

12 A NATIONAL CARE SERVICE FOR SCOTLAND-CONSULTATION (DIJB45-2021)

The Independent Review of Adult Social Care recommended the creation of a National Care Service, with Scottish Ministers being accountable for adult social care support. The First Minister set out a commitment to start formal consultation for the new National Care Service in the first 100 days of the Parliament with a view to introducing legislation in the first year of the Parliament. However, the Scottish Government's ambition is to go beyond that. This consultation therefore seeks views on creating a comprehensive community health and social care service that supports people of all ages. It is focused on exploring the suggestions for significant cultural and system change that will need to be supported by primary legislation, new law, and to ensure the governance and accountability across the system to deliver successfully for people.

The Scottish Government are proposing that the National Care Service will define the strategic direction and quality standards for community health and social care in Scotland. It will have local delivery boards which work with the NHS, local authorities, and the third and independent sectors to plan, commission and deliver the support and services that the people of Scotland require.

The proposals will also take forward recommendations of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care around:

- ensuring that care is person-centred and human rights based
- providing greater recognition and support for unpaid carers
- improving conditions for the workforce
- commissioning for public good, and
- more effective approaches to scrutiny and improvement of social care services.

The consultation is divided into the following themes:

- Improving care for people
- The scope of the National Care Service
- Community Health and Social Care Boards
- Commissioning of services
- Regulation
- Fair work and valuing the workforce

The Consultation will run from 9th August, 2021 until 18th October, 2021 and can be accessed here: [A National Care Service for Scotland - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://www.government.scot/consultations/national-care-service-for-scotland).

Organisations are asked to promote the consultation widely within local networks and to support people with lived and living experience to engage with the consultation in a meaningful way.