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### **Forensic services**

Focus on rehabilitation and employability

in Scottish forensic services review, says RCOT **12:9**

## Fundraising

Glasgow students outstrip fundraising targets to help patients **6:7**

Occupational therapist's busy COVID-19 shifts prompts daughters to make fundraising rainbows **9:10**

Occupational therapists join charity single choir – and get Mariah Carey's approval **5:7**

## G

### GP surgeries

Occupational therapists get to work in Northern Ireland's GP surgeries during COVID-19 **8:7**

## H

### Hand therapy

RCOT publishes revised hand and wrist orthoses guidance **11:55**

### Health and Care Professions Council

HCOC publishes its Year in Highlights report **12:56**

HCPC invites registrants to contribute on advanced practice as it mulls regulation issues **8:8**

HCPC provides flexibility in how returning registrants meet standards **9:12**

HCPC registration fee rise delayed **5:8**

Temporary HCPC registers allow new and old staff to join workforce **4:7**

### Hemiplegia

Occupational-therapy led Breathe Magic programme graduate joins Magic Circle **2:9**

### Home working

Longstanding virtual team share their tips on home working **9:13**

### Honours

Dr Jane Melton made MBE in New Year Honours **2:10**

Two Northern Ireland occupational therapists awarded MBE's **11:9**

### Housing

Adaptations without delay tops Housing LIN download list **2:12**

Inclusive Living Toolkit launches to help housing sector future-proof homes **11:8**

### Huntington's disease

Delivering occupational therapy for

people with Huntington's disease, one window at a time **7:7**

## Hydration

New hydration e-learning toolkit and resources for carers **10:8**

## I

### Independent practice

Occupational therapist leader interviewed about coping with COVID-19 shock to business **11:7**

### Integration

Wales's Integrated Care Fund and Transformation fund extend to 2022 **9:6**

### Intermediate care

Royal seal of approval for intermediate care centre **3:9**

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### Leadership

Run of Scottish leadership appointments for occupational therapists **11:8**

### Learning disabilities

New clinical forum and networking day **1:17**

New resource documents the pandemic for people with learning disabilities **11:10**

New review evidences the realities of health and social care services for people with learning disabilities **3:53**

### Lobbying

Occupational therapists showcase the profession to Welsh deputy minister **3:12**

RCOT children's report promoted in Stormont **3:12**

Tayside occupational therapist builds up influencing experience after Occupational Therapy Week activity **1:10**

### Long-term conditions

MPs back RCOT call for patients to have better access to out-of-hospital rehab **3:6**

People with long-term conditions feel 'abandoned by the system' **3:7**

Physical activity coalition launches in Scotland for people with long-term health conditions **11:12**

## M

### Mental health

Community joins with local hospital to meander for mental health **2:11**

Embrace positive risk taking, RCOT advises Scottish mental health law review **12:12**

Hunt for Northern Ireland Mental Health Champion begins **5:8**

Mental health workforce review part of new plan for Northern Ireland **7:12**

New report calls for improved mental health support for people with neurological conditions **8:61**

Occupational therapist makes a play to support elite athletes with their mental health **12:11**

Patients share their love of music through DJing and dancing on an adult mental health rehabilitation ward **7:10**

RCOT discusses Northern Ireland's new 10-year mental health strategy **12:12**

### Migration Advisory Committee

Government rule change opens up overseas recruitment options **1:6**

### Multidisciplinary working

Online course for multidisciplinary working available **2:12**

### Multiple Sclerosis

Occupational therapist living with MS joins special One Show orchestra **9:8**

### Music therapy

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Patients share their love of music through DJing and dancing on an adult mental health rehabilitation ward **7:10**

Trauma informed care teams help create self-care playlists **6:11**

## N

### National Institute for Health Research

NIHR brings together research on mental health and COVID-19 **10:8**

NIHR School of Social Care Research launches three funding calls **9:12**

### Neonatal

### Neurodevelopment

RCOT joins the Embracing Complexity Coalition **2:12**

### Neurology

Funding proposals invited around



Scotland's neurological framework **8:13**

New report calls for improved mental health support for people with neurological conditions **8:61**

### Newly-qualified practitioners

Free online support groups for newly-qualified occupational therapists launch **11:7**

### NICE

NICE changes during COVID-19 **5:8**  
NICE produces new quality standard **2:55**

### NICE Connect

NICE is changing the way it produces and presents guidance: find out more and get involved **2:55**

### NHS Reset

NHS Reset campaign continues with new reports **10:8**

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### Obituaries

Lives of late members celebrated by RCOT **2:12**

### Occupational Therapy Week

#ChooseOT campaign inspires new recruits to join the profession during Occupational Therapy Week **11:9**  
Occupational Therapy Week 2020: Securing the future workforce and increasing diversity within the profession **9:11**

### Outcome measures

New resource to help AHPs select an outcome measure **1:12**

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### Pain

Occupational therapist lights up Hanley for complex regional pain syndrome **12:10**

