

Tuesday 21 June 2022

National Care Service The Scottish Government has published a bill seeking to establish a National Care Service for Scotland (NCS).

Ministers say this will ensure the “best possible outcomes for people accessing care and support and end the ‘postcode lottery’ of care”. The National Care Service Bill will make Scottish Ministers accountable for adult social care in Scotland.

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Humza Yousaf said: “This is the most ambitious reform of public services since the creation of the NHS. People have told us they want a National Care Service, accountable to Scottish Ministers, with services designed and delivered locally. That’s exactly what we are going to deliver.

“The design of the NCS will have human rights embedded throughout, and the actual shape and detail of how the NCS works will be designed with those who have direct experience of accessing and providing social care.

“We are going to end the postcode lottery of care in Scotland. Through the National Care Service we’re going to ensure everyone has access to consistently high-quality care and support so they can live a full life. This is our ambitious goal and while it will not be easy to achieve it is vital that we do.”

For further information, [click here](#)

Scottish Health Awards The annual awards are poised to return later this year with nominations now open.

Healthcare staff across the north-east have had great success in previous years and we’d encourage everyone to think about submitting a nomination for any of the categories.

For more information, [click here](#)

Single use cutlery - retail catering A ban on single-use plastic consumer products came into effect in Scotland on 1 June. In line with the ban, all retail catering outlets are withdrawing plastic cutlery. From 1 July 2022, plastic cutlery will no longer be provided. You are encouraged to bring your own cutlery; reusable items will be available for purchase, priced at 10p per item.

Memorial service for babies lost in early pregnancy The healthcare chaplaincy team will hold a memorial service for babies lost in early pregnancy next Wednesday (29 June) at 10.30am in the East Chapel at Aberdeen Crematorium. For more information please email gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot or call 01224 553316.

Tune of the day You don’t need us to tell you that on this day in 1975 Ritchie Blackmore quit Deep Purple to start his own band, Rainbow. To mark the date, here’s [Since You Been Gone](#) (GC)

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