

## The View from Secure Care - February 2021

The following update was shared in the February issue of the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) e-bulletin.

### Vaccinations bring hope

Staff in secure centres have been able to book vaccination appointments since January. The vast majority have now received their first jab and many have received a date for their second. After a difficult and challenging time for everyone working in secure care, the roll out of the vaccine has delivered a much needed boost of hope.

All centres now have access to Lateral Flow Testing Kits that enable them to test staff and young people every week. This takes time, careful planning and obtaining consent. Two of the centres started testing on February 15 and others hope to start in the next couple of weeks. This will help centres address and suppress cases where anyone tested positive for COVID-19.

The centres continue to work within the current Government restrictions and update their contingency/resilience plans as new information becomes available. This planning and close working with the Care Inspectorate and Health Protection Scotland has enabled centres to safely manage and maintain a quality care service when staff or young people have returned a positive test result.

### Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland - celebrating in style

The launch of the [Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland](#) continued on February 25, with an event for operational leads and key stakeholders who have responsibility for supporting the implementation of the Pathway and Standards. Over 110 participants attended, representing social work, health, education, police, secure care centres, SCRA and SPS. Speakers included Maree Todd MSP (Minister for Children and Young People), Fiona Duncan (The Promise), the STARR group, Social Work Scotland, and the Care Inspectorate. Participants also heard from Scotland's secure care centres about their Standards journeys, and discussed the opportunities and challenges to implementing the Standards and the supports organisations may require.

Debbie Nolan [has blogged](#) about and shared artwork from the two launch events that took place in 2020 with strategic leads and the secure care centres, to recognise, thank and celebrate the achievements of the staff and children who helped make the Standards reality.

This month, CYCJ has supported three local authority areas to facilitate a multi-agency workshop to introduce the Pathway and Standards, and reflect on what this means for their area, beginning the process of self-evaluation and planning for implementation. [Read more](#) about these workshops.

### Secure Care Group update

The [Secure Care Group](#) met on February 2. Key areas for discussion included the Secure Care Pathway Standards Scotland, planning the final launch event and the refocusing of this group.

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