### Partnership work

New collaborative centre for AHP care excellence to launch in Coventry **3:8**

### Pay and conditions

Health unions call on the government to grant NHS staff a wage rise by Christmas **12:6**  
Provide more flexible working and training for multiple roles, say

researchers into health and care staff during COVID **12:13**

### Perinatal mental health

Perinatal mental health e-learning course launches **3:11**

### Personal independence payment (PIP)

Northern Ireland PIP assessment process complex and inaccessible, warns RCOT **11:12**  
Second independent PIP review for Northern Ireland extended **6:11**

### Personalised care

Personalised Care Institute opens for business **8:10**

### Physical activity

Community joins with local hospital to meander for mental health **2:11**

### Play

Input sought on new guidelines on play and occupational therapy **3:12**

### Practice based learning

RCOT launches one-stop-shop for practice-based learning **9:12**

### Practice placements

Helping students make the most of their clinical placements **2:15**  
RCOT calls for collaboration to help students access placements **6:7**  
Two good Samaritans, simulated practice, and immersive feedback help Southampton students get their placement hours **11:6**

### Prescribing

RCOT calls on government to extend prescribing rights to the profession **7:13**

### Primary care

Leeds' trailblazing first contact practitioner role expands **9:11**  
New money for primary care roles in England **3:8**  
Occupational therapists get to work in Northern Ireland's GP surgeries during COVID-19 **8:7**  
Start of first contact practitioner roles for occupational therapists **3:8**

### Professional standards

Feedback sought on two key RCOT resources **1:12**

### Psychiatric Intensive Care

First national network for occupational

therapists in PICU launched **1:12**

### Public health

Concerns for prevention agenda raised as Public Health England replaced **9:6**  
Public Health Scotland's first strategy published **11:13**  
RSPH launches refreshed toolkit **4:9**  
UK-wide AHP Public Health Hub launches **8:12**

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### Quality assurance

WFOT launches quality evaluation strategy tool **9:12**

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### Racism

Step up, stand up and speak out against racism **7:14-15**

### Rapid response

England plans for two-hour rapid response teams **2:12**

### Recruitment

Government rule change opens up overseas recruitment options **1:6**

### Redeployment

RCOT calls on government to protect rehabilitation services, as minister says children's therapists should not be redeployed during second wave **12:9**

### Rehabilitation

Cross-party support for ROT call to prioritise rehabilitation **6:8**  
Employment needs discussed in RCOT's Big Rehab Conversation **7:9**  
Major rehabilitation research project creates exercise video for older people **8:12**  
Members invited to join the 'Big Rehab Conversation' **6:6**  
MPs back RCOT call for patients to have better access to out-of-hospital rehab **3:6**  
NHS England launches online COVID-19 rehabilitation service **8:8**  
Occupational therapy student dials up the support on placement **5:9**  
Scottish government post-COVID recovery and rehabilitation framework **9:12**  
Set established standards in rehabilitation services for stroke in Wales, says Stroke Association ahead of election **10:7**

## Research and development

BJOT journal impact factor increases **9:9**

Dr Yeliz Prior a Wonder Woman in research **8:13**

Evidence Spotlights get new home on the RCOT website **6:57**

Experienced researchers sought for nomination to major research panel **8:12**

Fourth occupational therapist appointed as AHP research champion **1:7**

New research practitioner competency framework launches **1:10**

New standards for public involvement in research published **1:12**

NHS England community rehabilitation toolkit launches **4:10**

NIHR brings together research on mental health and COVID-19 **10:8**

NIHR School of Social Care Research launches three funding calls **9:12**

RCOT announces the UK's top 10 priorities for occupational therapy research **8:14**

Survey for RCOT's priority setting partnership extended **4:10**

## Return to practice

HCPC provides flexibility in how returning registrants meet standards **9:12**

## Return to work

Navigating the fears of returning to work after recovering from COVID-19 **10:7**

RCOT supports and safeguards members returning to work during the pandemic **5:10**

## Right to Rehab campaign

MPs back RCOT call for patients to have better access to out-of-hospital rehab **3:6**

## Risk

Embrace positive risk taking, RCOT advises Scottish mental health law review **12:12**

## Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)

A message from the chief executive **12:7**

Auditor's report for BAOT members **6:58-60**

Dr Kee Hean Lim elected on BAOT/RCOT council **8:13**

Lisa Ledger appointed as new RCOT council member **6:10**

Member benefit update – insurance limit increase to £10 million **11:6**

new RCOT digital occupational therapy webpage **7:11**

RCOT chief executive Julia Scott to leave in new year **10:9**

RCOT freezes membership fees **6:9**

RCOT joins call to radically overhaul social care **10:6**

RCOT Specialist Section – Oncology and Palliative Care renames as Major Health Conditions **10:6**

RCOT's 2020 annual general meeting (AGM) postponed **6:10**

RCOT'S 2021 conference to be virtual for first time **9:7**

Results of the 2020 Council election **4:9**

Royal message pays tribute to RCOT members' work **8:9**

Royal seal of approval for intermediate care centre **3:9**

Royal visit for occupational therapists in Kent **2:10**

## Royal visits

Surprise royal visit for first occupational therapy graduates at UCLan **11:11**

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## Safeguarding

Occupational therapist part of award-winning festival team **1:7**

## Service users

Care Opinion in Northern Ireland launches **10:9**

## Simulation suites

New simulation facility for University of Bedfordshire's occupational therapy students **12:8**

