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Public Protection Bulletin 9th October 2024

Dear colleague,

As part of the Public Protection Committees Team's commitment to self-evaluation and continuous improvement, a bulletin survey was developed and circulated to the readership in April 2024. The findings of this survey were reported to the CPC and ASCP in September 2024 and the recommendations were endorsed.

Following this, you may notice that there have been some changes to the bulletin based on the feedback from the survey. If you would like to get in touch with feedback about the changes to the bulletin, please email publicprotectioncommittees@glasgow.gov.uk. You can also access the full [Public Protection Bulletin Survey report](#). The bulletin survey will be conducted on an annual basis.

October is a busy month for awareness raising. Challenge Poverty Week takes place between 7th – 13th October. Challenge Poverty Week provides an opportunity for those in Scotland to come together to call for a more just and equal society. You can find out more about it and the scheduled events on the [Poverty Alliance website](#).

October is also National Black History Month which celebrates and reflects on the rich history of Black culture, innovation, and revolution. Find out more about the origins of Black History Month on the [Black History Month Scotland website](#). You can also find out more about [events being held in Glasgow](#).

World Mental Health Day takes place on 10th October every year. It encourages people to talk about mental health and check in with others. This year's official theme for World Mental Health Day – 'It is Time to Prioritize Mental Health in the Workplace'. This theme underscores the critical importance of mental health in professional settings. You can find out more on the [World Mental Health Day website](#).

As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection.

If you have something new to share or publicise that might be of interest to our subscribers, then please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Brown at Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[ASpire 2024: Introduction to Adult Support and Protection Webinar Recording](#)

A recording of a short webinar session for multi-agency colleagues, specifically designed for those who require a short, general introduction to Adult Support and Protection - staff or volunteers.

[ASpire 2024: Office of the Public Guardian \(Input 1\) and Supported Decision Making \(Input 2\) Webinar Recording](#)

Recorded inputs from Fiona Brown from the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) talking about the national role and remit of the OPG and its links to ASP and input from Pearse Mccusker and Lauren Gillespie concerning Supported Decision Making. Supported decision making aims to protect a person's 'legal capacity', or their right to have their will and preferences upheld. It is also central to the reform of mental health and capacity legislation nationally and internationally.

[Promoting Good Nutritional Care in Care Homes: Practice note](#)

This practice note highlights what the Care Inspectorate would expect services to put in place, how to support those with a texture modified diet, how good nutritional support meets the Health and Social Care Standards and how this links to the Inspectorate's quality framework.

[Steven's Story - A Personal Experience of Cuckooing](#)

Cuckooing is the practice of taking over vulnerable people's homes and using them for criminal activities. Victims of cuckooing often feel helpless as they lose control of their own property, and their home is no longer their safe space. Catalyst Support has produced a short film is based on the personal experiences of a cuckooing victim.

Children, Young People & Families

[Evaluation of the North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose](#)

Children 1st have published an evaluation report of North Strathclyde's Bairns Hoose in partnership with researchers at The University of Edinburgh which outlined the value of this space for children, parents, professionals and the wider support network.

[Children in Care and Care Leavers with Disabilities Missing Out on Vital Support](#)

Coram Voice has published a report using its Bright Spots survey data in England to better understand the numbers and experiences of children in care and care leavers who have a disability or long-term health condition.

[Non-Compulsory Care of Children and Young People in Scotland](#)

Research published by CELCIS has found that non-compulsory arrangements for caring for children and young people in need of care and protection in Scotland are used more commonly and for a wider range of reasons than previously understood.

[National Joint Investigative Interviewing Project Status Report 2024](#)

The paper sets out the key achievements, challenges and learning from the National Joint Investigative Interviewing (JII) Project.

[Evaluation of the Lifelong Links Trial in Scotland](#)

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An evaluation of the Lifelong Links trial, commissioned by Family Rights Group (FRG), has been published by CELCIS and highlights the learning, challenges, and opportunities of this innovative approach for children, young people, their carers, families and people who are important to them.

[Keeping The Promise to Our Children, Young People and Families: Progress update 2024](#)

This update document from The Scottish Government provides a review of the actions and commitments that the Scottish Government aimed to deliver with the publication of The Promise. It complements and informs Plan 24-30 and points forward to the actions that will continue to be pushed and prioritised nationally to help deliver the change that keeping The Promise demands.

