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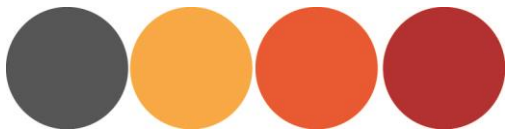
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[Next stage of engagement launches for Scottish Covid inquiry](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has launched the next stage of its listening project. The 'Focused Engagement' stage will be more targeted at specific groups such as children and young people. Part of the 'Let's Be Heard' listening project to allow experiences to inform the Inquiry's investigations, report and recommendations, the focused engagement aims to help broaden the Inquiry's understanding of the pandemic's impact on communities.

[Inquiry accepting requests to attend closing statements](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry is now accepting requests to attend closing statements for its health and social care impact hearings on 27 and 28 June. The inquiry will provide more information about core participants providing closing statements on 17 June. Requests to attend must be submitted by 5pm on 24 June



Justice

[Children interacting with the criminal justice system](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Information Centre (SPICe) has published a subject profile outlining how the criminal justice system treats and interacts with children in conflict with the law. The briefing looks at the background and history of how children who offend have been dealt with in Scotland and outlines the law and practice in terms of the age of criminal responsibility. It then looks at the systems children in conflict with the law can come into contact with - the children's hearings system, the criminal courts, and both secure accommodation and young offenders institutions, and finishes by outlining the rules and processes around the retention and disclosure of information in terms of offending behaviour by children.

Other Health and Social Care

[Film illustrates challenges faced by young carers](#)

Barnardo's Scotland is highlighting a film by young carers in Aberdeen based on their caring experiences. Supported by Barnardo's and community media organisation Station House Media Unit (SHMU), the group of six learnt about filmmaking and then created the film inspired by retro video games where each 'level' includes different aspects of being a young carer and some of the challenges they may face within their role.

[Digital Health and Care Leadership Programme Cohort 24 now open for applications](#)

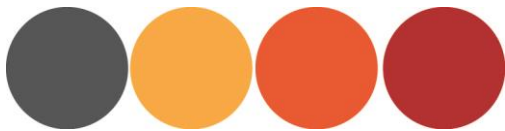
The application process for Cohort 24 of the Digital Health and Care Leadership Programme (DLP) starting in August 2024 is now open. The programme is designed for anyone who would like to develop their leadership skills and is interested in digital health and care. Places on the programme are fully funded by the Scottish Government and there is no cost to the applicant or organisation. NES is welcoming applications from employees in NHS Scotland, social care, social work, housing, charities and the third sector. The deadline for applications is 1 July 2024.

Play

[Commission on children's access to play](#)

An independent commission has been launched to investigate the state of children's play in the UK, looking at learning through play, places to play, the right to play, time to play, digital play, and parents and play, Children & Young People Now reports. The Raising the Nation Play Commission is gathering evidence and expertise to inform policy recommendations, with a call for evidence for organisations and individuals with professional expertise or lived experience to share their knowledge and views by submitting evidence.

Workforce



[Increase in pay for children's social care staff](#)

The Scottish Government has announced funding to increase the pay for staff in children's social care services to at least £12 an hour. The pay uplift will apply to all workers who provide direct care within commissioned Children's Social Care services in the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sectors, namely Secure Accommodation Services, Care Home Services for Children and Young People, School Care Accommodation: Residential Special School services, Housing Support Services, Care at Home services, and Services classed as Other than Care at Home, as well as to Personal Assistants employed through Self Directed Support (SDS) Option 1, who provide Care at Home to under 18-year-olds.

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