

## Scotland Policy Conferences:

### Next steps for the health and social care system in Scotland

Timing: Afternoon, Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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12.30	Registration
13.00	<b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian
13.05	<b><u>Assessing priorities for health and social care system in Scotland</u></b> Senior commentator Questions and comments from the floor
13.25	<b><u>Coordination and implementation of the Service Renewal Framework across national, regional and local levels</u></b> Senior representative, local authority
13.35	<b><u>Progress of the Recovery Plan and NHS reform - priorities for improving operational capacity and functioning</u></b> <i>learning from the NHS Recovery Plan and NHS Scotland Operational Improvement Plan   addressing current operational pressures and delayed discharge   priorities for increasing capacity and improving access   implementation of the Service Renewal Framework and the Population Health Framework   proposals for a national delivery organisation and implications for governance and accountability   coordinating national and local delivery   supporting alternatives to hospital admission   addressing challenges facing primary care   impact of Hospital at Home and community provision   assessing targeting and use of funding in the Scottish Budget   strategies for improving productivity and efficiency   resourcing and coordination implications for workforce, patients and local communities</i> Senior representative, primary care Senior representative, hospitals Senior representative, communities Senior representative, workforce
14.00	Questions and comments from the floor
14.25	<b><u>Chair's closing remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian
14.30	Break
14.40	<b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian
14.45	<b><u>Next steps for the National Care Service Advisory Board</u></b> <b>Susan Douglas-Scott</b> , Chair, Interim National Care Service Advisory Board; and Board Chair, NHS Golden Jubilee
14.55	<b><u>Priorities for the social care sector - implementing the Care Reform Act 2025, increasing capacity and coordinating with communities</u></b> <i>delivery of Anne's Law   improved support for terminally-ill patients   enhanced rights for unpaid carers   rollout of Care Reform (Scotland) Act measures   funding and structures to support delivery   channelling funding and support for the workforce   options for addressing stakeholder concerns on funding levels and capacity   alignment with wider NHS-focused measures   improving consistency of provision   strengthening preventative and community-based services   embedding co-production with the sector and communities</i> <b>Diane Fraser</b> , Chair, Adults Social Work Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland Senior representative, care provider Senior representative, local authority
15.10	Questions and comments from the floor
15.35	<b><u>Practical considerations for integrating the health and social care systems</u></b> Senior representative, integrated board
15.45	<b><u>Priorities for renewal and practicalities for system integration</u></b> <i>empowerment of NHS Boards and Integration Authorities   roles of local authorities, the third sector and independent providers   coordination across the system   expectations for the role of a national delivery organisation   coordination across Integrated Joint Boards and the wider system   population-based planning and service redesign   tackling regional health inequalities   workforce and infrastructure requirements   incorporating lived experience into planning and delivery   service standards and quality across new and existing models of care   digitalisation, virtual services and innovation adoption   collaboration with industry and the life sciences sector   partnership working to support access and consistency</i> Senior representative, population planning Senior representative, digital health Senior representative, communities Senior representative, patients
16.05	Questions and comments from the floor
16.30	<b><u>Next steps for improving the quality of health and social care services</u></b> <b>Dr Simon Watson</b> , Medical Director, Healthcare Improvement Scotland Questions and comments from the floor
16.55	<b><u>Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks</u></b> Senior Parliamentarian <b>Harry Nelson</b> , Scotland Policy Conferences

