

Scotland

Relevant Legislation and Policy, for housing and social care in Scotland

Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities

Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

The Act contains provisions covering a number of areas relating to the Executive's overall policy objectives for housing, including provisions in relation to homelessness, tenancy rights, regulation of the socially rented sector, and the roles and responsibilities of the Scottish Ministers, local authorities, Scottish Homes and other bodies

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2001/10/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2001/10/pdfs/aspen_20010010_en.pdf : Explanatory notes - This document relates to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

The main purpose of the act is to address problems of condition and quality in private sector housing (although some provisions also relate to the social rented sector):

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/1/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/1/pdfs/aspen_20060001_en.pdf

Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

The purpose of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 is to safeguard social housing for the use of future generations of tenants by reforming the Right to Buy (RTB), and to improve value for tenants and taxpayers through a modernised system of social housing regulation:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/17/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/17/pdfs/aspen_20100017_en.pdf

Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011

The purpose of the Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act is to support responsible landlords and address more effectively the problems caused by landlords who act unlawfully, by strengthening the regulation of the private rented sector, by changing the systems for registration of private landlords and licensing of houses in multiple occupation:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/14/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/14/pdfs/aspen_20110014_en.pdf

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

The Act ends all right to buy entitlements. Social housing - housing allocations, tenancies and limited powers for landlords to tackle antisocial behaviour, Reform of the Private Rented Sector Mobile Homes Sites with Permanent Residents Private Housing Conditions

- www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/reform/housing-bill/contents

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about private rented housing; in particular to establish a new type of tenancy to be known as a private residential tenancy.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/19/contents>
- http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/19/pdfs/asp_20160019_en.pdf

Building (Scotland) Act 2003

The Act sets out the framework for a new building standards (formerly building control) system in Scotland. The Act replaces the Building (Scotland) Act 1959 (the 1959 Act), which deals in the main with the setting of building standards, compliance with and enforcement of those standards and powers in relation to dangerous buildings:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/8/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/8/pdfs/asp_20030008_en.pdf

Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004

The Act is intended to produce greater clarity in the law on tenements. The existing common law rules, which demarcate ownership within a tenement, are restated. The common law doctrine of common interest is codified by a restatement of the law. There is provision for a statutory right of access and for compulsory insurance:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/11/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/11/pdfs/asp_20040011_en.pdf

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- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/14/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/14/pdfs/asp_20110014_en.pdf

Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012

The Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 makes the provisions required by the Scottish Parliament's partial refusal of legislative consent for the UK Welfare Reform Act 2012(1) ("the UK Act"). It is an enabling Act, which gives powers to the Scottish Ministers to make provision in consequence of the UK Act for devolved purposes:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2012/10/contents/enacted
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2012/10/pdfs/asp_20120010_en.pdf

Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

The general approach of the Act is to impose a duty on local authorities, in particular circumstances, to exercise its power to make a particular kind of order under either section

45 (street parking places) or section 35 (off-street parking places) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the 1984 Act):

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/3/notes/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/3/pdfs/asp_20090003_en.pdf

Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Act 2014

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about badges for display on motor vehicles used by disabled persons.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/17/contents>
- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/17/contents>

Cabinet Health, Wellness & Sport

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

An Act to make further provision for promoting social welfare in Scotland:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/49/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1968/49/pdfs/ukpga_19680049_en.pdf

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

The provision of practical assistance in a person's home, assistance in obtaining recreational facilities within both the home and within the local community, assistance with travel, assistance in arranging for the carrying out of any works of adaptation in his home or the provision of any additional facilities designed to secure his greater safety, comfort or convenience, facilitating the taking of holidays, the provision of meals, and any special equipment necessary to enable him to use a telephone:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/44/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1970/44/pdfs/ukpga_19700044_en.pdf

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Act 1972

An Act to extend sections 1 and 2(l) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 to Scotland:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/51/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/51/pdfs/ukpga_19720051_en.pdf

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972

An Act to make further provision, in respect of the National Health Service, within Scotland:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/58/contents

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/58/pdfs/ukpga_19720058_en.pdf

Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996

An Act to enable local authorities responsible for community care services to make payments to persons in respect of their securing the provision of such services; and for connected purposes:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/30/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/30/pdfs/ukpga_19960030_en.pdf

Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Charging policies for social care and long term residential care, Direct payments, Carers Assessments, Joint working between NHS and LA's:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/5/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/5/pdfs/asp_20020005_en.pdf

Ministers established a group of experts in the care of older people, which consulted as part of its remit to make recommendations on the implementation, costs and "cross-border" issues of providing free nursing and personal care for all Scotland's older people. The Group published its report, Fair Care for Older People, in September 2001.

