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Paper Summary for Website Publication (max 100 words)

In March 2020, Social Security Scotland went through their second Healthcheck Review. The scope of this was

- Review readiness for the first Wave 2 benefit launch and launch of Local Delivery
- Consider arrangements in respect of Scottish Child Payment
- Our contribution to Programme readiness around processes and technology
- Culture

This was an integrated review and undertaken in parallel with a Gateway Review 0 of the Scotland Social Security Programme.

This report is an evidence-based snapshot of the project's status at that time. It reflects the views of the independent review team, based on information evaluated over the review period.

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