[Chatbots and Warning Messages: Innovations in the fight against online child sexual abuse](#)

The reThink chatbot experiment was an innovative collaboration between Lucy Faithfull Foundation, the Internet Watch Foundation and Aylo, an online adult pornography company. The aim was to see whether warning messages and a chatbot could reduce the number of searches for sexual images of children on the Pornhub UK website. It ran from March 2022 to August 2023.

[Who Cares Scotland? Christmas Volunteers Needed](#)

Who Cares Scotland? is looking for volunteers to ensure that as many care experienced young people have a special Christmas. They are looking for people in November to make Christmas Parcels for Care Experienced members and for volunteers to pick up and drop off attendees at a Christmas Day dinner at SWG3 between 12 noon and 3pm. To help make up Christmas parcels, email volunteering@whocarescotland.org or to volunteer as a driver click the link above.

[Offence Grounds at a Children's Hearing: Understanding when offences will be disclosed](#)

A briefing paper designed to improve understanding about the disclosure of offences which are accepted at a Children's Hearing or established and then dealt with through the Children's Hearing System.

[Reimagining Secure Care: A vision for the reimagined/future world](#)

Report commissioned by the Scottish Government that provides a comprehensive roadmap for rethinking secure care, placing the rights and wellbeing of children at the heart of Scotland's approach. There is also a [literature review](#) and [Children and Young People's Participation Report](#).

[Path of Wellness, Empowerment & Recovery \(POWER\)](#)

A resource from the Marie Collins Foundation that addresses some of the recovery needs of a child harmed by technology-assisted child sexual abuse.

[UNCRC \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 - Part 2: statutory guidance](#)

Guidance from the Scottish Government providing accessible information which supports public authorities to understand and fulfil their duties under section 6 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Act, and to secure better or further effect of children's rights.

[International Study Reveals Insights into Young People's Online Habits in Scotland](#)

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New data from the WHO Regional Office for Europe reveals a sharp rise in problematic social media use among adolescents in Scotland.

[Almost 40% of NSPCC Helpline Referrals Involved Children Under 5](#)

Last year, the NSPCC Helpline referred 11,465 children aged 5 and under to local agencies like the police and social services because of abuse and neglect.

[Too Little, Too Late: A multi-agency response to identifying and tackling neglect](#)

Neglect is the form of abuse most often listed as the initial category of abuse on child protection plans in England. This report explores the scale of the problem and examines the barriers and challenges that professionals face when identifying and tackling neglect.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Justice Social Work Statistics in Scotland: 2023-24 – Part 1](#)

National level information on many aspects of justice social work activity, as well as the characteristics of individuals involved. The annual publication for Justice Social Work statistics has been split into two parts for the first time this year. The splitting of the publication allows the reporting of part of the annual data collection to be provided to users about four months earlier.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Autism, ADHD and AuDHD at Work: What might 'reasonable adjustments' look like for your neurodivergent staff?](#)

Having a diverse workforce and supporting staff to be their best at work and flourish is key. Investing in diversity of thought and lived experience benefits everybody, supports retention and helps to address workforce challenges. This resource covers autism and ADHD in relation to disability and was co-produced by adults with living experience of autism, ADHD or both.

["I Forgot My Numbers and the Machine Swallowed It Up": Adult with learning disabilities share their perspectives on the shift to a cashless society](#)

This paper examines the experiences of people with learning disabilities in the United Kingdom as society transitions towards cashless transactions and services, highlighting the need to understand their digital financial experiences.

Education

[New School Uniform Guidance Published](#)

The Scottish Government has published new guidance for school uniforms in Scotland, which involves the ambition to reduce the cost of school uniforms by emphasising that schools should opt for generic items and make branded clothing non-compulsory to positively impact sustainability, equality, diversity and inclusion, and affordability.

[Mobile Phones: Guidance for Scotland's schools](#)

The Scottish Government has published new guidance for mobile phone use in Scottish schools, which aims to strengthen respectful and responsible use of mobile phones for children and young people in Scotland.

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[Teaching Relationships Education to Prevent Sexual Abuse](#)

A rapid evidence assessment of the academic and grey literature on teaching relationships education to prevent sexual abuse from the Department of Education.

