

# **Scottish Government commit more funding for health and social care**

**Scotland's health and social care sectors will receive £1.1 billion in additional funding to help them cope this winter.**

Health Secretary Jeane Freeman has announced today that the funding will be allocated to NHS Boards and Social Care Partnerships in Scotland to help them meet the extra costs related to Covid-19. This will include expenses such as additional staffing, sickness expenditure, enhanced infection prevention and control measures and the purchase of PPE.

Ms Freeman said: "The health and social care sector has a critical frontline role in responding to the single greatest public health crisis of our lifetimes, and I want to pay tribute to all staff involved for their heroic efforts to overcome the many challenges presented by this pandemic.

"As we continue to safely remobilise our health and social care sector, the Scottish Government is taking action to support services' capacity to deal with the ongoing presence of COVID 19, and continue preparations for the wider pressures of the winter season.

"This funding ensures the sector will continue to receive the support required to deal with the additional challenges of the pandemic, whilst still delivering the vital health, social care and hospital-based services the public rely on every day."

A spokesperson from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, said: "This funding will help us to meet the additional costs already incurred in delivering services during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to finding out more about Edinburgh's share of the fund."

This new announcement means that Scottish Government spending on this sector has risen to more than £15 billion.