

# Care Forward – Update

News from the Regulation of Care Project  
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## MODERN GOVERNMENT

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We are keen to improve the ways in which we communicate with you. We want you to get more news about the Project and its work, and to get it faster. At the end of January we are launching the **Regulation of Care Project website**. We intend that the website will become our primary tool for getting information out to all those with an interest. Why not take a look! The website address is: [www.scotland.gov.uk/government/rcp](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/government/rcp).

The website covers the full range of the Project's work. It provides progress reports and up to date information on the Regulation of Care Bill, the establishment of the Commission and Council, policy relating to the new bodies and the national care standards. It also has an extensive question and answer section which covers the things we get asked most often – and a whole lot more besides. The website will also have an interactive web-board which will allow people to send messages to the Project and Ministers, on anything to do with the Project or the new bodies, and to receive a reply. We hope that this will be widely used and become an effective channel for communication.

We already have in place a dedicated mailbox which is another way of sending us any e-mail enquiries. The mailbox address is [careproject@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:careproject@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

We know that more and more people have e-mail facilities these days and we are keen to use that method of communication as much as possible. We have therefore set up the facility for all future editions of this newsletter (and other documents as appropriate) to be sent out by e-mail.

**Anyone wishing to receive future copies of Care Forward by e-mail should contact us either via the Project's mailbox or by contacting Jonathan Gordon, Room 38, James Craig Walk, Edinburgh, EH1 3BA, tel: 0131-244-3491.** We recognise that not everyone has access to e-mail or the Internet. We will continue to send out paper copies of the newsletter and other publications by post to those who do not have an e-mail address. We are of course also happy to receive any comments or enquiries through more traditional routes, by phone, post or fax.

## MINISTERIAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Ministers will be holding a series of six meetings with key stakeholder groups to discuss the Regulation of Care Bill. The meetings will take place between mid-February and the end of March. Representatives from each group are co-ordinating agendas and attendance for the meetings. Please contact the relevant co-ordinator below if you would like more information about the meetings or if you would like particular issues to be raised with Ministers.

### Staff representatives and professional organisations (12 Feb – 3-4pm)

Mike Kirby (UNISON) - 0141 332 0006  
[m.kirby@unison.co.uk](mailto:m.kirby@unison.co.uk)  
Ian Johnston (BASW) - 0121 622 3911  
[i.johnston@basw.co.uk](mailto:i.johnston@basw.co.uk)

### Voluntary sector care service providers (19 Feb – 3-4pm)

Annie Gunner (CCPS) - 0131 566 3882  
[annie.gunner@scvo.org.uk](mailto:annie.gunner@scvo.org.uk)  
Bryan Healy (GCVS) - 0141 332 2444  
[bryan.healy@gcvs.org.uk](mailto:bryan.healy@gcvs.org.uk)

### Private sector care service providers (26 Feb – 3-4pm)

Noni Cobban - 01875 340 343  
[nonicobban@compuserve.com](mailto:nonicobban@compuserve.com)

### Local authority & health board representatives (12 Mar – 3-5pm)

David Wiseman (COSLA) – 0131 474 9370  
[davidw@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:davidw@cosla.gov.uk)  
Paul Gibbons (A&C Health Board) - 0141 842 7200  
[paul.gibbons@achb.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:paul.gibbons@achb.scot.nhs.uk)

### Service users & their representatives (16 Mar – 2.30-3.30pm)

Karen Jackson (SCCF) – 0131 557 2711  
[karen.jackson@scvo.org.uk](mailto:karen.jackson@scvo.org.uk)

### Social work and social care education/training providers (26 Mar – 2-3pm)

Joyce Lishman (Robert Gordon University) – 01224 263 201  
[j.lishman@rgu.ac.uk](mailto:j.lishman@rgu.ac.uk)  
Kate Peart (CCETSW) - 0131 244 1949  
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More details about the meeting are available on the new website.



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