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Covid-19 - General

[First report by UK Inquiry expected in July](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is due to publish its first report and recommendations following its Module 1 investigation on 18 July 2024. The Chair of the Inquiry will also present her recommendations on a live streamed statement on the Inquiry's YouTube channel. Module 1 of the Inquiry looked at the UK's resilience and preparedness for the pandemic.

Alcohol and Drugs

[Over 900 residential rehabilitation placements approved in 2023/24](#)

The Scottish Government has highlighted recently published Public Health Scotland (PHS) statistics which show that 938 residential rehabilitation placements were approved between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. PHS's [interim monitoring report](#) on statutory funded residential rehabilitation placements notes that overall, between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2024, 2,290 statutory-funded placements for residential rehabilitation were approved in Scotland.



Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Dementia organisations release manifesto ahead of General Election](#)

The Alzheimer's Society, alongside other UK organisations, have released a joint dementia manifesto calling on the next UK Government to make dementia a priority. The manifesto calls on the next Government to better understand how to prevent, reduce and delay dementia, increase access to diagnosis and treatment, help people living with dementia to navigate support systems, create a care system that works for everyone, and invest in the future of dementia research.

Mental Health

[Experiences of poverty stigma and mental health in the UK](#)

The ALLIANCE has highlighted the publication of a new report on experiences of poverty stigma and mental health in the UK. The report, jointly published by the Mental Health Foundation, University of West Scotland, University of Strathclyde and the Poverty Alliance, states that 82% of survey respondents believe that people on low incomes experience at least one type of structural stigma "often" or "very often", and that experiences of poverty stigma are associated with greater levels of anxiety and depression. The report presents a number of recommendations for policy and practice to challenge poverty stigma.

[Commission publishes 13 new local visit reports](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland has published 13 new local visit reports following visits to mental health and learning disability services and a community custody centre in Scotland.

Other Health and Social Care

[SPSO launches new training materials to enhance support for vulnerable people](#)

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) is offering free training resources to support organisations to identify and support people experiencing vulnerability. The training materials have been produced by Professor Chris Gill (University of Glasgow) and Professor Naomi Creutzfeldt (University of Kent) in collaboration with expert practitioners from public service providers, advocacy bodies, and charities.

[National Occupational Standards \(NOS\) Review 2024/25](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) are working with partners across the UK to review the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Health and Social Care and Childcare learning and development. The review will assess evidence on the skills and knowledge requirements for different roles, and identify what needs to change in the NOS. A formal consultation is expected in summer/autumn 2025 before the updated NOS are finalised in December 2025. The SSSC have set up a Stakeholder Advisory Group to provide guidance on the project and plans to host an engagement event in October 2024.

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