

National Care Service bill

update

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An update on the National Care Service



The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd, has given an update about the National Care Service in parliament.



There will be changes to the Bill and the way forward for the National Care Service.

Why the changes



We are making changes after listening to people with lived experience.



We also listened to stakeholders.



We also listened to political parties.

What will change



There are some parts of the Bill we need to change at **Stage 2**.

Stage 2 is when the Scottish Parliament is able to give us feedback and ask for changes.

We want to keep working on other parts of the Bill to deliver change in different ways.



We still want to improve social care support.



We are going to start an **advisory board**.

An **advisory board** is a group of people who can help with the NCS by providing guidance.



The Advisory Board will replace the
National Board we had proposed

What will not change



We will keep working on:

- information records and standards



- making decisions on buying social care support



- **Anne's Law**

Anne's Law will improve rights for adults in care homes to see their family and friends.



- a right to breaks for unpaid carers



We are not waiting for the law to change to start improving social care support.



The 2024 to 2025 Budget gives 2 billion pounds for social care support.



That means that funding for social care support has gone up by over 1 billion pounds compared to 2021 to 2022.



We will keep helping Scotland's unpaid carers.



We will give more than 88 million pounds a year for local carer support.

What will happen next



The Scottish Government wants to improve social care support.



We want to keep working with those with lived experience.



We want to keep working with stakeholders.



We still need you to tell us about the changes you want.



Thank you for helping with the National Care Service.



We are grateful that you have shared how you use social care support.



We will speak to you about your experiences again soon.