



OCTOBER 2025

Dear Friend

October has been another significant month for the SWC team as we continue to listen to women across Scotland and ensure their voices are represented in our reports and consultations.

Following September's powerful conference on *Understanding the Prostitution Bill*, we have published a detailed report capturing the lived experiences of women who bravely shared their stories. Their testimonies underline the urgent need for systemic change, stronger protections, and a society that places dignity, compassion, and justice at the heart of its response to prostitution.

Looking ahead, we're preparing for our November conference on *The Realities of Scottish Social Care for Women*. We are also hosting a *Women's Health Roundtable* in Glasgow North East. Details can be found below.

Please look out in November for our registration ballot for our International Women's Day Event 2026. Ensure to put your name down for a chance to attend.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Your voices matter.

Best Wishes
Agnes Tolmie, Chair SWC

Understanding the Prostitution Bill Conference Report



The Scottish Women's Convention

Understanding the Prostitution Bill

Our latest conference, Understanding the Prostitution Bill, gave women the opportunity to learn about Ash Regan MSP's proposed legislation and to hear directly from those with lived experience of trafficking and prostitution.

The report highlights the urgent need for systemic change, stronger protections, and real support for women who have been exploited. It also calls for a shift in how Scotland views and responds to prostitution, focusing on those who create the demand, and ensuring women are treated with dignity, compassion, and justice.

[Read our full report here](#)

Publications

Scottish Women's Convention response to the UK Government's Call for Evidence on the:

Third State Pension Age Review



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SWC EVENTS

Scottish Women's Convention

The Realities of Scottish Social Care for Women

Saturday 22nd November

Glasgow Grosvenor Hotel

11AM - 3PM

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The Realities of Scottish Social Care for Women - Conference

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

Fri 28th NOV
10.00AM-11.30AM
PARKHEAD HEALTH HUB, 3rd FLOOR

WOMEN'S HEALTH ROUNDTABLE

FREE EVENT WITH REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CONVENTION ARE INVITING ALL WOMEN FROM THE NORTH EAST OF GLASGOW!

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL AND WELCOMING CHAT TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES AROUND HEALTH.

LET'S HAVE A BLETHER AND CONNECT ON YOUR HEALTH JOURNEY, CHALLENGES YOU'VE FACED, OR IDEAS FOR CHANGE!

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Glasgow City HSCOP
www.glasgowcityhscop.nhs.uk

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER FOR FREE

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Women's Health Roundtable - Glasgow North East

The Scottish Women's Convention invites women living in the **North East of Glasgow** to a free Women's Health Roundtable.

This informal event offers a welcoming space to share your health experiences, challenges, and ideas for change, with refreshments provided.

Shubhanna Hussain (The Coalition of Carers in Scotland) and Sara Cowan (Scottish Women's Budget).

Parkhead Health Hub (3rd Floor)
Friday, 28th November
10.00am - 11.30am

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[Register Here](#)

[Conference Registration](#)

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