

Stirling Matters - September 2021 (26th Edition)

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[Stirling Politicians Welcome Covid Clarity from Scottish Government](#)

Children and young people aged 12 -15 years old will be offered a dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination from Monday 20 September after Scottish Ministers accepted advice from the four UK Chief Medical Officers (CMOs). Meanwhile, people who received their vaccination during phase one of the national COVID-19 vaccination programme in Scotland will start to receive booster injections from 20 September.

[NHS Recovery Plan Welcomed by Stirling MSP](#)

Evelyn Tweed MSP has welcomed the release of the NHS Recovery Plan from the Scottish Government, as one of Scotland's most valued public institutions seeks to reform and rebuild from the heights of the pandemic. The plan commits more than £1 billion in targeted investment for the recovery and renewal of Scotland's health service, setting out key actions for the next 5 years to help address backlogs and increase capacity by 10%.

[Addiction Support Services Crucial to Local Wellbeing and Recovery](#)

On a recent visit to the 'Change, Grow, Live' premises on Cowane Street, Stirling MP Alyn Smith and MSP Evelyn Tweed heard first-hand

experiences from support workers regarding drug and alcohol addiction in the community.

[Stirling MP Backs Coalition in Fight Against Universal Credit Cut](#)

Local MP Alyn Smith has backed a campaign against cuts to Universal Credit, by the Scottish Campaign on Rights to Social Security (SCoRSS) – a coalition of over 40 organisations who advocate for a reformed social security system.

[Stirling MSP Seeks Answers on CAMHS](#)

Local MSP Evelyn Tweed has questioned Humza Yousaf MSP, the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, on the latest developments in improving access to CAMHS. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services programme has come under increasing strain throughout the pandemic, and before, with some service users left on waiting lists longer than nationally agreed targets.

[Local Stirling Pubs Scoop National Recognition](#)

Alyn Smith MP has praised three Stirling pubs, as the winners of the Scottish Bar & Pub Awards 2021 were unveiled this week. Organised by DRAM magazine, Scotland's leading monthly license trade magazine, the awards sought to recognise the very best of talent from across the nation.

[Further UK Government Action on Afghanistan Essential](#)

Stirling MP Alyn Smith is seeking answers from the UK Government on behalf of resettled Afghan families, as questions remain over UK efforts to resettle those at risk from Taliban rule. Writing to the UK Home Secretary Priti Patel, Mr Smith relayed the feedback he'd gathered from meeting family representatives in both Glasgow and Stirling.

[Volunteers Wow at Bannockburn House Exhibition](#)

Stirling MSP Evelyn Tweed was left impressed after attending the launch of a new exhibition at Bannockburn House by Airdrie-based fine art photographer Mark Leslie. Mark combines digital photography with the style of famous artists such as Rembrandt, and in this particular exhibition has used volunteers of the Bannockburn House Trust as his subjects.

[Tolbooth Exhibition Celebrates Local Creatives](#)

Alyn Smith MP recently attended Stirling's Tolbooth, to explore a new exhibition from local artists. The 'Scene Stirling' partnership brings together creative agencies and organisations from all over Stirling, to celebrate and promote talent and culture across the community. Their exhibition of digital commissions features the work of local artists including creative writer Izzy Brims, choreographer and dancer Malcolm Sutherland, illustrator David Galletly, sculptor Ken Elliott and multi-disciplinary artist Jules McAllister.

[Stirling Smith Re-Ignites Cultural Scene](#)

The Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum kicked off its latest attraction on Friday 3rd September, with a dazzling new exhibition from artist Robert Mach: 'The Perfect Foil'. Visitors flocked to see the thought-provoking works, which combine political and cultural objects and images with confectionery wrappers to transform the everyday into the extraordinary.

For further help & support, visit:

NHS Inform: COVID-19

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Scot Gov: Business Support
<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

Stirling Council: Guidance
<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/emergencies-emergency-planning/coronavirus/>