



[Covid-19 - General](#)

[Early Learning and  
Childcare](#)

[Equalities](#)

[Looked After and  
Accommodated Children](#)

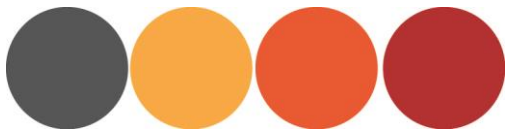
[Other Health and Social  
Care](#)

[Play](#)

## **Covid-19 - General**

### [Results of Covid early years impact survey](#)

Public Health Scotland has published an overview of findings from the fourth round of the COVID-19 Early Years Resilience and Impact Survey (CEYRIS). The reports cover key trends from health and social wellbeing outcomes in children, play and learning, the experience of parents and carers, and household economic circumstances. The general points from the findings include that overall, the findings for round 4 suggest that for a substantial proportion of children in our sample, parents perceive the pandemic to have had a negative impact on child and family health and wellbeing, the impacts generally appear to have been felt to a greater extent in families from low-income households, who may have already been struggling before the pandemic, and the impacts do not appear to have been universal.



## **Early Learning and Childcare**

### [Fund opens to develop food and health education](#)

Education Scotland has announced a fund to provide financial support to develop food and health education in schools and early learning centres. The 'Food for Thought Education Fund' allows local authority primary and secondary schools and early learning and childcare (ELC) settings to apply for grants to ensure learners understand food and nutrition, help learners apply their knowledge and skills in a progressive way, relate projects to the world of work, and improve outcomes for learners.

## **Equalities**

### [Annual report of Equalities Committee](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee has published an annual report for 2023-24. Amongst their work for the year, the Committee took evidence on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill Reconsideration Stage.

## **Looked After and Accommodated Children**

### [Evidence from Promise event with care experienced young people](#)

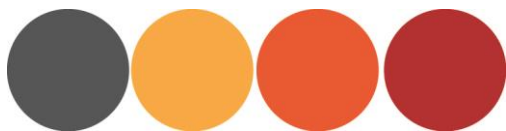
The Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee has written to the Minister for Children, Young People and the Promise highlighting the evidence provided at an event held for care experienced young people to discuss The Promise. The concerns highlighted by the group discussions at the event organised in partnership with Who Cares? Scotland include resources, leaving care, secure care, and rights and siblings. The Committee asks for a response from the Scottish Government on the points highlighted as part of its work programme and further work on The Promise.

### [Children's Reporter update on The Promise](#)

The Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) has published an update on their improvement activity as part of The Promise. Action listed includes developing a new approach to letters, a Keeping the Promise Commitment Standards pilot, consideration of the use of language in the Hearings System, a toolkit to help children and young people communicate/participate better in their Hearings, and a pilot to provide enhanced support to children and young people to help them better prepare for their Hearings.

### [Reflecting on the Hearings System Working Group and Redesign report](#)

The Promise Scotland has published a blog by Sheriff David Mackie reflecting on the one year anniversary of the publication of the Hearings for Children Redesign Report. Sheriff Mackie reflects on the work of the Hearings System Working Group in



developing the Redesign report and recommendations, the current progress against the recommendations, and ongoing work to be overseen by the Children's Hearings Redesign Board jointly chaired by the Scottish Government and COSLA.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

### [Updated guidance on community engagement and participation published](#)

The Scottish Government has updated its guidance Planning with People, which sets out the responsibilities NHS boards, local authorities and Integration Joint Boards have to community engagement when health and social care services are being planned, or when changes to services are being considered. The guidance has been updated to take into consideration the current challenges being faced by NHS Boards and ensure that all parties are clear on respective roles, responsibilities and processes and reinforce the statutory duties for engagement regardless of financial pressures.

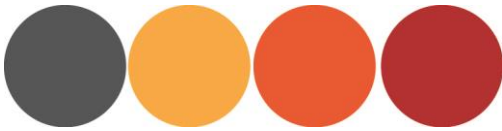
### [Call for views to inform Iriss's next strategy](#)

The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (Iriss) will be hosting informal drop in sessions for people to share their views on its next strategy. Iriss is seeking views from professionals and those with lived experience in social work and social care. The drop in sessions are scheduled for 6 June and 20 June.

## **Play**

### [Pilot projects embedding play-based learning in educational practices](#)

Play Scotland has announced the launch of a Play Pedagogy Award pilot in ten schools across Scotland which aim to explore the power of play-based learning and its impact on educational outcomes for all children. The projects will also test Play Scotland's resources and handbook, share case studies and highlight successes.



## Disclaimer

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](#).

We aim to be representative rather than comprehensive, so we try to cover only the main Scottish stories, along with some stories from the rest of the UK. The purpose of the bulletin is to alert readers to items of interest. It should be noted that these items are the works of others and are neither authorised nor endorsed by the Care Inspectorate, with the exception of publications which are identified as Care Inspectorate publications.

It should also be noted that the Care Inspectorate has no liability in respect of the content of external websites which may be signposted on this site.