



New Scrutiny Bodies in Scotland 2011

Ministers announced on November 6, 2008 that there will be two new improvement and scrutiny organisations from April 2011.

There will be a single body for healthcare services and another body for social work and social care services, including child protection and the integration of children's services. The new bodies will take on work in these areas currently done by:

- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE)
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (NHS QIS)
- Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA)
- The Care Commission

With the exception of independent healthcare regulation, all of SWIA's and the Care Commission's work will be carried out by the new social work and social care services body. HMIE's current work leading on the inspection of services to protect children and developing a model of inspection

Conference

The Scrutiny Bodies Project Team are holding a conference on Friday 26 June, at the Trades Hall in Glasgow, to discuss the background to the changes on how health, care and social work services will be inspected from April 2011. The conference is aimed at equality groups and people who use the affected services and will include workshops facilitated by members of HMIE, NHS QIS, SWIA and the Care Commission.

for children's services will transfer to this new body. The work of NHS QIS, plus the regulation of independent healthcare currently carried out by the Care Commission, will transfer to the new healthcare body.

Mental Welfare Commission Scotland (MWCS) - Ministers have decided to allow more time to engage with mental health stakeholders and for a review of the operation of the MWCS to help establish how best to involve MWCS in the wider public sector simplification programme.

Newsletters

The project team will publish information bulletins every six weeks that will be distributed to those with an interest in health and social care. Subscription is via the Scottish Government email alert system. Information will also be posted regularly on the Scottish Government website www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/health/scrutiny

Look out for: Scottish Government Consultation
"The Contribution of the Social Work Profession to Delivering Better Outcomes for Scotland"

This consultation – scheduled to commence in late May or early June - stems from the Changing Lives, the Report of the 21st Century Social Work Review and has been taken forward as part of the work of the National Social Work Forum.

It is understood that the exercise will highlight the contribution the social work profession makes to delivering better outcomes for Scotland with a key part of the consultation relating to a clarification of those social work functions for which only registered social workers should be accountable. Importantly, the consultation paper is firmly focussed on the National Outcomes and the core contribution that social work makes to their achievement. Contact: Gwen Smith

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