



# Scrutiny Bodies Project: health and care

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Public information bulletin on the development of Scotland's new scrutiny bodies for 2011

## Introduction

This is our **third** information bulletin about the creation of the new improvement and scrutiny bodies for healthcare and for social work and social care services due to start in April 2011.

We publish this bulletin every six weeks and circulate it widely to those with an interest in health and care. The latest version and previous bulletins are available on the Scottish Government website <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny>

Your comments, questions and feedback are welcome by email to: [NSB2011@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NSB2011@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

## Public Services Reform Bill

A key milestone was reached when the **Public Services Reform Bill** was introduced to Parliament on 28 May. **The Bill, in summary**, helps deliver:

- reductions in the number of national public bodies
- improved support for the arts and culture
- more effective arrangements for improvement and scrutiny for the public and independent sector.

Our particular interest is in Parts 4 and 5 which establish Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) and part 6 which places new duties on scrutiny bodies in relation to user focus and working collaboratively. The Bill is published on the **Scottish Parliament website**.

The **Public Sector Simplification Programme Update** sets out more of the context for the Bill and the simplification agenda.

### What is the overall timescale for the Bill?

With the introduction of the Bill to the Scottish Parliament there now follows a process of Parliamentary scrutiny and debate by MSPs. Bill handling is a matter for the Scottish Parliament but we expect the Bill to have completed its passage through Parliament by March 2010 and to formally become an Act of the Scottish Parliament by April 2010. The intention is for SCSWIS and HIS to be operational from April 2011.

Stage 1	September to November 2009	Committee takes evidence from Scottish Government and stakeholders
Stage 1	December 2009	Debate by Scottish Parliament on the Bill
Stage 2	January 2010	Detailed scrutiny and amendment of the Bill by the Committee
Stage 3	February /March 2010	Debate by Scottish Parliament on the Bill
Royal Assent	April 2010	Bill becomes Act of the Scottish Parliament

We expect the lead Scottish Parliament Committee to issue a call for stakeholder evidence, before the Parliamentary summer recess.

Further information on the legislative process can be found in this [diagram](#).

## What other documents accompany the Bill at introduction to Parliament?

**Explanatory notes** which explain what each section of the Bill does.

**Financial Memorandum** (which is part of the Explanatory Notes) sets out the estimated costs and savings (with the timescales) which are expected to arise from the implementation of the Bill.

**Policy Memorandum** which sets out the policy intentions for the Bill.

**Delegated Powers Memorandum** which describes the provisions in the Bill which give Scottish Ministers powers to make secondary legislation.

All the above documents will be available along with the Public Services Reform Bill at the [Scottish Parliament website](#).

**Equality Impact Assessment** provides information on how we think the two new scrutiny bodies might impact equality groups.

**Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)** provides information on the expected impact on the care, social services and healthcare sectors of the creation of two new scrutiny bodies.

## What role does the Bill outline for the two new scrutiny bodies?

**SCSWIS** will take on the existing responsibilities of the Care Commission and SWIA, along with responsibility for leading on the inspection of services to protect children and developing a model of inspection for integrated children's services.

**HIS** will take on the current responsibilities of NHS QIS and have responsibility for the regulation of independent healthcare (which is currently carried out by the Care Commission).

## What happens next?

Work to develop options for structures and operational procedures for the new bodies will begin in Autumn 2009 once the task teams, being set up to work on specific themes, have reported. The project structure section, in this bulletin, gives more background on these themed task teams.

We will continue to update you on progress in this information bulletin and on our website.

# Project Structure

Now that the Public Services Reform Bill has been introduced to Parliament, our focus widens to preparations for the successful launch of the new bodies in April 2011. Our [project structure diagram](#) shows the agreed plan for delivering the project over the coming months. With this project structure we will ensure that stakeholders have the opportunity to have their say on shaping how scrutiny and improvement will be delivered by the new bodies from April 2011.

## Quick Guide to key parts of the project structure

**The Scrutiny Bodies Programme Board** comprises senior people from the Scottish Government and the existing scrutiny bodies. It will meet quarterly to oversee the project.

**The Change Delivery Group (CDG)** comprises Scottish Government officials and the Chief Executives of the existing scrutiny bodies and from HMIE, the Senior Chief Inspector.

The CDG meets monthly and held its first monthly meeting on 21 May. The Group agreed the remit and membership of the “themed task teams” which will drive forward the legislative and business change over the next few months.

**The Project Director, Shane Rankin**, chairs the Change Delivery Group.

**Key external stakeholders** will be engaged in the project through a formal **reference group**, as well as an **electronic reference group**. Our conference in June for **service users and equality organisations** will give these stakeholders an opportunity to engage directly with our work. Scottish Government colleagues who need to be aware of the implications of the changes and involved in their implementation, will be part of a **policy interest group**.

**Trades union liaison** will continue. Trades Unions will take seats on both the CDG and Programme Board and will be involved in the themed task teams.

## Themed task teams

As part of the project structure, task teams, comprising members of staff from the existing scrutiny bodies and other interested external stakeholders, will be set briefs by the CDG to help answer some of the issues surrounding the changes.

The task teams will work around the following broad themes:

- managing and implementing legislative change
- working collaboratively
- linking scrutiny and improvement
- implementing scrutiny improvement
- commissioning new scrutiny/managing scrutiny bodies' workloads
- standards and outcomes.

The themed task teams will produce interim written reports for the CDG, followed by a final written report for consideration by the CDG and Programme Board. We expect them to produce their reports in Autumn 2009.

There is also a **Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Group**, with members from each of the existing bodies, working together to communicate with staff in the bodies affected by these changes and with stakeholders. It is also carrying out longer term planning on:

- awareness raising/information campaigns
- user group and equality consultations and involvement
- media relations
- design and publications, websites and intranets.

The **Scrutiny Bodies Project Team**, which reports to the Project Director, supports all these groups.

**Further details of the new structures, overall project plan for this work and the themed task teams can be found in our Project Initiation Document. The themed task team briefs are currently being finalised and will be available on our project website shortly.**

## Find out more

The website [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny) contains the latest information for the project and includes a frequently asked questions section. If you have any comments or suggestions on this bulletin or for the website, please send them to the project team at [NSB2011@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NSB2011@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

