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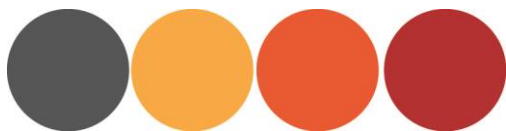
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[Hearing dates for economic module in UK Covid Inquiry](#)

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has announced hearing dates for Module 9 'Economic Response', which will examine the economic interventions taken by the UK Government and Devolved Administrations in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This will include the economic support for business, jobs, the self-employed, vulnerable people, and those on benefits, and the impact of key economic interventions. It will also consider additional funding given to relevant public services and the voluntary and community sectors. The first Preliminary hearing for Module 9 will be held on 23 October 2024 in London.



Child Protection

[Call for witnesses connected with schools for child abuse inquiry](#)

The Chair of the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry is calling for help with investigations focused on Donaldson's School for Deaf Children, in Edinburgh, and St Vincent's School for the Deaf and Blind, in Glasgow, asking for anyone connected with either school to come forward as witnesses to give evidence to the Inquiry. Public hearings relating to this chapter are likely to start in spring 2025.

Equalities

[Post Legislative Scrutiny of the Child Poverty \(Scotland\) Act 2017](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Social Justice and Social Security Committee is examining the impact of the Child Poverty Act 2017, which aims to measure, tackle and report on child poverty in Scotland. The Committee has issued a call for views and is keen to hear from organisations in the third sector, organisations in the private sector, local authorities, health boards, academics, and anyone with direct experience of the implementation of the Act.

[New report highlights the impact of welfare reform on health inequalities](#)

PHS has published a report looking at the impacts of post-2010 Welfare Reform and economic change in Scotland on health and health inequalities. The report concludes that in Scotland, adverse health trends occurred during the post-recession period (2010-2019), following the implementation of Welfare Reform, including an increase in absolute and relative inequalities in mortality among adults aged 15–44.

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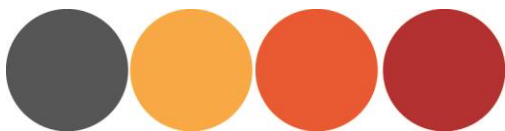
[Research into sugar tax and impact on sugar consumed by children](#)

Research in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, 'Estimated changes in free sugar consumption one year after the UK soft drinks industry levy came into force: controlled interrupted time series analysis of the National Diet and Nutrition Survey (2011–2019)', reportedly finds that amount of sugar consumed by children from soft drinks in the UK halved in the three years after the announcement of a sugar tax in 2016, reports the Guardian. The research examines responses from adults and children to the UK National Diet and Nutrition Survey, and shows that the daily sugar intake for children fell by about 4.8g, and for adults 10.9g, in the year after the levy's introduction.

Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Next steps after publication of Plan 24-30](#)

The Promise Independent Strategic Adviser, Fiona Duncan, has written a blog on the next steps following the publication of the Plan 24-30. Ms Duncan notes that work is



underway to improve the website's accessibility and navigation, and over the summer updates will be shared on how feedback is being used to improve Plan 24-30.

Mental Health

[Delivery plan for suicide prevention strategy](#)

The Scottish Government has published 'Creating Hope Together – Year 2 Delivery plan (2024-26)', setting out the actions for delivery over the remainder of the current Creating Hope Together action plan. It details key milestones over 2024/2025 and identifies some of the partner organisations who will support implementation. As part of the guiding principles, the strategy aims to "ensure the voices of children and young people are central to work to address their needs and co-develop solutions with them", and one of the four outcomes includes "We will use our learning of what works to support suicide risk and behaviour amongst children and young people to develop work in key settings such as education, youth work and care settings."

Other Health and Social Care

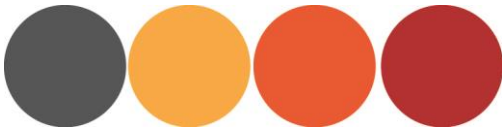
[Results of UK General Election](#)

The House of Commons Library has published the results of the UK General Election. Labour won a majority with 411 seats, up 209 on their total from the 2019 election and has formed a new Government. The Conservatives won 121 seats, down 244 from their 2019 total of 365 seats, and the Liberal Democrats gained 61 seats for a total of 72, while the Scottish National Party won nine seats, down from 48 in 2019.

Workforce

[New vision for working cultures across health, social care and social work workforce](#)

The Scottish Government has launched its vision to enhance working cultures across health, social care and social work workforce, Improving Wellbeing and Working Cultures (IWWC). IWWC is aimed at everyone working in teams, managers and leaders across health, social care and social work. An action plan will be launched in summer 2024, with an 'In Action' guide, which will expand on the vision and describe what individuals, teams and organisations can do to embed and promote good workplace culture, also due to be developed this year.

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