

## Scotland Policy Conferences seminar:

### Next steps for social care in Scotland and Care Reform Act implementation

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Strategic priorities for social care in Scotland - system pressures, reform and implementation**  
**Dr Donald Macaskill**, Chief Executive, Scottish Care  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Delivering social care reform - national and local governance, funding sustainability, and improving the quality of care across services**  
*assessing structural reform and accountability measures in the Act / priorities for funding and long-term investment / improving accessibility / addressing regional variations in care provision / enabling continuity of care and building consistency / utilising care records and developing effective information sharing between care settings / improving digital infrastructure / community outreach and responsiveness to emerging challenges / co-production with lived experience of care*  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, care provider  
Senior representative, health and social care partnership  
Senior representative, service user  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Developing collaborative partnerships in social care - improving coordination and delivery across local systems**  
**Councillor Paul Kelly**, Spokesperson for Health and Social Care, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Supporting the social care workforce - wellbeing, pay and conditions, and achieving a skilled and sustainable sector**  
**Kirsty Nimmo**, GMB Scotland Regional Organiser, GMB
- 11.20 **The future for professional leadership in social work in Scotland**  
Senior representative, social work
- 11.30 **Priorities for workforce development, system coordination, and meeting projected care needs**  
*defining fair work standards and monitoring progress / implementing publication of national social care need assessments / continuity of care, and Anne's Law, personalised care plans / strategies for managing ageing demographic pressures on care services / workforce planning, retention, and the future for domestic and international recruitment / delivering support for unpaid carers / signposting services to vulnerable populations / young people's care / evaluating and monitoring care services / co-ordination with the voluntary and third sectors*  
**Hazel Brown**, Chief Executive, Cornerstone  
**Dr Jenna Breckenridge**, Senior Lecturer, University of Dundee  
Senior representative, care provider  
Senior representative, health and social care partnership  
Senior representative, unpaid carers
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for social care in Scotland and implementation of the Care Reform Act**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Scotland Policy Conferences