[Children Missing Education: The unrolled story](#)

The Children's Commissioner for England has published the first in-depth analysis of the procedures local authorities follow to support children missing education.

[Introduction to Supporting Young Carers in Schools: A step-by-step guide for leaders, teachers and non-teaching staff](#)

Designed with teachers and education staff, Young Carers in Schools has a step-by-step guide to make it easier for all education staff to identify and support the young carers in their setting.

Equality & Poverty

[Scotland Missing Key Evidence to Determine Impact of Policies on Health Inequalities](#)

A team of researchers is calling on public sector leaders to take action to meaningfully deliver on health inequalities – as it reveals that Scotland is missing key evidence to determine the impact of current policies.

[A Recipe for Success: How do children and young people want to access food in their communities?](#)

A report exploring the challenges that children and young people face in finding and affording nutritious food outside of traditional home or school environments.

[Economic Inactivity in Scotland: Supporting those with longer-term health conditions and disabilities to remain economically active](#)

A report from the Scottish Government that examines the evidence on supporting those with longer-term conditions and disabilities to remain in work, with a focus on the upstream prevention of economic inactivity to ensure the protective factors for health that good work provides.

[Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers 2: Action plan 2024-2026](#)

Second joint action plan by the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA). There is also an [easy read version](#).

[Free Monitors from Amazon](#)

Amazon are donating 250 HP monitors to support digital inclusion in the city. These are brand new 22" models. They are available to organisations that can use them for digital inclusion training or onward distribution to service users. Complete the form on the link above.

Events & Courses

[Rosemount Learning Digibite Programme - Wednesdays - 3.30pm-5pm Glasgow](#)

Rosemount Lifelong Learning are leading in combatting digital exclusion and promoting digital literacy. This programme is for families with children over 8 years old, who want to find out more about Digital technology as a family and have some fun and bite to eat at the same time! They have a wide range of digital technology: VR headsets, 3D printers, a smart board, video cameras, laptops, tablets, digital

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editing software. Every Wednesday 3:30 pm - 5 pm. All sessions are free and include pizza, snacks + drinks. No need to book a place; just drop in.

[Keeping Trauma In Mind Webinars – Sessions for Education Staff - Various Dates September/October - 4pm - 5.30pm](#)

The 'keeping trauma in mind' programme from Education Scotland has four sessions. These provide educators from all sectors with an opportunity to understand the impact of trauma. Sessions will help you to develop trauma responsive strategies to support children and young people affected by psychological trauma.

[Cash First Approaches: Reducing the need for food banks in Glasgow webinar - 10/10/24 - 11am](#)

To tie in with the Challenge Poverty Week theme of food on Thursday 10th October, University of Glasgow are organising a webinar to raise awareness of Cash First approaches, how they are being used to address food insecurity, and what this means for community food organisations. This is a free event.

[Lifelong links: Building supportive networks for children in care in Scotland webinar- 17/10/24 - 10.30am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

Join CELCIS to hear more about the evaluation of Lifelong Links in Scotland. This webinar will explore how Lifelong Links worked during the five-year trial in Scotland (2018-2023) across three local authorities and will consider the factors influencing long-term sustainability of this work.

[Improving our Response to Human Trafficking: Scottish Borders experience and learning webinar- 21/10/24 - 10am -12 noon](#)

Scottish Borders Council is hosting an online webinar on how they are improving responses to human trafficking in the Scottish Borders. Sharing the learning, the tools and the resources developed in improving the multi-agency responses. You will hear from partner agencies and key stakeholders about their role in shaping the improved response, including from those who need an improved response and be given access to the Scottish Borders multi-agency guidance and an e-learning framework.

[Sharing, Influencing and Living in a Digital Scotland - A DigiFest event supported by the ALLIANCE Digital Citizen Panel \(DCP\) - 29/10/24 - 9am - 5pm - Glasgow](#)

Part of DigiFest 2024 - Digital Healthcare Scotland – bringing you together with key people in the fields of digital health, inclusion and rights in Scotland. There is an option to join remotely from 12 noon to 1.30pm. This is a free event.

