

The Bill establishes the National Care Service.

The Bill allows Scottish Ministers to transfer social care responsibility from local authorities to a new, national service. This could include adult and children's services, as well as areas such as justice social work.

The Scottish Government would need to consult with the public before transferring responsibilities relating to children's services or justice social work to the new service.

Scottish Ministers are also able to transfer healthcare functions from the NHS and health boards to the National Care Service.

Care or health services that are transferred to the new service could be delivered nationally or locally. New bodies called "care boards" would be responsible for delivering care locally.

As well as establishing the National Care Service, the Bill makes other changes including:

- allowing information to be shared by the National Care Service and the NHS

- introducing a right to breaks for carers

- giving rights to people living in adult care homes to see the people important to them (known as "Anne's Law")

Why the Bill was created

The Scottish Government has introduced the Bill to improve the quality of social work and social care services in Scotland.

The Scottish Government announced an Independent Review of Adult Social Care (IRASC) in September 2020. This is sometimes referred to as 'The Feeley Review', after its lead author, Derek Feeley. The review aimed to recommend improvements to adult social care in Scotland. In August 2021, the Scottish Government published a consultation on its proposals to improve social care delivery in Scotland, following the recommendations in the review.

This Bill has been developed in response to the review's recommendations and the responses to the consultation.

Reference: [Overview | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

The HSCP will form an operational working group to support change management and monitor the flow of information to and from the Scottish Government and stakeholders during this period of change.

4. RELEVANT DATA AND INDICATORS

Publication of research and public engagement undertaken by the Scottish Government.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