- www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/158653/0043042.pdf

National Health Service Reform (Scotland) Act 2004

The Act gives effect to the proposals in the White Paper "Partnership for Care" and fulfils the commitments in the Partnership Agreement ("A Partnership for a Better Scotland: Partnership Agreement" published in May 2003) to bring forward legislation to reform the National Health Service ("NHS"):

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/7/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/7/pdfs/asp_20040007_en.pdf

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to bar certain individuals from working with children or certain adults; to require the Scottish Ministers to keep lists of those individuals; to make further provision in relation to those lists; to establish a scheme under which information about individuals working or seeking to work with children or certain adults is collated and disclosed.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/14/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/14/pdfs/asp_20070014_en.pdf

Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Act 2006

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the carrying out of joint inspections of the provision of services to children; and to make provision as to the appointment of persons

to act as social work inspectors and their functions:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/3/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/3/pdfs/asp_20060003_en.pdf

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- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/14/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/14/pdfs/asp_20070014_en.pdf

Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

Introduces measures to identify and protect adults at risk from harm. It defines 'adults at risk' and 'harm'. Where it is known or suspected that an adult is being harmed, the Act places a duty on councils to make the necessary enquiries to establish whether or not further action is required to stop or prevent harm occurring. A general principle on intervention in an adult's affairs requires action which is the least restrictive to the adult whilst providing benefit to him or her. Protection orders include assessment orders, removal orders and banning orders, which require approval by a sheriff:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/10/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/10/pdfs/asp_20070010_en.pdf

Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

The 2003 Act replaces the 1984 Act. It establishes new arrangements for the detention, care and treatment of persons who have a mental disorder. It also refines the role and functions of the Commission and establishes the Tribunal as the principal forum for approving and reviewing compulsory measures for the detention, care and treatment of mentally disordered persons:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/13/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/13/pdfs/asp_20030013_en.pdf

Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 in various respects; to make provision about mental health disposals in criminal cases; to make provision as to the rights of victims of crime committed by mentally-disordered persons; and for connected purposes.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/9/contents>
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/9/pdfs/asp_20150009_en.pdf

Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The purpose of the Act is to provide for decisions to be made on behalf of adults who lack legal capacity to do so themselves because of mental disorder or inability to communicate. The decisions concerned may be about the adult's property or financial affairs, or about their personal welfare, including medical treatment:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2000/4/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2000/4/pdfs/aspen_20000004_en.pdf
- www.publicguardian-scotland.gov.uk
- www.mwcscot.org.uk

Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Act 2006

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the carrying out of joint inspections of the provision of services to children; and to make provision as to the appointment of persons to act as social work inspectors and their functions:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/3/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/3/pdfs/asp_20060003_en.pdf

Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

The Act will reform the regulatory system for care services in Scotland. Care services include care homes for adults, residential care for children, children's early education, day care and childminding, adoption and fostering services, adult placement services, agencies providing care at home (including care for children), nurse agencies, independent healthcare services, day care services for adults, housing support services, care and welfare in boarding schools and school hostels and care and welfare in accommodation for offenders:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2001/8/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2001/8/pdfs/asp_20010008_en.pdf

National Assistance Act 1948

An Act to terminate the existing poor law and to provide in lieu thereof for the assistance of persons in need by the National Assistance Board and by local authorities; to make further provision for the welfare of disabled, sick, aged and other persons and for regulating homes for disabled and aged persons and charities for disabled persons; to amend the law relating to non-contributory old age pensions; to make provision as to the burial or cremation of deceased persons; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Geo6/11-12/29/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1948/29/pdfs/ukpga_19480029_en.pdf

