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### THIRD SECTOR NEWS

#### [SHETLAND CARERS WINTER WELLBEING FUND 2021/22](#)

There are four different ways that carers can access support from this fund, ranging from individual grants to breaks through other service providers. Carer can apply for support from **ONE** area of the fund : -

- Apply for a short break grant of up to £150 to allow you to take a break of your choice from your caring role
- Apply for a Shetland Recreational Trust (SRT) More 4 Life subscription through Shetland Carers
- Apply for overnight respite support which will be provided in partnership with Shetland Carer Attendant Scheme
- Apply for a Recovery Grant of up to £150 for financial support to meet the cost of food and household bills, utility costs, travel and fuel costs

This funding has been provided by government specifically to support carers over the winter period with funds to be allocated by 31st March 2022. The focus for the fund should be improved health and wellbeing, improved economic/financial wellbeing and improved social wellbeing. Target groups include carers who are at risk of isolation over the winter period and who have been unable to access breaks.

Shetland Carers have also recently launched [New FREE Counselling Sessions](#) and [Massage sessions for carers](#).

**CHILDREN'S HEARING SCOTLAND: NEW VOLUNTEER PANEL MEMBERS NEEDED**

**Applications for new Panel Members open on 12 January 2022 and close midnight on 9 February 2022**

Children's Hearings Scotland is the organisation responsible for recruiting, training and supporting volunteer Panel Members. There are 2,500 volunteer Panel Members across Scotland who take part in children's hearings and make decisions with and for infants, children and young people in their local community.

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**MAR 2**  
Prof Cormac Ryan

**MAR 23**  
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If you want to find out more about how we think about, talk about and treat chronic pain find out more and sign up here: <https://www.flippinpain.co.uk/event/scotland-22/>

(See attached flyer for more details).

**NEWS FROM THE CHARITY REGULATOR**

No updates.

## RESOURCES

### **SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT NATIONAL ADVICE LINE**

Enable Scotland has launched a national advice line for self directed support. Through Family Connect, the advice line will support families, carers and people affected by learning disabilities to access advice and support surrounding self directed support.

For more information, please contact: 0300 303 0228 or [familyconnect@enable.org.uk](mailto:familyconnect@enable.org.uk)

### **TOOLS FOR TACKLING FOOD POVERTY**

This publication from Sustain showcases some of the tools used by local food poverty alliances from around the UK, including approaches to evaluation, mapping community food service provision and building and strengthening community food networks through collective action.

### **OPINION: SOCIAL CARE DATA: THE GAP BETWEEN WORD AND DEED**

In the third of [the ALLIANCE's](#) 'Opinions on data and the National Care Service', Alex Stobart of [Mydex CIC](#) writes about outstanding data gaps and challenges.

### **THRIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME: HELPING PEOPLE BECOME MORE ACTIVE**

The Thrive Learning Programme helps practitioners plan and evaluate physical activity funded by Spirit of 2012 Trust. It is free and helps practitioners understand more about how to use physical activity or sport to achieve a range of outcomes.

### **GUIDE: HOW TO BECOME A CHARITY TRUSTEE**

A free guide from Getting on Board, sponsored by [Ecclesiastical Insurance](#). A practical toolkit for aspiring trustees on how to get started which is designed to be easy for everyone to download and use.

### **CO-SHADOWING RESOURCES**

Co-shadowing is when 2 people (or teams, or organisations) shadow each other, to learn and understand more about how the other person works or their situation. Following on from the growing interest in Co-shadowing and last year's virtual drop-in sessions, Outside the Box now have resources available to download on their website.

### **CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION: UK GIVING REPORT 2021**

Recent research by CAF highlighted the importance of having a diverse and adaptable fundraising plan to respond to changing funding trends. In their annual research into charitable giving in the UK, CAF found that although fewer people are donating to charity, the value of individual gifts is increasing.

**CHARITY DIGITAL [VIDEO TOP FIVE FUNDRAISING TRENDS OF 2022](#)**

In a helpful five-minute video, Charity Digital talks about the latest trends in digital giving and provides insights into what may lie ahead for us all. While many small groups may not be able to adopt all of the ideas here, they will find lots of inspirational ideas for future fundraising campaigns.

