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Covid-19 - General

[Spring vaccination programme underway](#)

The spring Covid-19 vaccination programme has begun in Scotland. Those eligible include people aged over 75, residents in care home for adults and people aged over 6 months who have a weakened immune system.

Disability

[Social Security Scotland now paying all benefits for disabled children](#)

Disability benefits for children and young people in Scotland are now paid directly by Social Security Scotland. Around 76,000 disabled children and young people in Scotland now receive Child Disability Payment, including around 31,000 who applied since the new benefit was launched to replace Disability Living Allowance for children.

Education

[Updated Ofsted policies on complaints and pausing inspections](#)

Ofsted has announced changes to its complaints and pausing policies for all inspections and regulatory activity carried out across education and care providers after 4 April 2024. The new complaints process allows providers to seek a review of their inspection when they receive their draft report. Providers will now be able to directly escalate complaints to the Independent Complaints Adjudication Service for Ofsted (ICASO) if they are dissatisfied with Ofsted's formal response. Ofsted has also updated its policy on pausing an inspection in exceptional circumstances, which now applies to all types of providers.

[Independent learning review to be led by former Ofsted chief inspector](#)

Former Chief Inspector at Ofsted, Dame Christine Gilbert, has been appointed to lead an independent review into Ofsted's response to the death of headteacher Ruth Perry. The independent review was among the measures detailed in Ofsted's response to the Coroner's Prevention of Future Deaths report, published in January. The review will consider the actions Ofsted took in response to hearing about the death of Ruth Perry, including its communications and engagement with stakeholders. The support Ofsted offered internally to staff, including inspectors, will also be examined.

Justice

[Info sheet on brain injury and the justice system](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice has published an information sheet on brain injury in children and young people and the impact on criminal justice system.



[Law Officers visit Bairns Hoose](#)

Children 1st has highlighted a visit to Scotland's first Bairns Hoose by the Lord Advocate Dorothy Bain KC and Solicitor General Ruth Charteris KC. The Law Officers learned about how the model operates in practice and the case for further collaboration between the justice services, Children 1st and local partners from the police, social work and health.

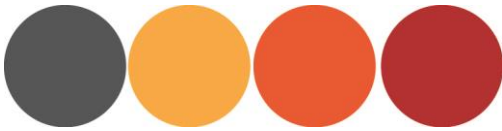
Other

[Children in Scotland Annual Conference – 29 and 30 May](#)

The full programme for Children in Scotland's annual conference has been announced. The two-day event, taking place on 29 and 30 May at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh, will include a keynote speech from Jimmy Paul, Head of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit. Other speakers include Nicola Killean, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, and Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Natalie Don.

[CEO of NSPCC stepping down](#)

The Chief Executive of the NSPCC, Sir Peter Wanless, has announced he is stepping down from the role after 11 years. Recruitment for a successor will begin shortly and Sir Peter is expected to remain in post throughout the summer and beyond, if necessary.

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This weekly bulletin is produced as an update on the key issues concerning children and young people.

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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