

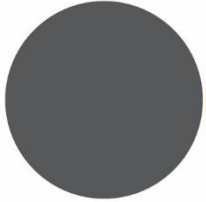


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Covid-19 - General

[Update for Scottish Covid Inquiry](#)

The chief executive of the Scottish Covid-19 Inquiry, Ian Duddy, has published an update for July 2024. The update covers the next set of hearings from November 2024, the participation project, and the Inquiry plans for the next few months.



Disability

[Survey on vision services for children](#)

The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) is publicising a survey by the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) on services that support children with their vision. The RNIB are conducting the survey to collect the evidence to ensure that services are tailored to the children, so they can access the support they need at the time they need it.

Early Learning and Childcare

[Inspection guidance for early years](#)

The Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) is publicising their work with the Care Inspectorate and other representative bodies from the childcare sector to address concerns in relation to the process of inspections. The Care Inspectorate has now updated and shared links to two guidance documents to help people prepare for inspection and advice on what to do if you are not happy with any aspect of the inspection process. 'How we inspect regulated services': guidance for providers of regulated care settings and the public. This guidance has been updated based on provider feedback, and 'Our approach to scrutiny and improvement', until now for internal use only by the Care Inspectorate, but for transparency we are now making it publicly available.

Another member of the group of representative bodies, the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA), is [highlighting the next steps agreed](#) to address issues.

[Follow up inquiry into childcare provision \(Wales\)](#)

The National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) is reporting on a report of the follow up inquiry into childcare provision in Wales. 'Their Future: Our Priority? - Follow up inquiry into childcare provision in Wales' examines the need for a child-centred approach, accessibility, affordability and sustainability, and makes a series of recommendations to expand quality childcare.

Justice

[Final evaluation report on services for children at risk of reoffending](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) has published the final evaluation report for the Inclusion as Prevention project which aims to reshape the design and delivery of services for children and young people at risk of reoffending. The project, in collaboration with South Lanarkshire Council, Action for Children, and Dartington Service Design Lab, has involved shifting from acute, crisis-driven interventions to early, inclusive support for young people at risk of offending.



Looked After and Accommodated Children

[Refreshed guidance for local authorities on continuing care](#)

The Scottish Government has published refreshed guidance for local authorities on the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 part 11 - continuing care. The guidance aims to reflect developments in policy and practice as well as providing clarity to those who provide support services by addressing implementation gaps, and is intended primarily for local authorities but is also important for other corporate parents and other individuals and organisations involved in supporting looked after children and young people and care leavers.

[Report into access to records requests for care experienced people](#)

A research report has been published by Social Work Scotland and authored by Aberdeen City Council, the Champions Board of West Dunbartonshire Council, The City of Edinburgh Council, Future Pathways, Social Work Scotland and Who Cares? Scotland on care experienced people accessing their records from the time they were in care. The report aims to provide the foundation for developing a consistent, trauma-informed, rights-based framework for everyone responding to Right of Access requests. It also reflects the voices of people with lived experience of care and accessing records.

Other Health and Social Care

[Warning about bogus callers and the Care Inspectorate](#)

We are warning about bogus callers, as occasionally we receive reports of bogus callers, calling or visiting services and claiming to be inspectors from the Care Inspectorate. When our inspectors call a service, or arrive at a service for an unannounced inspection, you can be sure they are who they say they are by carrying out some simple identity checks. Every one of our inspectors carries an ID card with their photograph and job title on the front. If they are in person, you should always ask to see this and check the details. Our inspectors also carry official letters of authorisation. You can also call us on 0345 600 9527 to verify their identity. Our inspectors would never come to the home address of a service user who does not live in a care home without prior arrangements being made with them. If you believe you have been called or visited by a bogus inspector, you should contact the police straight away.

[New research on defining, gathering evidence on and improving social care](#)

The Scottish Government has published findings from a research project which aimed to explore how evidence-informed understandings of 'good' social care are embedded into the design, implementation and continued improvement of the National Care Service. The data gathered by the research project was used to create the "3Rs" model which identifies three core characteristics that define 'good' social care: respectful, responsive, and relational. A [video summary](#) of the research project is also available.



[Updated safeguarding guidance for health and social care staff](#)

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has updated guidance for health and social care staff to help them identify the competencies they need to support individuals to receive personalised and culturally sensitive safeguarding. The guidance suggests the minimum standards and competencies that are needed to support adult safeguarding, and includes a framework which sets out the minimum training and education requirements for staff working with adults at risk of abuse.

[SSSC launches social care specific guidance on Health and Care Staffing Act](#)

The Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC), working with the Care Inspectorate, NHS Education for Scotland, Health Improvement Scotland and social care employers, have developed social care specific guidance on the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019. The guidance provides an overview of the Act, who it applies to, the guiding principles, and the duty to ensure appropriate staffing and training. It also includes links to other useful resources.

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