

The View from Secure Care - July 2020

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Secure Care Centres

Scottish Government host a weekly call with all five Secure Centres, Education Scotland, Care Inspectorate and Scotland Excel also take part in the call. So far, all the centres have managed the COVID-19 response well and no young person in secure care has tested positive for the virus. In recent weeks all centres have reported improved staffing levels and are working with shielding colleagues to support their safe return to work. Centres are regularly reviewing their own route maps/contingency plans as Scotland moves through the recovery phases.

All secure centres have been able to commence socially distanced family visits, essential professional visits and transition visits to future placements. Some centres have started mobility, home visits and where appropriate overnight stays with family.

Secure centres are in close and regular contact with the Care Inspectorate, Health Protection Scotland, their local Health Board and are all following the [Residential Child Care Guidance](#) which will soon be updated with further guidance on testing.

The school year in secure care has ended with award ceremonies and celebrations taking place across the centres. A summer programme of activities and events will take place during the school holidays.

It would be appreciated if local authorities could keep requests for information on route maps and contingency plans to a minimum as these are subject to rapid change. You can be assured all the centres are working tirelessly to ensure they provide a safe and nurturing environment for all the young people in their care despite the ongoing challenges.

Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland

Work on the Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland continues. Standards Champions from most of the secure care centres met on July 2. The focus of this meeting was to reconnect across the Centres regarding the Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland, to discuss the future launch of the Pathway and Standards which had been postponed owing to COVID-19, and to continue to agree content for the accompanying website.

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