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Help mental health service users to vape instead of smoke, advises RCOT **4:6**

Social care

Adult social care PhD recruitment gets underway **6:8**

Inquiry on adult social care proposes refocus on independence **7:7**

New framework launched to support

occupational therapists moving into social care **11:9**
Occupational therapist features in Panorama social care special **7:6**
Occupational therapists deliver 'significant return on investment' in social care, says new RCOT report **9:8**
Principal occupational therapists and integration on social care agenda **12:8**
Support for newly qualified social care occupational therapists to be bolstered **1:10**
unison urges an end to the 'ongoing crisis in social care' **7:51**

Social prescribing

Government call to raise the profile of social prescribing **4:10**
New AHP social prescribing framework launches to fill knowledge gap **7:6**
RCOT invited on to external reference group for England's new social prescribing academy **6:12**
Social prescribing academy launches **11:9**

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Review launched into support for children with additional needs **9:10**
Serious gaps in therapy provision letting down pupils, says Parliamentary report **11:7**

Standards

New general standards for neurological care and support in Scotland **5:7**
RCOT pre-registration standards update opens for consultation **5:6**

Stroke services

Improve post-acute stroke support in Northern Ireland, advises Stroke Association **3:6**

Student education

£400,000 for ways to attract new

healthcare students **1:10**
Reducing pre-registration attrition and improving retention **5:56**

Sustainability

Green Unison Week **10:15**

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Technology

Scotland's first technology enabled care module launches **2:10**

Toileting

Legislation considered on more accessible toilets in Scotland **3:11**
More accessible toilets in Scotland to be built after building standards and law change **8:9**

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UKOTRF

UKOTRF grants 2019 **7:56**

Unison

Bullying and harassment in the workplace **9:14**

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Volunteering

Helpforce programme and NHS staff – a new charter to strengthen relations **5:13**
Occupational therapist funds defibrillator in rural village **4:9**

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Wellbeing

Ask every patient with a chronic MSK condition about their wellbeing, says mental health roundtable **6:6**

Wheelchair services

Personal health budget rights for wheelchairs and mental health users **3:6**

Scotland proposal on short-term wheelchair loans **5:10**

Work

Fitness for Work reports relaunch as HAP Health and Work Reports **7:9**
Health and Work Champions showcased in review of work conversations in healthcare **11:11**
Helping people back to work, one fit note at a time **2:7**
How can employers support disabled people to stay in work, asks consultation **8:10**
How the AHP fit notes are already helping people back into work **1:11**
Occupational therapists showcase pioneering vocational clinic **7:8**
OTVoC clinics touted to staff and public on email newsletters **11:7**
Progress in mental health – but shortfalls in physical health and work support, says NICE **5:8**
Understand the health benefits of good work, healthcare professionals urged **5:7**

Workforce culture

Measure and report NHS workforce culture to raise standards, advises report **3:8**

Workforce development

£300 million a year wasted on disjointed NHS staffing strategies, warns report **3:10**
Lobbying gets AHPs added to Scottish staffing bill **3:12**
Making 2019 the year for young workers **3:15**
New guidance on England AHP job planning **8:7**
New Scotland law aims for safer staffing levels **6:10**
Rules eased on recruiting occupational therapists from overseas **11:6**
UK needs more overseas occupational therapists, recommends government advisers **6:10**