

# In Control Scotland

JULY 2021 NEWSBRIEF

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# Welcome

Welcome to the July edition of our monthly news brief. In this issue we will be sharing some of things we have been up to as well as what we have coming up soon.

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## COVID – 19 - CHANGE TO LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS

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Following changes to the Covid-19 restrictions on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, we are all now able to enjoy a greater taste of freedom as restrictions are eased across mainland Scotland and we are moving to level 0. This will mean a greater return to normality and the reopening of some businesses that have been closed since March last year. Eight people from four different households can now meet in private homes, with up to ten people from four different households now able to meet indoors in places like pubs and restaurants. We will also see a gradual return to workplaces, but this has been postponed with staff working from home until at least 9<sup>th</sup> August where possible. We still need to wear masks in Scotland (unless you are exempt from wearing one) and keep a safe social distance when out and about in places like pubs and restaurants. You can find out more about the recent changes [here](#).

## Consultation on Scotland's National Care Service

A full consultation on the National Care Service will be published within the first 100 days of Government. The Scottish Government are currently working to shape what this will look like. The consultation will be extensive including organisations and members of the public, and the Scottish Government will ensure all stakeholders are involved.



# Our New Director



In Control Scotland is delighted to announce the appointment of Pauline Lunn as our new Director. Pauline joins ICS following a highly successful third sector career spanning almost 20 years in a voluntary and professional capacity, most recently as Head of Development with Ypeople. She also sits on the Board of SCVO, Homeless Network Scotland and Loop Theatre CIC.

ICS Chair, Andrew Magowan, commented, *"With the Feeley Report, new standards for self-directed support, and as our recovery from the pandemic begins, Pauline is taking the helm of ICS at a time of unprecedented change. Her appointment reflects our Board's belief that she is the right person to help ICS realise the opportunities in these changes to unlock the full potential of SDS for disabled people"*. He added, *"In doing so, she will build on the remarkable contribution that our out-going Director, Keith Etherington, has made to the development and implementation of SDS and crucially, the lives of hundreds of disabled people and their families."*

Pauline will commence her role as Director from 26<sup>th</sup> July. Whilst Keith will no longer act as Director, he will continue to support ICS' work for the immediate future and to ensure a smooth handover.'

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## **A few wee words from Pauline.....**

"In Control Scotland is an organisation I have been a fan of for a long time, since I worked on a project to help people understand SDS almost ten years ago. To have the opportunity to lead ICS into this next stage in our evolution is a dream job for me, and I am excited to continue the excellent work of Keith and the team, helping to build a fairer, more equal system of support for everyone who needs it. I'd like to thank everyone for their warm welcome and I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible, as soon as I can."



## Partners in Policymaking Programme

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown hitting us last March, we had to postpone our current **Partners in Policymaking** programme (2019/2020) halfway through the sessions.... Now that restrictions are easing again, we are delighted to say that we will be picking up where we left off and completing this programme in the Autumn. Our current participants are overjoyed and looking forward to getting back in a room together again to complete the rest of the programme and graduate.



## Working Together for Change Programme



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we also had to postpone our '**Working Together for Change**' programme. We are now in the process of revising this and are delighted to say that we will be bringing back our all new revised programme in the Autumn. Keep your eye on our social media outlets as we will be sharing more information about this soon.....



# Strathclyde University

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights Law, working with Strathclyde Law School postgraduate students and student members of the University of Strathclyde Law Clinic, has partnered with In Control Scotland in order to undertake research pertaining to the implementation of self-directed support (SDS).



Self-Directed Support gives individuals who are eligible for social care choice and control over the delivery of their care. It places the human rights of the individual at its heart and in doing so reflects the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006. This project aimed to support efforts by In Control Scotland to monitor the implementation of self-directed support. The research was motivated by an apparent lack of legal challenges relating to self-directed support since the introduction of the Social Care (Self-Directed Support) Scotland Act 2013.

Over the course of the research, research students conducted 15 interviews. They were unable to conduct in-person interviews as originally planned as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviews were conducted through a mixture of Zoom video calls and written responses. Interviewees included staff from law centres, advocacy organisations and advice agencies, all of whom had varying levels of knowledge regarding, specifically, complaints procedures concerning SDS. Some of the interviewees had personal experience of claiming SDS and of complaints procedures.

Strathclyde University have compiled a report from their research of their key findings which will be available soon.

# ICS Online & Digital Forums



As you will be aware we have been running our on-line forums during the Covid-19 pandemic and since the beginning of lockdown in March 2020. We decided to have a short break during the month of July from all our on-line forums including, **Webinar Wednesday's, Tuesday Talks, Thoughtful Thursday's** and **Feelgood Friday's**. We aim to be back in August with something new and exciting..... and need your help! We want you to tell us what you have enjoyed about our previous on-line forums and what you would like to see from us next.... So, we have put together a short survey, which we are asking our friends/colleagues and on-line viewers to complete, so that we can deliver something our audience are looking for and would enjoy participating in. You can access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KCPCWGT>

In addition to this survey, we will also be holding two open discussion sessions on zoom at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July and 11.00 am Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, as we want to offer the opportunity to as many people as possible to contribute. This will be another format where we can gather ideas and feedback about what you want to see us doing in the future. You can join us at any of these sessions on the day at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82913085712>

**Hope to see you there!**

# Summer Vlog's

Dr Danielle Farrell is delivering a series of Summer Vlogs that Y.O.U is producing in partnership with In Control Scotland.

You can check out Danielle's latest Vlog where she shares her experience of going out for lunch in a post Covid world. This was a positive experience for Danielle, and she hopes that those that watch it feel less anxious about going into the world as restrictions lift... Watch this Vlog and many more on YOU's YouTube Channel and website as well as on In Control Scotland's YouTube Channel and across all our Social Media platforms:

[www.youroptionsunderst.wixsite.com](http://www.youroptionsunderst.wixsite.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/InControlScotland>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEQcaTtXkhw>

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