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The Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry has announced the opening of its eighth investigation into the handling of the pandemic. Module 8 will look at the impact of the pandemic on children and young people. The Chair also announced a further module which will focus on the economic response to the pandemic and expects to announce a further investigation later this year which will look at the impact of the pandemic in various ways, including on the mental health and wellbeing of the population.



Care Homes/Care at Home

[Winners of this years Care at Home and Housing Support Awards announced](#)

Scottish Care's National Care at Home and Housing Support Awards 2024 took place on Friday 19 May 2024. This years winners included Annmarie Casey (Care Worker of the Year), Altogether Care Services (Provider of the Year), and Ross Docherty (Outstanding Achievement Award).

End of Life/Palliative Care

[The ALLIANCE calls for members' views on proposed Right to Palliative Care Bill](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance (the ALLIANCE) has called on members for input to inform its response to the proposed Right to Palliative Care Bill consultation. The Bill would give people of all ages living with terminal illness and residing in Scotland a legal right to palliative care. The ALLIANCE's draft response is available to read as a resource and members are invited to share their views by Thursday 30 May.

Justice

[Emergency release of short-term prisoners proposed to tackle prison population rise](#)

The emergency release of short-term prisoners to address the impact of prison overcrowding has been proposed by the Scottish Government. In a statement to Parliament, Justice Secretary Angela Constance confirmed that the prison population had risen by around 400 in the past two months, and by 13% since the beginning of 2023. The proposal would allow the release of prisoners who were due to be released "within the next short while" but the action would be taken with parliament's agreement under the terms of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Act 2023. Other measures announced include a consultative exercise into the management of the release of long-term prisoners and amendment of the eligibility criteria for home detention curfew.

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.

[New website to support continuous professional learning of SSSC registrants](#)

The SSSC has also launched a new website to support the continuous professional learning (CPL) of registrants. The website will help workers find relevant learning opportunities in line with the new Register parts: social worker; social care workforce;



children and young people workforce; Care Inspectorate authorised officer. Registrants will choose the pathway most suitable for them to see the core learning elements they should cover to meet their CPL requirements.

Other

[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.

[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.

[Call for views on Scotland's Migration Service](#)

The ALLIANCE has highlighted research being conducted by the Scottish Government to help design the next phase of Scotland's Migration Service. The service provides information and advice for people who have recently moved to Scotland, international students, employers, and investors.

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