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

An Act to make further provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, for protecting others against risks to health or safety in connection with the activities of persons at work.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/pdfs/ukpga_19740037_en.pdf

Community Care (Direct Payments) Act 1996

An Act to enable local authorities responsible for community care services to make payments to persons in respect of their securing the provision of such services; and for connected purposes:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/30/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/30/pdfs/ukpga_19960030_en.pdf

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the carrying out of functions of local authorities and Health Boards; to make further provision about certain functions of public bodies; to make further provision in relation to certain functions under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978; and for connected purposes.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/9/contents/enacted
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/9/pdfs/asp_20140009_en.pdf

Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013

The Act gives people a range of options for how their social care is delivered, beyond just direct payments, empowering people to decide how much ongoing control and responsibility they want over their own support arrangements.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2013/1/contents/enacted
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2013/1/pdfs/asp_20130001_en.pdf

General Provisions in Local Authorities

Social Work Legislation

The duty to provide social work services falls on local authorities, which have wide discretion in how they will exercise their social work functions.

General Provisions in Local Authorities

- www.gov.scot/Publications/2010/01/1312045/16

Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the maintenance of welfare funds and to provide for them to be used to help certain individuals; and for connected purposes.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/5/contents>
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/5/pdfs/asp_20150005_en.pdf

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about carers, including the identification of carers' needs for support through adult carer support plans and young carer statements;

the provision of support to carers; the enabling of carer involvement in certain services; the preparation of local carer strategies; the establishment of information and advice services for carers; and for connected purposes.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/9/contents>

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/9/pdfs/asp_20160009_en.pdf

Cabinet for Education and Skills

Children (Scotland) Act 1995

An Act to reform the law of Scotland relating to children, to the adoption of children and to young persons who as children have been looked after by a local authority; to make new provision as respects the relationship between parent and child and guardian and child in the law of Scotland; to make provision as respects residential establishments for children:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/36/contents

Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

The Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 modernises, improves and extends the system of adoption in Scotland. Previous legislation relating to adoption lay mainly in the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 (which was based on the Adoption Act 1976):

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/4/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/4/pdfs/asp_20070004_en.pdf

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

An Act of the Scottish Parliament, to restate and amend the law relating to children's hearings:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/1/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/1/pdfs/asp_20110001_en.pdf

Curriculum for Excellence

- www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/thecurriculum/whatiscurriculumforexcellence/

Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) approach

- www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright
- www.gov.scot/Resource/0045/00458341.pdf
- www.gov.scot/Resource/0044/00448228.pdf

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the rights of children and young people; to make provision about investigations by the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland; to make provision for and about the provision of services and support for

or in relation to children and young people; to make provision for an adoption register; to make provision about children's hearings, detention in secure accommodation and consultation on certain proposals in relation to schools; and for connected purposes.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/8/introduction/enacted
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/8/pdfs/asp_20140008_en.pdf

The Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003

Is legislation setting out measures to prevent unsuitable adults from working with children.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/5/contents
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/5/pdfs/asp_20030005_en.pdf

National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland | 2010

- www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/334290/0109279.pdf

Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

Which came in to force on 14th November 2005 introduced new rights for parents and young people. The 2009 amendments have strengthened and widened these rights.

- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/4/section/4
- www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2004/4/pdfs/asp_20040004_en.pdf
- www.autism.org.uk/about/in-education/transition/transition-scotland.aspx

Scottish Policies and Guidance for Equipment and Adaptations

Scottish Government Guidance on the Provision of Equipment and Adaptations 2009

- www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/CC2009_05.pdf

Guide to Funding a Major Adaptation 2010

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397805.pdf

Scottish Government guidance on funding major adaptations dependent on tenure 2011
Homeowners guide to funding major adaptations

