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[Closing statements for health and social care published](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has published core participants' written closing statements ahead of its final health and social care impact hearings. Publication of the 24 documents precedes oral closing statements from Stuart Gale KC, Co-lead Counsel to the Inquiry, and supplementary oral closing statements from 17 core participants on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 June 2024.

[Equality statement published by Scottish Covid-19 inquiry](#)

The Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry has published a policy statement on its approach to equalities. The statement is designed to complement its trauma-informed and human rights-based approach. The inquiry has committed to working collaboratively with interested parties to increase confidence among the diverse communities it serves.



Alzheimer's/Dementia

[Report on dementia in prisons](#)

Alzheimer Scotland's Centre for Policy and Practice has published a report, 'The health and social care of people living with diagnosed or suspected dementia in prison'. The study undertaken by researchers aims to investigate how symptoms of dementia are identified in prisons and what the diagnosis process is, and research and develop appropriate interventions to improve the health and wellbeing of older prisoners with complex health needs like dementia. Additionally, a Model of Care has been produced which explains the processes that need to be in place to ensure an individual receives timely and personalised care by trained staff who have the expertise to provide high-quality interventions, a Care Pathway which outlines how identification of need, assessment, diagnostic care and ongoing support for people affected by dementia can be assured in a prison setting, and a website for practitioners working in, or at the interface of, prisons which hosts the project reports and resources.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Information on people waiting for an assessment for social care services](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) has published information on the total number of individuals waiting for an assessment for social care services, the number of people waiting for a package of care at home and the number of hours of care that are being waited for. The main points include that the number of people estimated to be waiting on a social care assessment to enable them to live independently at home or in the community was 6,436 on 3 June 2024, and the estimated number of people assessed and waiting for a care at home package was 3,130 on 3 June 2024.

Justice

[Resignation of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons](#)

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland has confirmed the resignation of Wendy Sinclair-Gieben, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland (HMCIPS), with effect from 31 August 2024. Stephen Sandham, the current Deputy Chief Inspector, will step up to cover the post on an interim basis, until a permanent replacement is appointed following Ms Sinclair-Gieben's departure.

Mental Health

[Mental Welfare Commission annual report](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission has published its annual report for 2023-24 outlining their work completed over the last year. The Commission has published reports on what happens when people with mental ill health or learning disability are placed outwith their NHS health board area for care and treatment; how community compulsory treatment orders (CCTOs) are working in Scotland, 20 years after they were introduced; and a range of investigations reports have also been published



looking into the care and treatment received by individuals relying on mental health support services.

Other Health and Social Care

[Draft Stage 2 amendments for National Care Service Bill](#)

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd, has shared the Scottish Government's draft Stage 2 amendments for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill with the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. It has been confirmed that the Committee will gather written and oral evidence on the draft amendments, which will then be considered by the Government before the final amendments are lodged.

[Online module for introduction to using technology enabled care](#)

NHS Education Scotland (NES) has worked in partnership with the SQA and SQA Academy to develop a Technology Enabled Care (TEC) online module. The module is designed to provide learners with an introduction to using technology enabled care and digital health and care in a modern health, housing, and social care sector. The topics covered by the module include Working with Technology Enabled Care, Using Digital to Support People in Health, Housing and Care, Call Handling, Response, and Installation, Maintenance and Repair.

[Factsheet on National Care Service](#)

The Scottish Government has published a factsheet with information about the National Care Service (NCS), explaining the need for an NCS, the benefits of an NCS, and the plan for creating an NCS. It also has facts about Scotland's current social care landscape.

[Next intake of the Scottish Improvement Leadership Programme](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has confirmed that they are working with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to offer funded places for the next intake of the Scottish Improvement Leadership Programme (ScIL) which provides learning for workers in roles with a significant focus on quality improvement and dedicated time allocated to lead improvement projects.

[Artificial intelligence and healthcare](#)

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published a briefing on artificial intelligence (AI) and healthcare in Scotland, explaining what AI is, with an overview of existing policy, strategies and key stakeholders, and describing the current uses of AI in healthcare.

[CQC Chief Executive to step down](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has announced that Ian Trenholm, CQC's Chief Executive, has announced his intention to step down from his role of Chief



Executive and as a Board member at the end of June 2024. Kate Terroni, CQC's Deputy Chief Executive will be appointed as Interim Chief Executive. A permanent appointment will be made in due course.

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