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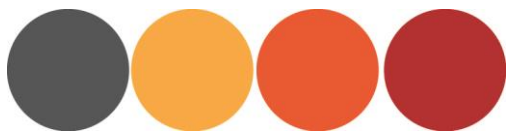
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Covid-19 - General

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

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has released a provisional timetable for its next set of health and social care impact hearings (7-10 May). The hearings can be watched online with sessions usually starting at 9.45am.



Child Protection

[Work to support children and young people who experience online sexual harm](#)

Children 1st have joined work led by Charite and partnered with AvBIT, The PROMISE Barnahus Network via the Council of the Baltic Sea States, Children at Risk, Child Circle, HEUNI (The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations), National Children's Advocacy Center USA and UKHD (Childhood Haus Heidelberg), Germany), to bridge the gaps in protection and justice for children and young people who experience online sexual harm. The project involves partners working together to aim to ensure early identification, adequate assistance, protection and access to child-friendly justice for children who have experienced online sexual abuse.

Early Learning and Childcare

[Suspending a childcare provider's registration \(England\)](#)

Ofsted has published a blog by their National Director Regulation and Social Care, Yvette Stanley, on why they might suspend a childcare provider's registration and what happens next. The blog discusses the 'harm test', steps taken after the decision is made to suspend a provider, and links to guidance providing more detail.

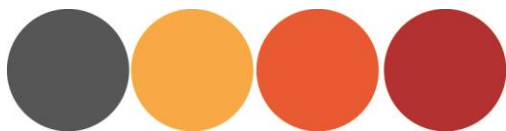
[Review of the Common Core](#)

Play Scotland has been working with partners to review the Common Core, which describes the values and knowledge everyone should have if they work with children and young people to ensure they build up strong relationships and promote children's rights. They are running a short survey to gather feedback to make revisions before a relaunch of the Common Core.

Education

[Analysis of consultation responses on draft physical intervention in schools guidance](#)

The Scottish Government has published an analysis of the responses to the consultation on draft physical intervention in schools guidance. The key themes respondents raised in response to the draft non-statutory guidance 'Included, engaged and involved part 3: A relationship and rights-based approach to physical intervention in Scottish schools', include the guidance being seen as too lengthy, clarity is needed on the prevention of restraint and the definitions, and the need for supporting resources, accessible handouts and training for implementation of the guidance.



Justice

[Passing of Children \(Care and Justice\)\(Scotland\) Bill](#)

The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill has passed Stage 3 in the Scottish Parliament. The Bill will make changes to the law in relation to the care of children and the involvement of children in the criminal justice system, with an aim of improving experiences and promoting and advancing outcomes, particularly for those who come into contact with care and justice services.

[Survey on options for legal advice clinics](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) is highlighting a survey for the Scottish Child Law Centre (SCLC) on proposals to open in-person legal advice clinics across Scotland. There are two surveys open to those living in Govanhill and Fife which will help SCLC understand more about what those communities' needs and the anonymous responses will be used in a report that can be shared with community partners and funders.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Corporate Parenting Report 2021-23](#)

We have published our Corporate Parenting Report for 2021-23 reflecting on how we have fulfilled our duties to complement and support the actions of parents, families, and carers to deliver positive change for children and young people.

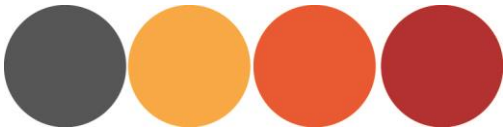
[Looked after children statistics](#)

The Scottish Government has published 'Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23 – Looked After Children', covering data on children who are looked after, young people in continuing care, and young people eligible for aftercare services. Key findings include that during 2022-23: 3,004 children started to be looked after, and 911 young people aged 16 years or over ceased to be looked after and were eligible for Continuing Care and of those 29% (261) entered Continuing Care.

Mental Health

[Guidance on involving families when relatives are being treated for mental ill health](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission has published an updated good practice guide giving advice on how families can be involved when their relative is being treated for mental ill health and other conditions. The guide is for family members, carers, and friends of people who are receiving care and treatment and for the health, social work and social care professionals involved in their care, and also gives advice for parents and young carers. Health, social work, and social care professionals can discuss the individual's care and treatment with their families, if consent is given. Where the person does not want information shared with their family, professionals should always listen to families and hear their views.



Other Health and Social Care

[Become a young inspection volunteer](#)

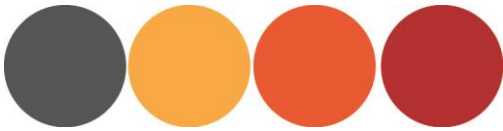
We're looking for young people with a personal experience of care to volunteer with us. So, if you have used a care service, you could be just who we are looking for. You don't have to have qualifications – personal experience is what counts. You must be aged between 18-27 to apply. If you would like to find out more about becoming a young inspection volunteer, need help to complete the application form or would like us to post you an application form - please email us at get.involved@careinspectorate.gov.scot.

[New SSSC Codes of Practice now in effect](#)

The revised SSSC Codes of Practice for Social Service Workers and Employers (the Codes) came into effect 1 May 2024. The revised Codes include updated wording which aim to take a more empowering tone and clearer links to the Health and Social Care Standards. The revised Codes are available to read on the SSSC website and you can also see what has changed from the 2016 version [here](#).

[Resignation of First Minister](#)

First Minister Humza Yousaf has announced that he will stand down as Party Leader, but continuing as First Minister until his successor is elected.



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Each item in the bulletin has a hyperlinked headline that will take the reader to the original source.

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