**REPORT: [COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING IN RURAL AND ISLAND SCOTLAND](#)**

A new report from Scottish Rural Action, InspirAlba and the David Hume Institute explores how this approach would need to be applied in rural and island communities. It points to the need for a more radical approach: CWB must be comprehensive and for the long term; to be truly effective, it must be applied from the bottom up, making the approach fit people and communities rather than constraining people and communities within a limited and rigid top-down approach.

**[THE NEW #BUYSOCIALSCOTLAND CORPORATE CHALLENGE BROCHURE](#)**

Following the Buy Social Scotland Corporate Challenge launch in September 2021, Social Enterprise Scotland has released a new digital brochure that showcases, stories, and inspiration to help businesses and organisations align their spending and social impact through partnerships with social enterprises.

**FORTHCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS**

**OPEN LEARNING CHAMPION WORKSHOPS**

The Open Learning Champions project equips a wide network of people – from third sector organisations to colleges, libraries and the CLD sector – with the knowledge and skills to use the OU's free learning resources to help learners in their communities.

To find out more about the learning resources available and how to access and utilise them – such as OpenLearn and Open Pathways to Higher Education for use with learners and for your own professional development.

**Workshops during February and March 2022**

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/OL-Champion-Workshop>

Facilitators: Nicola Twine [nicolatwine.work@gmail.com](mailto:nicolatwine.work@gmail.com), and Caithleen Bell [caithleenbell@gmail.com](mailto:caithleenbell@gmail.com)

**FREE HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED BY GCVS**

Occupational Driving, Wednesday 2nd February 2022, 10am to 12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/occupational-driving-tickets-156154405029>

DSE Assessing, Thursday 17th February 2022, 10am to 12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dse-assessing-tickets-156114593953>

Working at Height, Monday 21st February 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-at-height-tickets-156171652617>

Loneworking, Thursday 10th March 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneworking-tickets-156148142297>

Manual Handling, Tuesday 15th March 2022, 2pm to 4pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manual-handling-tickets-156149745091>

Slips, Trips & Falls, Friday 25th March 2022, 10am to 12pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/slips-trips-falls-tickets-156168200291>

## **BOCCIA SHETLAND – EVERY WEDNESDAY 5PM – 6PM**

Relaxed Boccia sessions suitable for all ages and abilities at StaneyHill Hall.  
Booking is essential.

Please contact [Charis.Scott3@shetland.org](mailto:Charis.Scott3@shetland.org) 07493 528917

## **BUSINESS GATEWAY**

### [Digital upskilling for tourism businesses](#)

DigitalBoost and VisitScotland have teamed up to deliver a new series of webinars. Tune in for key digital support, advice & top tips from industry experts across a range of topics.

### [Register for the AWS Digital Innovation Program](#)

Join an online session introducing businesses to Amazon's approach to innovation, and to find out how you can apply this approach to a specific project or opportunity through Amazon Web Service (AWS)

### [New guide: Managing online reviews](#)

Word of mouth recommendation has always been one of the most powerful ways to drive new customers to your business. Find out about the review marketplace, how to build and manage your presence, and when it might be right to use review management software

### [Round 19 of Scottish EDGE is now open](#)

Applications for EDGE19 are now open! See some diary dates for the round ahead below, and make sure to apply before 15th Feb for a chance to pitch live for up to £100k in business funding.

## **THINKING SUSTAINABLY: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FOR THE THIRD SECTOR**

Social Investment Scotland are running workshops illustrating case studies of charities and social enterprises that have used investment to make changes to how they operate to help them become more sustainable.

This ranges from organisations that have used cycling as a way to deliver services, community transport organisations retrofitting busses, to sports organisations making changes to buildings, football pitch lighting or even how community cafes operate.

The £5 million [Net Zero Transition Fund](#) has been made available for charities and social enterprises that don't work in the environmental space that may require both funding and practical support to operate more sustainably. This will also apply to those organisations that work in the environmental space that are developing programmes that significantly impact on Net Zero. This offering will also include an amount of grant funding and practical support in partnership with [Zero Waste Scotland](#).