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/348014/0115910.pdf

Local Authority guide to funding major adaptations

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/348022/0115912.pdf

Guide to funding major adaptations for housing association tenants

- www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/348018/0115911.pdf

Funding Adaptations to the home: A guide for private tenants

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/348026/0115913.pdf
<p>Good practice guide for the provision of major adaptations 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397796.pdf
<p>Adaptations self-evaluation tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Support-Social-Care/Independent-Living/Equipment-Adaptations/Good-Practice-Self-Evaluation
<p>The effectiveness and value of equipment and adaptations 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0041/00410362.doc
<p>Good practice guide for community equipment services 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397800.pdf
<p>Good practice guide and self-evaluation toolkit for community equipment services in health and social care partnerships. Recycling community equipment 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397893.pdf
<p>Protocol for the provision of equipment to care homes by the NHS and local authorities 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00391069.doc
<p>Guide to providing accessible information on equipment and adaptations by the NHS and local authorities. 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397888.pdf
<p>Example service user leaflet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00397806.doc
<p>A Right to Speak Supporting Individuals who use Alternative and Augmentative Communication 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00394629.pdf
<p>Scottish National Training Programme for the Assessment and Prescription of Community Equipment - Scottish Regional group of NAEP 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.jitscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/NAEP-Scottish-Regional-Group-Training-sub-group-Training-Manual.pdf

Scottish Policies and Guidance for Housing

Commission on Housing and Wellbeing: A blueprint for Scotland's future (June 2015)
Summery report:

- <http://housingandwellbeing.org/assets/documents/Executive-Summary-of-Fin...>

Final report:

- <http://housingandwellbeing.org/assets/documents/Commission-Final-Report.pdf>

The Joint Delivery Plan, (May 15)

Developed by the Joint Housing Policy and Delivery Group, identifies priority actions that representatives from across the housing sector agree need a specific focus to ensure we are able to deliver the strategic objectives set out in Homes Fit for the 21st Century, and other subsequent Scottish Government strategies with a bearing on housing.

- www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/05/3392/downloads#res477306

Making the Connection - User Guide to Specialist Housing (June 15)

This comprehensive guide has been developed as a companion to and not a replacement for the Scottish Government (2014) Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA): A Practitioner's Guide. This document is available below.

- www.jitscotland.org.uk/resource/making-the-connection-user-guide-to-specialist-housing/

Scottish Design Guidance

Domestic Scottish Building Standards 2015

Technical Handbook 2015 Domestic

- www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Building/Building-standards/techbooks/techhandbooks/th2015dom-complete

Technical Handbooks 2015 Non-Domestic

- www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/Building/Building-standards/techbooks/techhandbooks/th2015ND-complete

Housing for Varying Needs Part 1 and Part 2

Were produced by Scottish Homes (now Communities Scotland) in 1998 and 1999, respectively

- www.archive2.official-documents.co.uk/document/deps/cs/HousingOutput/hfvn.pdf
- www.archive2.official-documents.co.uk/document/deps/cs/HousingOutput/housing_part_2.pdf

PAN 78 Inclusive Design

- www.gov.scot/Publications/2006/03/07164427/0

PAN 78 Inclusive Design

- www.gov.scot/Publications/2006/03/07164427/0

Glasgow Housing Association Design Guide

Part 1 - Introduction

www.gha.org.uk/content/mediaassets/doc/GHA_DG_part_1.pdf

Part 2 - Urban Design

www.gha.org.uk/content/mediaassets/doc/GHA_DG%20part%202.pdf

Part 3 - Buildings and Landscape Architecture

www.gha.org.uk/content/mediaassets/doc/GHA_%20DG%20part%203.pdf

Scottish Parliament - Cabinet functions and Members 2017

First Minister

Nicola Sturgeon MSP

Head of the Scottish Government: responsible for development, implementation and presentation of Government policy, constitutional affairs, and for promoting and representing Scotland.