Two good Samaritans, simulated practice, and immersive feedback help Southampton students get their placement hours **11:6**

## Small Change, Big Impact

Small Change, Big Impact campaign continues after Occupational Therapy Week success **1:9**

## Smoking cessation

New vaping resource for mental health professionals **4:10**

## Social care

A strategy to improve social care **12:55**

New RCOT-Housing resource examines the legal and practical implications of COVID-19 on social care practice **12:57**

Personalised support for care home residents **4:58**

RCOT joins call to radically overhaul social care **10:6**

## Social isolation

Charity creates free webinar programme to tackle social isolation **4:58**

## Social prescribing

£5,000 research fund to bolster social prescribing evidence on cards for new academy **4:10**

Scotland social prescribing report on physical activity published **1:8**

Social prescribing stories sought as issues raised in Scottish Parliament **3:7**

## Special educational needs (SEN)

£800,000 to develop UK's first smart special educational needs school **7:8**

Keeping young people engaged and supported at a special school during lockdown **7:13**

## Spinal injury

National Spinal Injuries Centre launched NHS's first upper limb studio **12:8**

## Sport

Occupational therapist appointed as Sport for Confidence's new education lead **10:10**

Sport for Confidence hits 1,000 remote physical activity sessions for vulnerable adults during lockdown **8:10**

## Staff survey

Improvement in NHS England's staff survey, but violence levels continue **3:10**

## Stroke services

Concerns people having stroke are not calling 999 **5:7**

New digital tool launched for stroke survivors with communication difficulties **7:56**

One-stop-shop for community stroke resources and support developed **9:9**

Therapy appointments cut for half of stroke survivors during pandemic, says Stroke Association **10:10**

## Student education

England's occupational therapy pre-registration students to each get £5,000 a year from September **2:7**

New simulation facility for University of Bedfordshire's occupational therapy students **12:8**

RCOT launches one-stop-shop for practice-based learning **9:12**

RCOT promotes profession through university clearing **8:12**

Two good Samaritans, simulated practice, and immersive feedback help Southampton students get their placement hours **11:6**

### **Sustainability**

Plan to make NHS England the world's first 'net zero' national health service published **11:12**

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### **Technology**

Reviews by video conferencing offered to improve access (Martin, Clare) **4:57**

### **Telehealth**

Occupational therapy student dials up the support on placement **5:9**

Occupational therapy students join Huddersfield telehealth scheme to support lone older people **7:10**

### **Toileting**

Changing Places toilets to be mandatory in new, large public buildings in England **8:13**

### **Trauma**

Hopes to improve patient survival rates with major trauma overhaul in Northern Ireland **12:9**

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### **Unison**

A national care service is the only way to prevent more deaths **8:15**

COVID-19 pandemic **4:25**

COVID-19: Are you keeping safe at work? **5:17**

Health unions call on the government to grant NHS staff a wage rise by Christmas **12:6**

Helping students make the most of their clinical placements **2:15**

Is 2022 the year that you become an occupational therapy steward? **1:15**

Rebuild, pay, create, build **10:26**

Step up, stand up and speak out against racism **7:14-15**

Taking our demands to the Treasury on behalf of NHS staff **11:15**

The disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on Black staff **6:45**

The state of care – a Unison Q&A **3:39**

Unison opposes exit payment plans **11:15**

Unison wins access to work victory **9:25**

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### **Vaccines**

Lothian occupational therapist on COVID-19 vaccine trials **7:7**

Occupational therapists deliver flu jab **11:12**

RCOT responds to proposals for occupational therapists to help deliver vaccines **10:8**

### **Veterans**

£300,000 research grant into groundbreaking approach with veterans **6:6**

### **Virtual assessment/consultation**

Delivering occupational therapy for people with Huntington's disease, one window at a time **7:7**

Virtual assessments and demonstrations are delivering positive outcomes during COVID-19 **5:10**

### **Visas**

Health professionals' visas given six months extra COVID extension **12:12**

Occupational therapists included in government's auto-visa extension scheme **5:9**

Occupational therapists officially included in new visa scheme **8:11**

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### **Walking**

Resources to encourage adult psychiatric inpatients to walk launched **6:11**

### **Wellbeing**

England's new NHS People Plan aims to address pandemic challenges and improve staff wellbeing **8:11**

### **Work**

Employment needs discussed in RCOT's Big Rehab Conversation **7:9**

Giving occupational therapists power to sign fit notes frees up GP time, research suggests **9:9**

RCOT's latest Improving Lives, Saving Money report focuses on work **2:13**

Unison wins access to work victory **9:25**

### **Workforce development**

Government rule change opens up overseas recruitment options **1:6**

Mental health workforce review part of new plan for Northern Ireland **7:12**

### **World Federation of Occupational Therapists**

WFOT launches quality evaluation strategy tool **9:12**