Free online events: February 15th, 12pm; February 22nd, 12pm; March 15th, 5pm

## **THE NORTH HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS CLIMATE HUB INFORMATION SESSION**

funded by the Scottish Government and operated currently by Thurso Community Development Trust, the Climate Hub will be hosting an Information Session event on February 3rd at 2-3pm and 7-8pm.

It will consist of information about the Hub, including who we are and what we will be offering to community groups to take climate action, a couple of brief talks from guest speakers who have developed climate action projects and a Q&A session.

You can find out more about the Hub on our website <http://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk> or by attending our information session on the 3rd February (2pm – 3pm or 7pm – 8pm)

- 2-3pm: [North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub: Information Session Tickets, Thu 3 Feb 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- 7-8pm: [North Highlands and Islands Climate Action Hub: Information Session Tickets, Thu 3 Feb 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## **#TIMETOTALK DAY 2022 - FEBRUARY 3RD**

Time to Talk Day 2022 takes place on February 3rd 2022 in partnership with See Me and SAMH. Time to Talk Day aims to get people and organisations talking about mental health and challenge discrimination.

## **WEBINAR: THE NEW NATIONAL CARE SERVICE & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE (WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 11.30AM-12.30PM)**

Hosted by Social Enterprise Scotland, this webinar will consider 'What is the new National Care Service?' and 'How can social enterprises potentially influence and work the planned NCS?'

### **FAIR WORK IN PRACTICE SESSION (WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 10.30AM)**

This session, jointly hosted by SENScot and SCVO, is designed to learn about and share Fair Work practices that social enterprises and the wider third sector have implemented within their organisation. In addition to speakers talking through Fair Work practices they have embraced; Scottish Government will also provide an update on the Fair Work Nation consultation and the upcoming refresh of the Fair Work Action Plan.

### **ALLIANCE DIGITAL GATHERING 2022 (21ST-25TH FEBRUARY)**

The event will celebrate Scotland's Year of Stories and other themes include sensory loss, national health, human rights, stigma reduction and the proposed new National Care Service.

### **SCOTTISH WOMEN'S BUDGET GROUP**

In the run up to the 2022 Scottish Local Government elections SWBG are holding a number of focused events to hear views from women across Scotland on public spending priorities.

- [Local Government and a Just Transition](#): 1st February
- [Local Government and the Impact of Covid on Women](#): 11th February
- [Local Government and Childcare](#) 3rd March
- [A shorter working week as part of green, caring economy](#) Tuesday 8th February

### **SCOTTISH LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK 2022 MONDAY 2ND – SUNDAY 8TH MAY**

### **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY**

#### **Leadership & Wellbeing within My Community - Community Hubs, Sport and Leisure**

Fully funded and Online. For third and public sector leaders to recognise health and wellbeing opportunities and develop leadership skills for their local community. 6 sessions throughout February – May 2022

21st February & 28th February  
28th March & 4th April  
25th April & 2nd May

### **SOCIAL INVESTMENT SCOTLAND (SIS) WEBINAR ON FUNDS**

SIS is hosting a webinar, Thursday, 10th February 2022 (2pm), that will go into more detail on two new Funds at the end of the year:

The [Recovery & Resilience Fund](#) – targeted at larger charities and social enterprises looking for low-cost, long-term capital to shore up their reserves; and the [Social Enterprise Net Zero Transition Fund](#), which aims to help social sector organisations take their first step, or continue, their journey to net zero. See [Registration Form](#):

## **EVOC TRAINING COURSES (FEE APPLIES - £67 NON MEMBERS VOLUNTARY ORGS)**

- Developing a communications action plan: Wed 23 Feb (10am – 1pm)  
<https://www.evoc.org.uk/course/developing-a-comms-action-plan-wed-23-feb-22/>
- Real life stories – how to write and promote compelling case studies: Mon 14 Mar (10am – 1pm)  
<https://www.evoc.org.uk/course/how-to-write-and-promote-case-studies-mon-14-mar-22/>

## **CLIMATE EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORKERS**

Register now for this free, essential, climate emergency training for Youth Workers and those working with young people. Gain an understanding of the climate emergency: this course will equip you with the skills and tools you need to support young people in climate action. Following COP26 it has never been more important to support young people's concerns about climate change and turn it into positive action.

