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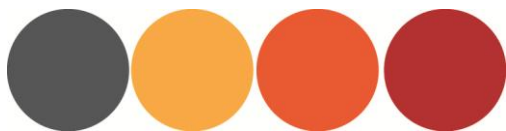
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## Care Experience

### [Transitioning from care into adulthood](#)

Together Scotland are highlighting the publication of a journal article in Youth, 'Scaffolding of Success: Support, Educational Equity and the Lifelong Reality of Care Experience', written by three care-experienced authors which explores how language, relationships, and systems shape what success really means. The article discusses how transitions for care-experienced individuals may be neither linear nor complete at a predetermined age and explores how structural and relational scaffolding can transform outcomes.



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### [Call to keep the Promise in Scottish elections](#)

The Promise Scotland, alongside 32 other organisations, have issued a call for political parties running in the 2026 Scottish elections to include in their manifestos a commitment to keeping the promise by 2030. A joint letter with the call has been sent to all political parties, and an election publication, 'Ensuring Scotland's children grow up loved, safe and respected: How the next Scottish Government and Parliament can make sure that Scotland keeps the promise', setting out the areas they consider should be prioritised after the next election.

## Covid-19

### [New date for Covid inquiry preliminary hearing](#)

The Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry has rescheduled its preliminary hearing from 3 March 2026 to 10 March 2026. The preliminary hearing will provide further information about the Inquiry's investigations into implementation and decision-making during the pandemic in Scotland.

## Early Learning and Childcare

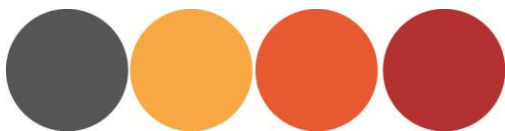
### [New childminding feedback system](#)

We are testing a new method for collecting feedback on childminding services, in real time. It is aimed at people who use childminding services and childminding assistants, who wish to share information about their child's experience out with an inspection. However, anyone can share feedback at any time on the quality of care and children's experiences provided by a specific registered childminder. The new arrangement does not replace existing systems for reporting concerns or complaints, and the feedback forms should not be used for this purpose. Any information gathered will be used to inform inspection planning and our ongoing assessment of the service. We may also contact the person providing the feedback for more information. Registered childminders are encouraged to share this information with families using their service.

## Justice

### [Kilbrandon Children's Research Webinar 2025 \(4 December 2025\)](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) are publicising an event to be hosted by the University of Strathclyde's Department of Social Work and Social Policy on the 'Kilbrandon Children's Research Webinar 2025', on Thursday 4 December 2025. Dr Graham Connelly, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, will chair the Kilbrandon Children's Research Webinar 2025 featuring three expert presentations on the theme of masculinities and working with boys and young men.



### [Report on children on custodial remand \(England\)](#)

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report, "A production line of pointlessness": Children on custodial remand', which aims to develop a fuller understanding of the experience of being a child on custodial remand, and bringing together data on looked after children and children's voices. The publication reportedly finds that there has been a decrease in the number of children being remanded into custody, and the nature of remand placements has changed, but that despite falling numbers children can spend long periods of time on remand, with the average duration of custodial remand rising over time. The Children's Commissioner makes a number of recommendations, including a new Children's Plan platform which should outline children's needs, setting out the support they are entitled to and the coordination of all multi-agency support for a child, and a comprehensive national strategy to address the criminal exploitation of children alongside a comprehensive reform of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) system.

## **Mental Health**

### [Draft strategic plan for MWC Scotland](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland has produced a first draft of its Strategic Plan for 2026-2029 and supporting consultation document. The organisation is inviting people to read and provide final comments on the plan, which covers the Commission's commitments for 2026-2029 including investigations, engagement and participation, influencing and empowering, and the workforce.

## **Other Health and Social Care**

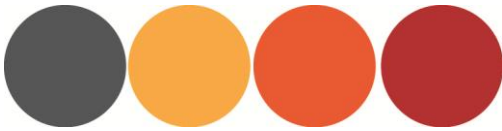
### [Framework for safety culture in health and social care \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) regulator has published 'Being Human: A Framework for Safety Culture within Health and Social Care' setting out what good safety culture looks like within health and social care and defining safety culture as one that is safe and compassionate; just and open; and, continually learning and improving.

## **Workforce**

### [MyLearning QR code generator](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) have launched their self-service MyLearning QR code generator, a simple and effective way for employers and learning providers to help people record their learning quickly and easily. The generator allows people to create bespoke QR codes linked to specific learning activities such as a webinar, presentation or in-person training event without having to contact the SSSC Digital Learning Team.

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