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Covid-19 - General

[Scottish Covid Inquiry invites core participants to apply for Leave to Appear](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry is inviting applications from core participants for Leave to Appear in respect of its health and social care impact hearings, which are scheduled to commence on 24 October 2023. Applications will be open from 20 September to close of business on 29 September 2023.

[UK Covid Inquiry evidence in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has confirmed that public hearings for the investigations into core UK decision-making and political governance in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (Modules 2A, 2B and 2C) will take place in January, February and April 2024 respectively.



Alcohol and Drugs

[Consultation on Minimum Unit Pricing](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on a proposal to increase the Minimum Unit Price (MUP) of alcohol by 15 pence per unit to 65 pence. A Scottish Government [report on the operation and effect of MUP](#) in its first five years, an Interim Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment and a report on public attitudes to the policy have also been published. These papers assess the success of the measure so far and look at the future impact on health and industry sectors if it is continued and the potential effects of different minimum price levels.

Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Deaths caused by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias](#)

Figures on the numbers of deaths caused by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias were registered in 2022 have been published by the National Records of Scotland. 6,277 deaths caused by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias were registered in 2022, this is an increase of 231 from 2021, and over 80% of deaths caused by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias occurred amongst people aged over 80 years old.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Care Inspectorate survey for people who use care homes for adults and older people](#)

We have developed a care survey for people who use care services. We have also developed surveys for relatives, carers and staff and other professionals who help to support people in your service. These will replace the old care standards questionnaires and link to our quality frameworks for care services.

[Progress report for care home healthcare framework](#)

The Scottish Government has published the first annual progress report for 'My Health, My Care, My Home', a healthcare framework for adults living in care homes. The report covers implementation, the nurturing environment, the Multi-Disciplinary Team, prevention, anticipatory and future care planning, palliative and end of life care, a skilled and sustainable workforce, digital and technology, and monitoring and evaluation. The report also notes that many Health and Social Care Partnerships and Health Boards are undertaking self-assessments to identify priority areas and introduce improvement initiatives, which are highlighted throughout.

Justice

[Statistics published on recorded crime](#)

The Scottish Government has published statistics by the Chief Statistician on 'Recorded Crime in Scotland' for the year ending June 2023. The police in Scotland recorded 292,702 crimes in the year ending June 2023. This was 2% higher than the



285,974 crimes recorded in the year ending June 2022, but 4% lower than the 305,300 crimes recorded in the year ending June 2019.

Mental Health

[Reports on wards and units for people with mental ill health](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) has published 12 reports on NHS hospital wards and other facilities for people with mental ill health, learning disability, dementia or related conditions. The reports highlight positive findings, aspects of care and treatment where the service could do better, and recommendations for change where necessary.

Older People

[Reducing the risk of falls](#)

Age Scotland are marking UK Falls Awareness week by highlighting tips for reducing the risk of falls, including their Take Five to Age Well campaign about small changes in daily routine to make older people stronger and steadier.

Other Health and Social Care

[Support for unpaid carers](#)

The Scottish Government has announced that the Carer Support Payment will be open for applications in pilot areas from November 2023, subject to parliamentary approval of regulations setting out rules and eligibility. Adults living in Perth and Kinross, Dundee City and Na h-Eileanan an Iar, will be the first to be able to apply ahead of phased national rollout from Spring 2024. The benefit will be available nationally by Autumn 2024.

[Support for groups to engage in National Care Service design](#)

The Scottish Government has announced funding for third sector organisations, to support their engagement with the National Care Service co-design process. Organisations will receive £5000 each to facilitate their contributions to the ongoing consultation, including those who represent ethnic communities, LGBTI people and children and young people.

[Update on National Care Service](#)

The Scottish Government's Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport has written to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Convener with an update on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. The Minister writes that the Scottish Government and COSLA have agreed that to "provide effective national oversight and governance of social work, social care support and community health" the National Care Service will have a national Board. The letter goes on to clarify the aim of the Board will be "to ensure consistent, fair, human rights-based social care



support and community health services, underpinned by effective complaints and advocacy for people”.

[Scottish Social Services Awards 2023](#)

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss) is highlighting that the Scottish Social Services Awards are open for nominations.

[Training for staff in energy efficiency](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) is advertising free training by Energy Action Scotland for front line staff responsible for looking after the health, wellbeing, and social welfare of vulnerable people. the training aims to assist staff in providing appropriate and effective advice and information to clients, helping them to obtain all the help and support that’s available.

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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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