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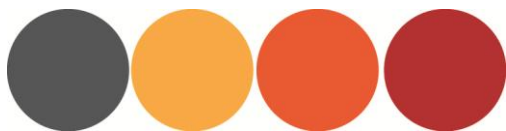
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[Joint inspection of services for children and young people at risk of harm in East Ayrshire](#)

The Care Inspectorate in partnership with Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland has published 'Report of a joint inspection of services for children and young people at risk of harm in East Ayrshire community planning partnership'. The report has found important strengths in ensuring children and young people at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported, with inspectors finding that staff were confident in their abilities to recognise and report signs of child abuse, neglect and exploitation. The Care Inspectorate and its scrutiny partners are confident that the partnership in East Ayrshire have the capacity to make changes to service delivery in the areas that require improvement, and have requested a joint action plan that clearly details how they will make improvements in the key areas identified.



Child Protection

[Guidance for practitioners involved in safeguarding vulnerable children from Ukraine](#)

Guidance for all practitioners involved in safeguarding of children and adults who are arriving in Scotland from Ukraine to identify and respond to risk and need, has been published by the Scottish Government. This guidance is for all practitioners involved in the identification and safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults, and it highlights the vulnerabilities that services working with vulnerable children and adults at risk of harm should be aware of.

Disability

[Views welcome on Changing Places toilets](#)

The learning disabilities charity Pamis is seeking views on the Changing Places Toilets Scotland Fund and where people would like to see more Changing Places toilets built. The Scottish Government fund will open in summer 2025. It will offer up to £10 million over two financial years for organisations to apply for a Changing Places toilet in or adjacent to an existing building, or to develop a standalone Changing Places toilet.

Early Learning and Childcare

[Engagement session for childminders on the new quality improvement framework](#)

We are holding an engagement session for childminders on the new quality improvement framework. We hope that you will welcome this opportunity to engage with inspectors to become familiar with the new framework and support self-evaluation. The session takes place on Thursday 8 May from 18:45 -19:45.

[Register your place here.](#)

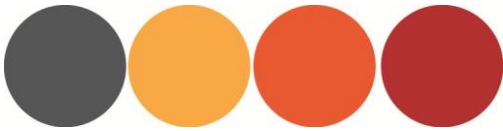
Equalities

[Additional analysis of child poverty](#)

The Scottish Government has published additional analysis of child poverty for a range of subgroups of the population published in 2025. The data includes child poverty target measures by priority group for 2011-14 and a long time series dating from 1994, priority group children in working households, low income households with children, and priority group intersections.

[Supreme Court issues ruling on definition of a woman](#)

The Supreme Court this week delivered its verdict in the For Women Scotland Ltd v Scottish Ministers case, ruling the Equality Act's definition of a woman is based on biological sex. Lord Hodge, who delivered the judgement, stressed the law will still give trans people protection against discrimination. The case considered whether a



person with a full gender recognition certificate which recognises their gender as female, is a woman for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010.

[Scottish Government human rights newsletter](#)

The ALLIANCE has highlighted a new Scottish Government newsletter focused on human rights. The first edition includes updates on the next steps for the Human Rights Bill, engagement with the UK Government and the various Scottish Government working groups currently looking at human rights.

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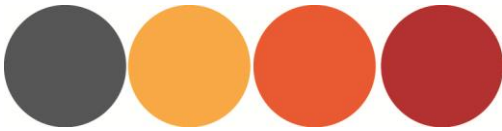
[Commission publishes new local visit reports](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) has published reports following visits to mental health services and community services in Scotland. The ten reports include a visit to Dudhope Young Peoples Inpatient Unit, and HMP & YOI Polmont.

Workforce

[Recruitment open for coaching skills programme on improvement model](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is drawing attention to the opening of applications for cohort six of the Care Experience Improvement Model Leaders programme (CEIM Leaders). Delivered in partnership with Healthcare Improvement Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, CEIM provides a framework that supports health and social care teams to improve services based directly on the experiences of individuals who use them. With a coaching skills development programme designed to give staff the knowledge and skills to coach and lead teams to implement CEIM, this is open to people working in adult social services and healthcare services and is designed for people who work in, or directly with, teams that deliver care or support, are committed to improving quality and service user experience, and can dedicate time to leading improvement activity within their organisation.



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