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## New Improvement and Scrutiny Bodies 2011

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny)

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Announcement Nov 2008

- major improvement to way services are scrutinised
- a new body responsible for scrutinising health services, including independent healthcare
- a new body responsible for scrutinising care and social work, including child protection
- robust external scrutiny in a much simpler and proportionate way

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## Bodies Affected

### Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS)

- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (NHS QIS)
- Care Commission - Independent Healthcare Division

### Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS)

- Care Commission
- Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA)
- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education – child protection unit (HMIE)



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LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill





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## Preparing for the New Bodies

- Parliamentary scrutiny of the PSR Bill to April 2010
- Royal Assent mid-2010
- Shadow management team around mid-2010
- Preparatory work - thinking now to allow decisions on operational procedures/ business change to be taken by shadow teams
- Not about prescribing operating plans/ processes for new bodies
- Continuity and transition plans to take existing bodies through to start up in April 2011
- Stakeholder engagement throughout the change

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SCSWIS and HIS will be charged with:

- improving the quality of social care, social work, child protection and healthcare services; and
- providing more streamlined and better coordinated scrutiny of service quality by:
  - regulating and inspecting
  - assessing risk
  - providing guidance and advice
  - influencing policy and standards
  - supporting improvement, and
  - reporting publicly.

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## Stakeholder engagement

- Regular Information Bulletins
- Reference Group – SOSCN are members
- Section on the Scottish Government website - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/Scrutiny>
- Press releases, media and magazine articles and features when there is news to report
- Shift to building wider understanding and support for the new bodies over time

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## Feedback from OSCN

1. What do you think are the positive aspects of the current regulatory system and why?
2. What would you like to see retained and what would you like to see changed?
3. Any concerns or fears...?