Not only will you gain knowledge, skills and some real-life ideas for communicating and working with young people on this topic, but for those who successfully complete the course, you have the opportunity to earn a certificate of Carbon Literacy – a vital qualification for supporting young people in climate action.

The training is part of the Scottish Government funded COP26 Youth Climate Programme and is being delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful and YouthLink Scotland.

New February and March training dates have just been released!

Find out more and book your place at: <https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/cop26-scottish-youth-climate-programme/>

## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCOTLAND FREE WEBINARS**

- [Community Wealth Building and social enterprise, 2 Feb](#) - what is it and how can you get involved?
- [What next for Community Interest Companies? on 9 Feb](#) - What are the current challenges, barriers and opportunities for CICs? Come and meet the CIC Regulator - and share your own views and experiences.
- [The new National Care Service and social enterprise, 16 Feb](#) - What is the NCS and how can you get involved?
- [Next CPG meeting - Social enterprise and public service delivery](#) - Come to our next national policy forum and explore public service delivery by social enterprises.

Any questions, comments or suggestions about upcoming webinars - including if you want to be a speaker - please do get in touch with us:

[duncan.thorp@socialenterprise.scot](mailto:duncan.thorp@socialenterprise.scot)

## **GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER INTERGENERATIONAL CONFERENCE 2022 - Monday 7th – Thursday 10th March 2022**

Generations Working Together is delighted to confirm that the conference programme will be launched week commencing the 10th January 2022. The programme will run over three afternoons (Mon/Wed & Thurs) and one evening (Tues). Opportunities will be available to attend daily sessions, two day sessions or with a weekly pass.

### **SCVO TRAINING**

- [Building personal resilience and self confidence](#), 9 February
- [Time management in the workplace](#), 22 February
- [Plan, measure and report social impact](#), 24 February & 3 March
- [Develop your fundraising skills: thriving funds in difficult times](#), 1 & 8 March
- [All things financial: building a strong financial foundation](#), 2 March
- [Meeting today's volunteering challenges](#), 2 March
- [Social media fundamentals](#), 9 March
- [Be report writing ready](#), 15 March
- [Train the trainer: a training toolkit](#), 15, 16 & 22 March
- [Effective minute taking virtually and beyond](#), 22 March
- [Comms and marketing made easy](#), 29 March

Full list of training is available [here](#)

### **FREE FUNDING WORKSHOP: EASYFUNDRAISING PLATFORM - HOW TO TAP INTO UNRESTRICTED FUNDING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION IN 2022**

An informal session to find out your voluntary group, CIC, social enterprise, church, school, sports club or charity can benefit from unrestricted funding in 2022.

Community Fundraising Manager Becky Coleman will talk through how your volunteers, staff and supporters can use the easyfundraising platform to raise donations for your organisation when they shop with thousands of leading retailers. Becky will demonstrate how it works, show you how to get started and answer any questions you might have. easyfundraisign is free to use and is trusted by 170,000 good causes around the UK.

**When: Tuesday 1st February 2022, 12.30 – 1.00pm, Online via Zoom**

Register at: <http://efraising.org/1vY4Fny7kh>

If you would like to get started with easyfundraising ahead of this session, you can do that here: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/community)

## JUST ENTERPRISE - WINTER/SPRING ONLINE BUSINESS SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Workshops are currently being delivered on-line, they are all fully funded and they're available to book right now. Places are limited, however, so if you see something of interest, don't delay in registering!

Wednesday 9th February	1.00pm - 4.00pm	<a href="#">Business Planning</a>
Thursday 17th February	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>
Tuesday 22nd February	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Understanding Financial Statements</a>
Thursday 3rd March	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Charitable Trading</a>
Friday 4th March	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Tendering for Public Sector Contracts</a>
Wednesday 9th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Introduction to E-Commerce</a>
Tuesday 22nd March	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Budgeting</a>
Thurs 24th & 31st March	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning for Community Led Soc Ents</a>
Tuesday 29th March	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Writing for the Web</a>
Thursday 31st March	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>
Wednesday 6th April	1.00pm - 4.00pm	<a href="#">Business Planning</a>
Thursday 21st April	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Charitable Trading</a>
Tuesday 26th April	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Understanding Financial Statements</a>
Wednesday 4th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Introduction to E-Commerce</a>
Tuesday 10th May	10.00am - 12.00pm	<a href="#">Writing for the Web</a>
Thursday 12th May	10.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Tendering for Public Sector Contracts</a>
Tuesday 17th May	11.00am - 12.30pm	<a href="#">Planning in Uncertain Times</a>
Tuesday 24th May	1.30pm - 3.30pm	<a href="#">Budgeting</a>

