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### Covid-19 - General

[Timetable for next Health and Social Care Impact Hearings](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has announced a provisional timetable for the Inquiry's Health and Social Care Impact Hearings, taking place from 30 April to 1 May.



## Care Homes/Care at Home

### [Tissue viability self-evaluation tool for adult care homes](#)

The Care Inspectorate has published a tissue viability tool to support service providers, managers and staff to assess their policy and practice against standards and good practice guidance. This may be used to help inform their wider evaluation and improvement plan and how to support improved outcomes for people who experience care. This tool may also help inspectors to identify appropriate tissue viability practice whilst carrying out inspection or complaint activity.

### [Benefits of serving decaffeinated drinks in care homes for older people](#)

Pilot projects in care homes have reportedly found that serving decaffeinated drinks can produce benefits such as reducing falls related to rushing to the toilet and lower continence pad usage, Nursing Times reports. Other benefits reported by pilots include reducing heart palpitations, reducing blood pressure and getting better quality sleep. An investigation report by Care England and Stow Healthcare, in partnership with University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, 'Decaffeination and falls prevention', focuses on a decaffeination trial across eight residential care homes with collated data relating to all falls and specifically falls most likely to be associated with going to the toilet. It is reported that toileting-related falls decreased by 34.72%, and toileting-related falls as a proportion of total falls fell by 29.21% over the trial period.

### [Awards finalists for care at home and housing support](#)

Scottish Care have announced the list of finalists for the Care at Home and Housing Support Awards. Categories for awards include emerging talent, care service coordination/administration, care learning, leadership, outstanding achievement and care workers of the year.

## Human Rights

### [Paper on maximising scope of new Human Rights Bill](#)

The ALLIANCE has highlighted a new paper by the Human Rights Consortium Scotland exploring how the scope of the forthcoming Human Rights Bill can be maximised. The report, by Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor in Public Law and Human Rights at Durham University, suggests amendments to the Scotland Act will be necessary to ensure the Scottish Parliament can fully incorporate human rights in devolved areas. Reflecting on the Supreme Court's ruling that parts of the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child Bill were outside Holyrood's powers, the paper suggests the Human Rights Bill could be similarly constrained.



## Other Health and Social Care

### [Digital approaches in health and social care](#)

COSLA's Spokesperson for Health & Social Care, Councillor Paul Kelly, has written a blog discussing the best use of digital technologies in the design and delivery of health, social care and social work services. Key aspects of the digital approach are reportedly to ensure the workforce are confident in using digital and data tools, and that leaders across the sector develop a digital mindset. Mr Kelly also highlights the 'Leading in the Digital Age' Board Development training to enable board-level leaders to set and deliver strategies with regards to new ways of working and to have the confidence to ask the right questions to effectively scrutinise and receive assurance in relation to digital and transformational change.

### [Terms of Reference for social care legislative advisory group](#)

The Scottish Government has published the Terms of Reference for the Expert Legislative Advisory Group on social care. The Group aims to use their expertise and knowledge of the delivery of social care, social work and primary and community health services to aid the development of the National Care Service (NCS) legislation.

### [Information for paramedic, nursing and midwifery students](#)

The Scottish Government has published an information booklet for students on pre-registration nursing, midwifery and paramedic science degree programmes in Scotland. The booklet describes the Paramedic, Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary (PNMSB) Scheme in Scotland, who is eligible for it, what it is (including current rates) and how you can apply for it.

## Other

### [Bute House Agreement ends](#)

The SNP and Scottish Greens have ended the Bute House Agreement, with the Greens exiting the Scottish Government. At a Bute House press conference the [First Minister confirmed](#) he would now be leading a minority SNP government with immediate effect.



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