

# Five things you need to know today



**Assisted Suicide Bill**

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**Wear sunscreen**

**Edinburgh International Jazz & Blues Festival**

The Scottish Government's Health and Sport Committee has issued a report on the Assisted Suicide Bill stating that they believe it to contain 'significant flaws'. The bill will now proceed to be debated before the whole parliament before the end of the month. You can read the whole report [here](#).

Deputy Convener of the Committee, [Bob Doris MSP](#) said:

"First of all, the Committee wants to acknowledge the positive intentions of [Patrick Harvie MSP](#) in bringing this legislation forward.

"Whilst we recognised the complex moral and legal issues that arose during our detailed scrutiny, it was important that we listened, debated and heard the many passionate voices on both sides of the debate.

"The Committee has recognised throughout its work that the proposed legislation touches lives in a deeply personal way and we thank those individuals for sharing their personal experience.

"The Committee's intention was to inform the debate and not influence the outcome as that is a matter of conscience for

the Parliament when they vote later this month.

“However, the Committee agreed that the Bill will need significant amendment should it progress through the parliamentary scrutiny process.”

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Today is all about Physics with exams in Physics at all levels including Intermediate, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. All exams will be over by 3.30pm this afternoon.

Are you sitting an exam today? Would you like to give us your feedback? Email us here: [theedinburghreporter@gmail.com](mailto:theedinburghreporter@gmail.com)

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 EdinburghReportage is our sister site where we invite you to join in with your contributions to stories which may be local, national or international.

We have just set up an international storyboard where you can show off any photos you may have taken in Nepal or Khatmandhu in recent years showing off some of the architectural treasures which have now been destroyed by the recent earthquake.

Have you visited the country and taken some photos or filmed a little video? Do you have some memories that you can commit to some words? Then click [here](#) to go to our Nepal storyboard.

Our photo shows the opening of the Himalayan Centre in Leith.

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You are urged to stay safe in the sun by NHS Lothian, as part of Sun Awareness Week this week.

With the prospect of longer, warmer days ahead, people throughout the country will be spending more time outdoors.

Scotland's national telehealth and telecare service is urging people to seek advice on staying safe in the sun.

Professor George Crooks, NHS 24's Medical Director, says that by taking a few simple steps, people can ensure they make the most of the summer season.

He said: "We have already seen some warm and sunny days in Scotland so far this spring, with the prospect of more to follow. It is always a good idea to be prepared as best you can for the better weather.

"By taking just a few simple steps, we can all make the most of the good weather, without any ill effects. It is all too tempting, especially in Scotland, to overdo it in the sun and end up with painful sunburn. The sun that shines in Scotland, though, is the same sun that shines in the Mediterranean.

"I would advise people, particularly children and young infants, to take sensible precautions like limiting exposure to the direct sun, using sunscreen and drinking plenty of soft drinks."

For more information, visit [www.nhsinform.co.uk](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk) And just in case you have difficulty remembering here is Baz Luhrmann's advisory:

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The whole programme for the Jazz Festival has now been announced and you can read it [here](#). Venues for the Festival include the Tron Kirk, the Spiegel tents in St Andrew Square and George Square, the Festival Theatre, Heriot's Rugby Club and the Jazz Bar for the festival which goes on from 17-26 July.

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