Deputy First Minister

John Swinney MSP

Government Strategy, Delivery and outcomes across portfolios, Resilience, School standards, Educational attainment and closing the attainment gap, National Improvement Framework, Quality and improvement, Teaching profession, School infrastructure and staffing, Qualifications, Behaviour, Measures to combat bullying, The Gaelic and Scots languages, Modern languages, Historical Abuse Enquiry, Named person, Cross Government co-ordination of Public Service Reform, Childcare implementation, Early years, Child protection, Social services workforce, Adoption and Fostering, Children's rights, Looked after children, Children's hearings, Protection of vulnerable groups, Children's services, Widening Access, Higher education and universities, Further education and colleges, Student funding, Science and STEM, Youth work, Skills Development Scotland, Implementation of Wood recommendations, Non advanced vocational skills

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution

Derek Mackay MSP

Scottish Budget, Fiscal policy, Taxation, Budgetary monitoring and reporting, Scottish Public Finances and their sustainability, Public sector pay and pensions, Scottish Futures Trust, Efficient government, Public Bodies Policy, National Performance Framework, Registers of Scotland, Government procurement, Digital Public Services, Constitution, Government and Parliamentary business, Scottish Parliamentary elections and Local Government Elections, relations with other UK administrations, FOI, Open Government.

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport

Shona Robison MSP

NHS, Elective centres, Health care and social integration, Carers, Adult care and support, Implementing 2020 Vision and National Clinical Strategy, Patient services, NHS staff and pay, Problem alcohol use and recovery, Healthy working lives, National service planning, NHS performance, Acute services, Sporting events and legacy, Patient safety, Quality strategy, Public health, Health protection, Sport and physical activity, Primary care, Mental health, Allied healthcare services, Dentistry, Sexual health, medical records, Health

improvement, Drugs policy, Child and maternal health.

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Roseanna Cunningham MSP

Climate change, flood prevention, water quality, land reform, physical and marine environment, sustainable development, biodiversity, natural heritage, environmental protection, environmental and climate justice, national parks, Scottish Water, The Crown Estate.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Fiona Hyslop MSP

Culture and the arts, broadcasting, architecture, built heritage, national identity, cross government co-ordination on bringing major events to Scotland, national records, fair trade, tourism, international development, cross-government co-ordination on European Union and international relations, Scottish diaspora, creative industries.

Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities
Angela Constance MSP

Welfare policy, community empowerment, devolution to communities and reform of local government, equalities, religious and faith organisations, protection and development of social and human rights, third sector and social economy, democratic renewal, local government, housing, homelessness, community planning, planning, business improvement districts, town centres, building standards, social security, implementation of new powers, measures against poverty, disabilities, older people, tackling inequalities, social justice, regeneration

Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Michael Matheson MSP

The justice system, criminal law procedure, civil law, police, fire and rescue services, legal profession, violence reduction, anti-sectarianism, courts, sentencing, security, human rights, access to justice, community safety, anti-social behaviour, prisons and prisoners, female offenders, criminal justice social work, victims and witnesses, reducing reoffending, youth justice, liquor licensing.

Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Keith Brown MSP

The Scottish economy, infrastructure investment policy, Scottish Enterprise, trade & inward investment, innovation, internationalisation, increasing productivity, fair work and inclusive growth, labour market strategy, living wage, European structural funds, consumer advocacy and advice, employment policy, trades unions, bankruptcy policy and Accountant in Bankruptcy (AiB), business, industry and manufacturing, cities, energy and energy consent, regional economic forums, life sciences, financial services, low carbon economy, renewable energy industries, youth and women's employment, veterans, employability programmes

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity
Fergus Ewing MSP

Rural Scotland, Highlands Islands Enterprise, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture, food and drink, crofting, transport, connectivity including 100 per cent broadband, cross

government co-ordination on Islands, public transport.

Ministers

Minister for Childcare and Early Years Mark McDonald MSP
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP
Minister for Parliamentary Business Joe Fitzpatrick MSP
Minister for Transport and the Islands Humza Yousaf MSP
Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy Paul Wheelhouse MSP
Minister for Employability and Training Jamie Hepburn MSP
Minister for Public Health and Sport Aileen Campbell MSP
Minister for Mental Health Maureen Watt MSP
Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs Annabelle Ewing MSP
Minister for Local Government and Housing Kevin Stewart MSP
Minister for Social Security Jeane Freeman MSP
Minister for International Development and Europe Alasdair Allan MSP

