



# CROSSREACH




Care you can put your faith in

## Presbytery Update

### A Call for Change in Social Care

Viv Dickenson CEO at CrossReach has added her support to an open letter which calls for the First Minister to take immediate action to address the health and social care crisis. The letter was published in the Herald with an accompanying article led by CCPS and the Alliance. CEO's representing organisations within the third sector in health and social care from across Scotland shared their views within the piece. Speaking on behalf of CrossReach and the Church of Scotland Viv writes: >>>

You can read more at the following links

-  [Open letter to the First Minister](#)
-  [Herald Article](#)
-  [CCPS news piece about the letter](#)



Everyone may need social care at some stage in their lives, or have loved ones who need care. If the system crumbles we cannot live life to the full.

Like everyone, we've had to make cuts in services. Preventative work has been hit really hard'



Viv Dickenson  
CEO, CrossReach

**The Herald**

Many people from Congregations within your presbytery will no doubt be affected from changes going on within social care at the moment. We would value your continued support for these public messages and calls, and ask you to pray for this work, that the voices representing people who often don't have a voice, may be heard and change will come.

### Engagement Events

Across the year we have taken the opportunity to share our 5 year strategy 'Love from CrossReach' with as many of our Church partners as we can. Regional events have been held with further occasions planned in Edinburgh and Aberdeenshire later in the year. Thank you to those who have supported this by attending or by sharing the invitations across congregations. Working together with Churches is something that we want to continue to build on and our new strategy provides us with plenty of opportunities to find ways that we can work with you to support each other. We would welcome any invitation to speak to you further about this and would be happy to send out materials to support events that you have – or would be delighted to join any meetings that may be going on.



Next Strategy Event dates for the diary:

Edinburgh  
7<sup>th</sup> October

Aberdeenshire  
Late October  
tbc



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CrossReach*



## CrossReach Sunday

CrossReach Sunday will take place this year on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. Each year we are thankful for the love, support and prayer that we see from congregations up and down the country as they come up with ways that work for them to mark this special day. This year our theme is based on 2 Corinthians 4:6 'Let Light Shine out of Darkness'. Our material is being finalised for this, we have devotional materials some new fundraising ideas and information about a special event we hope to hold across the weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support of this day and please do share any pictures with us of activities or events that you are holding.



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## Election Run Up

In the run up to the General Election, we will provide information to our supporters of ways in which they can help influence policies and have their voice heard. We work closely with CCPS, the sector representative organisation for third sector care providers in Scotland. Through this partnership we will be creating materials that can help to inform people about the current need and the priority asks from a social care perspective. If you would like to find out more about this in advance, or would like us to share materials with you please get in touch and we can discuss how we can provide information that can support you in your local context.

## CrossReach News

Our latest edition of CrossReach News is out now, you can read this here or look out for this being sent out to congregations. In this magazine we share news of the opening of our latest service 'Nevis House' in Inverness, and we look at the many ways that we work together with partners and friends across the country.

As we go forward, we are conscious of the increasing print costs on distributing the magazine in this way. We are giving careful consideration to how we evolve this means of communication to ensure that we stay connected with our community in a way that is cost effective and sustainable. We would value any views that you have on this, and welcome any feedback on your thoughts on CrossReach News the magazine.



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## Vacancies

Thank you for your continued support in sharing news of vacancies for both part, full time and volunteer positions within CrossReach. Please continue to share these opportunities – you can find local links to all our vacancies here.



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