### START UP WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

The following ONLINE workshops & webinars are aimed at social entrepreneurs and early stage social enterprises. Dates & topics beyond February 2022 will be added in due course:

Monday 7th February	10.30am – 12.30pm	<a href="#">Workshop : Finance</a>
Tuesday 8th February	10.30am – 11.30am	<a href="#">Webinar : Business Model Canvas</a>
Thursday 10th February	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<a href="#">Webinar : Marketing Your Business</a>
Monday 14th February	12.00pm – 1.00pm	<a href="#">Webinar : Starting a Charity</a>
Tuesday 15th February	10.00am – 11.00am	<a href="#">Webinar : Governance</a>
Thursday 24th February	2.00pm – 3.00pm	<a href="#">Webinar : Developing a Marketing Strategy</a>

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT NEWS

### **COVID-19: DISTANCE AWARE SCHEME**

The scheme is designed to help those worried about mixing with others as we adapt to living with the virus. Distance Aware badges and lanyards are available for anyone who prefers others to take extra care around them.

### **COVID-19: STAYING SAFE AND PROTECTING OTHERS**

Rules and guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Updated on 25 January 2022 to summarise changes from 28 and 31 January 2022 covering face covering exemptions and home working.

### **COVID-19: TEST AND PROTECT**

Information and support for people who are asked to self-isolate because of Covid-19, including the Self-Isolation Support Grant (£500). Updated on 26 January 2022 for care home and social care workers.

### **COVID-19: FUNDING FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY OMICRON CONTROL MEASURES**

Funding for businesses affected by measures to control the spread of the Omicron variant of coronavirus - including the hospitality sector, hairdressers and taxi drivers. Scottish Brewers Support Fund was added on 25 January 2022 and updated information was added on 26 January 2022 on the Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operator Support Fund 2022.

### **CLOSE CONTACT SERVICES FUND**

This fund will provide a one-off payment to support eligible close contact service businesses impacted by Covid-19 restrictions and guidance introduced from 9 December 2021 to 24 January 2022 to control the Omicron variant.

The grant is a one-off payment of:

£1,000 for self-employed businesses

£1,500 for non-domestic rates (NDR) registered businesses with premises

### **PUBLIC HOUSE TABLE SERVICE RESTRICTIONS FUND**

This fund will provide financial support to public houses that were required to introduce table service to help control the Omicron variant from December 2021. The deadline to apply is 11 February 2022.

### **COVID-19: CULTURAL PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS GUIDANCE**

Guidance for the cultural performances and events sector. Updated on 21 January 2022 to include post-Omicron changes.

### **SCOTTISH WEDDING INDUSTRY FUND**

This fund will support businesses whose trade was impacted by the measures to control the spread of coronavirus in December 2021 and January 2022. Eligible businesses will be contacted from Thursday 20 January 2022. Once you've been contacted, please reply as soon as possible, and by 5pm on 7 February 2022 at the latest.

### **CORONAVIRUS: COMPLIANCE SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL**

A tool to assess the effectiveness of Covid-19 control measures within your workplace. Checklist replaced to comply with current regulations (updated 20 January 2022).

### **SUPPORT FOR SCOTTISH BUSINESSES FACING SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION**

Covid-19 and Brexit are changing the business landscape at an unprecedented pace. Take time to understand which parts of your business may be impacted.

### **CHECK IF YOU CAN CLAIM BACK STATUTORY SICK PAY PAID TO EMPLOYEES DUE TO COVID-19**

If you're an employer, find out if you can use the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme to claim back employees' Statutory Sick Pay related to Covid-19. The scheme was reintroduced on 19 January 2022. You can only claim for employees who were off work on or after 21 December 2021.

