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[Alzheimer's Scotland report calls for urgent action for the future of long term care](#)

Alzheimer's Scotland has called on the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations set out in a new report by the Commission on the Future of Long Term Care in Scotland. The Commission has highlighted the lack of strategic planning and commissioning for long term care in Scotland and the challenges faced by the social care system to meet the needs of older people and people living dementia. The Commission's report sets out 16 recommendations including, that the Scottish Government urgently works with health and social care partnerships to undertake a full strategic assessment of the provision of long term care facilities and resources in each area, and to establish agreed levels of care home and alternative care model places that should be equally available across Scotland.



Justice

[Timescales for emergency release of short-term prisoners](#)

Following her statement to Parliament last week, Justice Secretary Angela Constance has written to the Criminal Justice Committee to provide further details on the proposed emergency release of short-term prisoners to address the impact of prison overcrowding. In her letter, the Justice Secretary sets out the criteria for release and outlines a number of automatic exclusions which will apply to emergency release and groups of prisoners which will not be released. If Parliament approve the proposed regulations for emergency release, the release of prisoners will take place in 4 separate tranches and will begin on 26 June. The process will run until 25 July and no further releases will take place after this date.

Older people

[Disability assistance for people over state pension age](#)

The Social Justice and Social Security Committee has recommended that the draft Disability Assistance for Older People (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved. The draft regulations set out the rules and eligibility criteria for the Pension Age Disability Payment (PADP) which will be the Scottish equivalent to the Department for Work and Pensions' Attendance Allowance and will be delivered by Social Security Scotland.

Other Health and Social Care

[Results from the Health and Care Experience Survey 2023/2024 published](#)

A report showing the results of the Health and Care Experience Survey 2023/24 at a national level has been published by the Scottish Government. The survey was sent to a random sample of people and asked about peoples' experiences of accessing and using their General Practice and other local healthcare services; receiving care, support and help with everyday living; and caring responsibilities. The key findings from the survey shows that 69% of people rated their overall experience of their General Practice as good or excellent. The report also includes a chapter on the survey results on care, support, and help with everyday living, and notes that 63% of respondents who received help or support for everyday living rated their support services as good or excellent.

[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.

[NHS Inform review](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance (the ALLIANCE) has highlighted a call for views to contribute to a review of NHS Inform. The Scottish Government and NHS 24 are gathering views on how and why people use NHS Inform and what can be improved. You can share your views through an online survey which closes 21 June 2024 or by attending an online workshop.

[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.

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