

RAISING THE ROOF - REDEFINING RESIDENTIAL CARE AND SUPPORT

**National Care Home
Conference & Exhibition
Friday 14th November 2025
Hilton Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow**

PROGRAMME

08:30 Registration, Coffee & Exhibition

Morning Session

09:30 Conference Chair Welcome
Dr Ron Culley, CEO - Quarriers

09:40 Reframing Social Care
Professor Jon Glasby - Director of IMPACT, Professor
of Health and Social Care - University of Birmingham

10:00 Repairing the Leaking Roof
Karen Hedge - Deputy CEO, Scottish Care
Dr Donald Macaskill - CEO, Scottish Care

10:20 A Fireside Chat with Political Representatives

Tom Arthur MSP - Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing & Sport, Scottish Government

Dame Jackie Baillie MSP - Party Spokesperson on Social Care, Scottish Labour

Brian Whittle MSP - Deputy Party Spokesperson on Social Care, Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP - Party Spokesperson on Social Care, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Patrick Harvie MSP, Party Representative for the Scottish Green Party

11:20 Tea and Coffee Break

11:45 Insight Sessions

Please click here to find out more about our insight sessions.

Recruitment & Support of New Scots into Scottish Adult Social Care

Alan R Povey BSc MBA – NHS Education for Scotland

Jack Thirwell - Scottish Government

Emma Fyfe – Osborne & Allan Recruitment

Will Murch – Borderless Recruitment

Vany Thomas – international recruit (New Scot)

CARE film and Q & A Session

Gillian Currie - Partners for Integration, Scottish Care

Dr Alastair Cole - Newcastle University,

Care Inspectorate Approach to Scrutiny and Innovation

Claire Pierce - Care Inspectorate

Sheri Kerr - Meaningful Connections, Care Inspectorate

Steph Thom - Safe Staffing, Care Inspectorate

Upscaling Care Technology and Digital Innovation Across the Care Home Sector

Nicola Cooper - Scottish Care

Fraser Smith - Scottish Care

Unplanned but Not Unseen: Raising the Roof on Unscheduled Care for Care Home Residents

Karen Hedge - Scottish Care

April Lochhead - Scottish Government

Rethinking Dependency: Building a Sustainable, Transparent Future for Care and Support

Carrie Taylor - Nourish Care

Paul Skuse - Nourish Care

Transforming Hospital Discharge with the Care Home Trusted Assessor Model

Dave Henderson - Partners for Integration, Scottish Care

Samantha Cassels - Perth & Kinross HSCP

Creating Inclusive Workplaces: Supporting Neurodivergence in Social Care

Alyson Vale - Abbotsford Care

Caroline Deane - Scottish Care

***Your Amazing Brain* - Find out about Brain Health**

Gillian Counsell - Alzheimer Scotland

Joanna Crispell - Alzheimer Scotland

12:45 Lunch and Exhibition

Including:

- Connections with key suppliers and supporters of the sector
- Scottish Care stand drop-in sessions

Afternoon Session

14:00 Welcome back

Dhol and Pipes

14:10 From Floor to Ceiling - What the Employee Rights Bill means for Scotland's care homes and their workforce

Karen Hedge - Deputy CEO, Scottish Care

Lynne Marr - Brodies LLP

Claire Hay - Crossreach

14:50 The Year of Active Membership

15:10 Looking to the Future

Dr Donald Macaskill - CEO, Scottish Care

15:20 Closing Remarks

15:30 Conference Close