### **BLUE ECONOMY CLUSTER BUILDER**

The Blue Economy Cluster Builder will work with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Scotland to communicate and raise awareness of the benefits of the blue economy. It will enable businesses to take advantage of opportunities in this area, to help increase the number of Scottish companies operating in the sector and support the development of the industry in Scotland. The service is available until December 2022.

### **OFFSHORE WIND CLUSTER BUILDER**

The Offshore Wind Cluster Builder works with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Scotland to promote opportunities and address challenges in the offshore wind sector. This service offers SMEs the opportunity to participate in sector-specific events and benefit from one-to-one bespoke support and raises awareness of and signposts to other support services. The service is available until March 2023.

### **WEBINARS: DIGITALBOOST & VISITSCOTLAND TOURISM - FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022**

Sign up for these free webinars available to all Scottish tourism businesses to hear from industry experts who will provide digital support and advice, across a range of topics.

### **NON-DOMESTIC RATES (CORONAVIRUS) (SCOTLAND) BILL**

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee wants to hear your views on the [Non-Domestic Rates \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#). Deadline: 11 February 2022.

**CONSULTATION: [THE SCOTTISH ATTAINMENT CHALLENGE](#)**

**Closes 8 Feb 2022**

[The Scottish Attainment Challenge](#) was launched in 2015 and is funded by a number of programmes including Pupil Equity Funding. A total of £750m has been spent in the five years to 2021. The Scottish Government has said it will continue the fund and increase the amount of funding to £1bn over five years from 2021 to 2026. The Committee wants to know how well this money has supported children from deprived backgrounds and the impact of the Scottish Attainment Challenge support on the attainment gap.

**[NON-DOMESTIC RATES \(CORONAVIRUS\) \(SCOTLAND\) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM](#)**

The bill states that any potential effect of coronavirus cannot be considered when calculating a property's 'net annual value' and/or 'rateable value', in the current valuation roll (created in 2017). The 'net annual value' of a property is based on how much a person would pay in rent for the property per year. The bill states that this covers any matters arising from coronavirus from 2 April 2020 onwards. Deadline: 7 February 2022.

**VIEWS WANTED: [PROPOSED RIGHT TO FOOD \(SCOTLAND\) BILL](#)**

Rhoda Grant MSP is seeking views on her proposed Right to Food (Scotland) Bill. This bill proposes to incorporate the right to food into Scots law. Deadline: 16 February 2022.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND SPORT COMMITTEE INQUIRY: [ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS INTO PRIMARY CARE \(SURVEY\)](#) AND [ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS INTO PRIMARY CARE \(WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS\)](#)**

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is undertaking an inquiry into how patients access primary care in Scotland.

Primary care services provide the first point of contact in the healthcare system, acting as the 'front door' of the NHS. When a person seeks healthcare their first point of contact is usually with a general practitioner (a GP, or family doctor). Our inquiry, however, is focused on other sources of healthcare that exist in the community, which we term 'alternative' pathways.

Survey deadline: 17 February 2022

Written submissions deadline: 22 February 2022

**[CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\): THIRD SECTOR FAMILY SUPPORT - GUIDANCE SUMMARY](#)**

This guide is a summary of the varying Scottish Government guidance which is relevant to the provision of Third Sector family support during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rules and guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is set out in the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): staying safe and protecting others](#) guidance. It is not new guidance, but a helpful tool to signpost those delivering family support to the guidance that is most applicable to them (see [a full list of the coronavirus guidance](#)). It is for each organisation to decide which guidance applies to their activity and to apply it as appropriate.

**VIEWS WANTED: [PROPOSED VICTIMS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND FATAL INQUIRIES \(SCOTLAND\) BILL](#)**

Jamie Greene MSP would like to hear your views on his proposal for a bill to strengthen the rights of victims in Scotland's justice system. He wants to ensure that victims' concerns are prioritised and placed at the heart of the legal process. Deadline: 9 March 2022

**[CONSULTATION: GIRFEC ASSESSMENT OF WELLBEING PUBLIC CONSULTATION](#)**

**Closing Date: 4 February 2022**

The Scottish Government is carrying out a public consultation on the statutory guidance that explains what 'wellbeing' means in the context of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

We encourage all organisations that work with children, young people and families to read the draft guidance and respond.