

Health, Care and Sport Committee
9 September 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Overview of key issues in the social care sector

Introduction

1. This is the second in a series of formal committee meetings in September which will enable Members to gain an overview of the key issues in the health, social care and sports sectors, by hearing from a cross-section of key organisations and individuals who work in these sectors.
2. Today's meeting is focused on social care.
3. The Committee will also be hearing from the Scottish Government's ministerial team at its next meeting on 16 September. The meeting on 23 September will focus on sport.
4. Whilst it is not possible to hear from every different organisation, it is hoped that the choice of witnesses will provide Members with a good grounding of the issues that different people perceive to be priorities for session 7.
5. Once these sessions are complete, and once Members have been able to review the Scottish Government's [Programme for Government](#), the Committee will then be able to make decisions about its early work programme.

Today's meeting

6. Today's meeting of Committee focuses on the social care sector in the broadest sense.
7. One panel of witnesses will attend today. Please note that some witnesses will be attending remotely. Those attending are:
 - Jill Laspa, Policy Manager, CoSLA
 - Donald McAskill, Chief Executive, Scottish Care
 - Rachel Cackett, Chief Executive, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland
 - Paul Traynor, Head of External Affairs (Scotland), Carers Trust
 - Donald Macleod, Chief Executive, Self Directed Support Scotland
 - Gareth Adam-Hammond, Chief Inspector for registration and complaints, Care Inspectorate
8. Where the organisations or individuals have provided written evidence in advance, this can be found in **Paper 3**.
9. A separate SPICe briefing paper (**Paper 1**) is available to help Members prepare for this session.
10. Members will have up to ninety minutes for this panel.

Action

11. Members are asked to discuss with the different witnesses what they perceive to be the main issues facing the social care sector in Scotland and their respective roles and functions.

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