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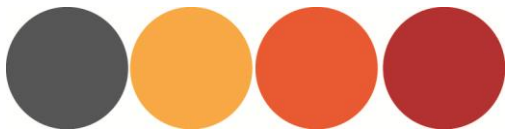
Care Experience

[Ofsted guidance on social care common inspection framework](#)

Ofsted has published a range of guidance on the social care common inspection framework, which the body uses to evaluate children's social care services. The guidance reflects Ofsted's view that the inspection framework is not a 'one-size-fits-all' framework, with separate guides available for: adoption support agencies; boarding schools and residential special schools; children's homes; secure children's homes; independent fostering agencies; residential family centres; residential holiday schemes for disabled children; residential provision of further education colleges; supported accommodation; and voluntary adoption agencies.

[Guardianship Scotland service renewed](#)

Aberlour Children's Charity and Scottish Refugee Council will continue running the Guardianship Scotland service after their bid in partnership with the Scottish Government won the contract. From 1 April the expanded service will support unaccompanied asylum-seeking and trafficked children and young people across Scotland.



Early Learning and Childcare

[BBC investigation into serious incidents in nursery settings \(England\)](#)

A BBC documentary titled *How safe are our nurseries?* was broadcast this week, featuring an interview with the parents of 9-month-old Genevieve Meehan who died after being left unattended by nursery staff. The programme pointed to an increase in serious incidents in early learning and childcare settings, as recorded by Ofsted, and calls from parents for more frequent Ofsted inspections including CCTV checks by inspectors.

Education

[Commissioner welcomes support programme for headteachers](#)

The Children and Young People's Commissioner for Scotland has highlighted the success of a project in the Highlands and Moray which involves educational psychologists in professional reflective supervision for teachers. The programme began as a pilot with 12 headteachers and has since been rolled out in the region as well as Moray. Headteachers are provided with six supervision sessions with an educational psychologist to talk about issues they want to raise in complete confidence.

Workforce

[Learning resource linking SSSC Codes, UNCRC and The Promise](#)

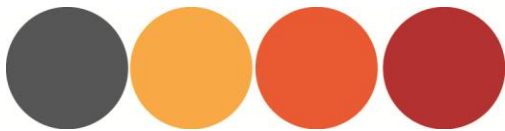
The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has produced a new learning resource for people working with children and young people on their practical use of the SSSC Codes of Practice, the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Promise. The resource will help the workforce to understand how specific elements of the SSSC Codes of Practice protect and promote children's rights under the UNCRC and The Promise framework, and also apply the Codes to case studies involving equality, diversity and inclusion in relationships with children and young people.

[Survey of registrants](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has published the results of their annual registrant survey with the views of people who work in social work, social care and children and young people services, and are registered with the SSSC, on the registration process, benefits of registration, their communications and their customer service.

[Update guidance on children's social worker pay](#)

The Scottish Government has published updated guidance on the minimum rate of pay for children's social care workers. It sets out the minimum wage and includes



guidance on how trade unions and local authority commissioning can help workers who are not receiving the correct rate.

Other

[Revised guidance on duty of candour](#)

The Scottish Government has published revised guidance focusing on the implementation of the legal duty of candour procedure for health, care, and social work services. This guidance replaces the 2018 organisational duty of candour guidance, and it has been updated based on reviews of published annual reports, learning identified from the COVID-19 pandemic and other scenarios such as healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and incidents involving multiple people, and extensive engagement and feedback from across the health, care and social work sectors.

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