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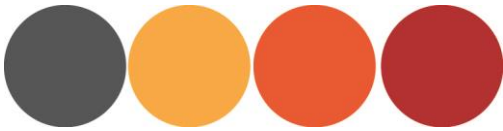
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Covid-19 - General

[Investigation opened on impact of pandemic on children](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has announced that the eight investigation will examine the impact of the pandemic on children and young people. This investigation will look at the impact on children across society including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, considering a diverse range of backgrounds, the impact of decision-making on children and young people and the long-term consequences of the pandemic.



Child Protection

[Launch of animation on language in Children's Hearings System](#)

A joint initiative with Our Hearings, Our Voice (OHOV), Children's Hearing Scotland (CHS) and the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA), has launched an animation focusing on the language used in the Children's Hearing System. The 'Articulate Animation', which has been co-written, designed and voiced by young people, comes from the work Language Leaders, a group which is made up of young people with lived experience and adults with lived and professional experience across the Hearings System. Both SCRA and CHS have also published language guides to support professionals and volunteers in their use of language.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Bill to remove profit from children's care \(Wales\)](#)

Following a cross-party consultation, a Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill has been introduced to the Welsh Senedd, which aims to ensure only non-profit residential and foster care providers can register with Care Inspectorate Wales from 2027. The bill also aims to enable direct payments for continuing healthcare for disabled people so they "can decide for themselves who provides the care they need".

Other Health and Social Care

[Statement on priorities for Scotland](#)

The First Minister John Swinney has made a statement to the Scottish Parliament setting out his priorities. The four priorities include to eradicate child poverty, to grow the economy, to tackle the climate emergency, and to improve public services. Action on the priorities will be set out in the Programme for Government before the Summer recess.

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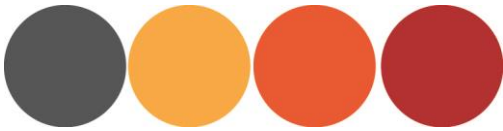
[General Election confirmed for 4 July 2024](#)

The UK Government's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has confirmed that a UK General Election will be held on Thursday 4 July 2024.

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[Summer activities booklet](#)

The Scottish Out of School Care Network (SOSCN) has published a summer activities booklet. The booklet contains resources and activities for holiday experiences, suggested by school age childcare services from across Scotland.



Workforce

[SSSC survey on how professional supervision supports trauma informed practice](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has launched a survey to assess how social work supervision supports trauma informed and responsive practice across Scotland. Working together with the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser, the SSSC is keen to hear from both registered social workers who receive supervision and those who provide supervision. The survey closes on Monday 17 June.

[Supporting continuous professional learning](#)

The SSSC has launched a new continuous professional learning (CPL) website to focus on key skills and knowledge required. There are four parts to the CPL model aligned to the new Register parts: social worker (including Newly Qualified Social Workers NQSW), social care workforce, children and young people workforce, and Care Inspectorate authorised officer, and eight career pathways in each part linking to roles. Registrants will choose the pathway most suitable for them to see the core learning elements they should cover to meet their CPL requirements.

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