collaborative approach to delivering our shared priorities for the people of Scotland. Within the agreement, they have agreed three shared priorities, which include tackling poverty, just transition to net zero and sustainable public services

[Accounts Commission annual report](#)

The Accounts Commission has published their annual report for 2022/23. Amongst other areas, they are reporting on progress against priorities, Best Value and overview reports published on councils during the year, and national thematic reports.

[Social work conference programme \(4 October 2023\)](#)

Social Work Scotland has announced the programme for their conference on Wednesday 4 October 2023 in Glasgow.



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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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