

# AUGUST 2025

Scottish Women's Convention Monthly Newsletter

Dear Friend

August has been a particularly busy month for the SWC team as we have continued to gather your views and thoughts on a number of issues. Your views are included in our reports and consultations to the Scottish Government. We have just completed a tour of the Western Isles (Lewis and Harris) where we met many women at our roadshow events and whilst travelling around the islands. We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their contributions which will inform our report to be published soon.

I would like to draw your attention to our conference on the 20th of September 25 on the Prostitution Bill. Places are going quickly so [please sign up on the link](#). This is an extremely important conference in the work we do on violence against women and girls. As ever your voices need to be heard.

Best Wishes  
Agnes Tolmie, Chair SWC

## Publications

Health: Long Term  
Conditions Framework



July 2025

Equality at Work:  
Paternity and Shared  
Parental Leave



January 2025

**Scottish Government's Consultation**  
Health: Long Term Conditions Framework

[Read our response here](#)

**Women and Equalities Committee**  
Equality at Work: Paternity and Shared  
Parental Leave

[Read our response here](#)

## SWC EVENTS

# UNDERSTANDING THE PROSTITUTION BILL

Glasgow Conference  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
11am - 3pm



Join us for a conference exploring the proposed legislation which aims to criminalise the purchasing of sex, while supporting those involved in prostitution.

Our speaker panel includes:

- Ash Regan MSP - The Scottish Government
- Rhoda Grant MSP - The Scottish Government
- Linda Thompson - National Co-ordinator, The Women’s Support Project
- Heather Gilfillan - Chair, Unite(Scotland) Executive Committee.

You will have the opportunity to discuss the bill in an open and safe environment to pose your questions and share your experiences. This event will be chaired by Agnes Tolmie, the Chair of the SWC.

Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel  
Saturday 20th September  
11am-3pm

Conference Registration



The SWC is hosting an event focused on women’s lived experiences of navigating social care in Scotland. Through personal stories and discussion, we’ll explore the challenges, gaps, and hopes within the current system.

Speakers include Heather Calvo (Neighbourhood Networks) and Shubhanna Hussain (The Coalition of Carers in Scotland), with more to be announced soon.

Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel  
Saturday 22nd November  
11am-3pm

Conference Registration

External Activities



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