Useful Agencies in Scotland

Ihub - The improvement resource for health and social care - <http://ihub.scot/>

The Place, Home and Housing programme aims to make key improvements to strategic

planning of housing and related services to provide people with a home environment that supports greater independence and improved health and well-being.
This work includes the Adapting for Change:

- <http://ihub.scot/a-z-programmes/place-home-and-housing/>

CIH Scotland

- www.cih.org/scotland

Scottish Federation of Housing Associations

- www.sfha.co.uk/

Dementia Services Development Centre

- <http://dementia.stir.ac.uk/housing-dsdc>

Mental welfare commission for Scotland

Produce good practice guidance in response to what we see and hear about practical or ethical difficulties in applying mental health and incapacity law

- www.mwscot.org.uk/publications/good-practice-guides/

SSSC Codes of Practice for Social Service Workers and Employers

- www.sssc.uk.com/about-the-sssc/multimedia-library/publications/60-protecting-the-public/63-reports-and-statistics/1058-protecting-the-public

HCPC Standards of proficiency for OT's

- www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/10000512Standards_of_Proficiency_Occupational_Therapists.pdf

The care inspectorate is the official body responsible for inspecting standards of care in Scotland. That means we regulate and inspect care services to make sure they meet the right standards. We also carry out joint inspections with other regulators to check how well different organisations in local areas are working to support adults and children. We help ensure social work, including criminal justice social work, meets high standards.

- www.careinspectorate.com

Social Services Knowledge Scotland

SSKS is a gateway to a wealth of information and learning materials to support practitioners in day to day work and in learning

- www.ssk.org.uk

Self-Directed Support in Scotland

Welcome to the Scottish Government's Self-Directed Support (SDS) website. This is a one-stop-shop for information about Self-Directed Support for people who use social care services and health and social care professionals

- www.selfdirectedsupportscotland.org.uk/

Scottish Independent advocacy alliance

Independent Advocacy is a way to help people have a stronger voice and to have as much control as possible over their own lives. Independent Advocacy organisations are separate from organisations that provide other types of services. An independent advocate will not make decisions on behalf of the person/group they are supporting

- www.siaa.org.uk/independent-advocacy

Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)

The ALLIANCE is the national third sector intermediary for a range of health and social care organisations. The ALLIANCE has over 790 members including large, national support providers as well as small, local volunteer-led groups and people who are disabled, living with long term conditions or providing unpaid care.

- www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/

Home2Fit

Provides an easy to use online system to match accessible properties with people who really need them. For the first time detailed information on the accessibility of homes across all tenures is available thus allowing disabled people more informed choices.

- www.home2fit.org.uk/

Housing Options Scotland

Provides a unique public access service to all disabled people throughout Scotland. We do not directly provide housing, what we do provide is detailed information and advice that will enable you to find the right home for you. Our main aim is to ensure that disabled people have access to suitable housing in the tenure of their choice.

- www.housingoptionsscotland.org.uk/

Remap Scotland

We are a Scottish charity offering a dedicated service to design, manufacture and supply individual equipment and adaptation solutions for disabled people where no commercial solutions currently exist.

- www.smcnbowling.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/remap/default.html

Age Scotland

Is the largest charity in Scotland dedicated to enabling everyone to make the most of later life.

- www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland/

The Scottish Accessible Information Forum (SAIF)

Works to combat social exclusion by representing the interests of people living with information needs across Scotland and supporting the rights of disabled people and carers in having access to timely and accurate information.

- www.saifscotland.org.uk/

Glasgow CIL is a disabled people's user led Organisation (DPULO) committed to promoting

inclusive living by assisting gdaonline.co.uk disabled people to challenge barriers and make informed choices.

- www.gcil.org.uk/

Positive Action in Housing Ltd

Is a Scottish wide charity working with communities, housing providers, voluntary organisations and faith groups to enable everyone to have an equal chance to live in good quality, affordable and safe homes, free from discrimination and the fear of racial harassment and violence. We offer advice, information and support to people from new migrant, refugee and minority ethnic communities.

- www.paih.org

STEP (Scottish Traveller Education Programme)

Is a national Knowledge, Exchange and Information centre for Travelling communities:

- www.step.education.ed.ac.uk/

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