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## Alzheimer's/Dementia

### [Medicine licenced for early stages of Alzheimer's disease](#)

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has approved a licence for the medicine donanemab (Kisunla) for use in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. However, the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\) has stated](#) that the medicine does not currently demonstrate value for the NHS.



## End of Life/Palliative Care

### [Consultation on draft Palliative Care strategy](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the draft 'Palliative Care Matters for All' strategy. This five-year strategy (2025-2030) builds on previous palliative care strategies, 'Living and Dying Well: A national action plan for palliative and end of life care in Scotland (2008)' and 'Palliative and end of life care: strategic framework for action (2015)', and sets out the Government's aims and intended outcomes, with specific actions for each outcome. The draft strategy aims are to ensure that by 2030:

- adults and children in Scotland have more equitable access to well-coordinated, timely and high-quality palliative care, care around dying and bereavement support based on what matters to them, including support for families and carers
- Scotland is a place where people, families and communities can support each other, take action and talk more openly about planning ahead, serious illnesses or health conditions, dying and bereavement
- adults and children have opportunities to plan for future changes in their life, health and care with their families and carers

## Older People

### [Pilot areas for new disability benefit for people of State Pension age](#)

The Scottish Government has announced that five local authority areas will launch pilots for the Pension Age Disability Payment, for people of State Pension age and over who are disabled or have a long-term health condition that means they need help looking after themselves or supervision to stay safe; or are terminally ill. People who live in Argyll & Bute, Highland, Aberdeen City, Orkney and Shetland can now apply. The payment will be available across Scotland by 22 April next year.

## Other Health and Social Care

### [Review of progress in South Ayrshire in adult support and protection](#)

The Care Inspectorate, in collaboration with Healthcare Improvement Scotland and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, has published a progress report for the joint inspection of adult support and protection in South Ayrshire. The progress report has found significant improvement in ensuring that adults at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported, but noted that further improvements by the partnership were still necessary in some key areas.

### [Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 2 of 2024/25](#)

The Care Inspectorate Statistical Summary Report for Quarter 2 of 2024/25 has now been released, which presents data on the number of registered care services, new registrations and cancellations, complaints about care services and quality theme grades all by care service type and or service sector. This is updated on a quarterly basis.



### [Whistleblowing report for HealthCare Improvement Scotland](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has published their annual whistleblowing report for 2023-24, which covers their approach and performance in handling whistleblowing concerns.

### [First annual vaccination report published](#)

Public Health Scotland has published the first Annual Vaccination and Immunisation Report for Scotland, providing an overview of Scotland's Vaccination and Immunisation programme for 2023 and the role it is playing to protect the population of Scotland from a range of infectious diseases. Areas for improvement identified by the report includes a deprivation gap, with lower overall uptake in areas of higher deprivation, and a need to increase vaccination rates among at-risk groups.

### [Interim chief executive to leave Care Quality Commission](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC)'s Interim Chief Executive, Kate Terroni has announced that she will be leaving. James Bullion has been acting in the role of Interim Chief Executive during Kate's recent leave of absence and will continue to act in this role until Sir Julian Hartley takes up post as CQC's permanent Chief Executive. Ms Terroni is stepping down from the Interim Chief Executive role with immediate effect, and until her departure from CQC she will be working directly with the Chair, Ian Dilks, to plan for the arrival of Sir Julian.



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