[Public Health Information Network for Scotland \(PHINS\) Online Seminar 2024 - 29/10/24 - 9.30am-1.15pm](#)

The seminar will discuss and publicise current public health-related developments and research. Presenters from the University of Glasgow, the Poverty Alliance, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the University of Strathclyde and Public Health Scotland have been confirmed. The talks will cover public health topics with relevance to Scotland such as mental health and wellbeing, social security, greenspace, and social support. This year's seminar is being run as an online event. The event is free of charge.

[Acquired Brain Injury in the Justice System Webinar - 30/10/24 - 1.00pm - 2.00pm](#)

The National Police and Prison Care Networks are delighted to host a webinar on Acquired Brain Injury in the Justice System. There will be a presentation from Tom

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McMillan MApp Sci PhD FBPsS, Professor Emeritus, School of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow. This is a free event.

[Fostering Equality: Addressing bias in Scottish Child Protection practices webinar- 01/11/24 & 21/11/24](#)

Senior decision-makers & managers from across Scotland's Care System are invited to join Project Esperanza for a day of dialogue and learning from the Lived Experience of Black Children & Families. Project Esperanza is a Womanist initiative dedicated to bringing race and faith sensitive specialist services & culturally appropriate support to women of African heritage in Edinburgh & beyond. This is a free event.

[Digital Inclusion Open Space - 12/11/24 - 9.30am-12.30pm - Glasgow](#)

GCVS, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life are hosting an event to consider how partners in the city can work together to help everyone be digitally included. This event is open to anyone who has an interest in the area. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[Jumping Barriers, Riding Challenges: Getting the transition to adult social care right webinar - 13/11/24 - 1pm-2.30pm - Online](#)

This webinar, hosted by Dimensions and Learning Disability Today, will discuss how professionals can assist young people at significant risk of entering institutional care to make the rights decisions to transition successfully to adulthood. You will hear from professionals, families and those with lived experience of the transitions process about how, with the right support, many of these adults are now learning invaluable life skills and behaviours and leading far more independent lives.

[Child Protection Lead Online Training - 05/03/25 - 10am-3pm](#)

Children In Scotland are offering training on the role of child protection leads within organisations. This interactive training course will provide learners with the skills and knowledge required to carry out the role and responsibilities of the Child Protection Lead. The themes of the day include a focus on legislation and guidance, referral procedures and supporting and responding to staff & volunteers thereby developing confidence in the role and promoting best practice in safeguarding children and young people. Please note that there is a cost to attend this training.

[NHS Health Improvement - Early Protective Messages \(EPM\)](#)

Early Protective Messages (EPM) is a programme for adults involved in the lives of children under 5 to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence around a set of key themes in order that they can proactively support children to understand and assert their rights and keep them safe. Early Protective Messages (EPM) operates across the early years' estate NHS boardwide.

The link gives a brief overview of Early Protective Messages (EPM) and directs colleagues to a portal at earlyprotectivemessages.scot. Glasgow City Health Improvement needs to build capacity within appropriate staff groups and invite relevant and interested staff to participate in a 2 day training for trainers programme in order that they can then deliver EPM sessions across Glasgow City early years estate.

There are a series of online briefing sessions for any colleagues interested in hearing more about these training for trainer sessions and working with Glasgow City Health Improvement to deliver future training across Glasgow City. The following

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briefing sessions can be booked by contacting Elaine McCormack, Health Improvement Lead - Sexual Health at elaine.mccormack@nhs.scot : Tuesday 24th September 10 – 11am.

Additionally, the team can provide colleagues or teams within Children's Services further information about Early Protective Messages and how these key messages can be implemented in their own practice. Further information and scoping for dates is available by contacting Elaine at elaine.mccormack@nhs.scot.

Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar

A multi-agency webinar delivered by Learning and Development, Glasgow HSCP (Health and Social Care Partnership) to support practitioners to gain a basic understanding of Adult Support and Protection (ASP) legislation. It may be used as a basic awareness or if you already have some knowledge of ASP and wish to refresh your skills. This is a multi- agency awareness session and will webinar-based with a maximum of 60 participants. There will not be a waiting list so if you are unsuccessful you will require to reserve an alternative date. Participants will:

- develop their understanding of what we mean by an adult at risk within the context of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007;
- define who may be an adult at risk of harm;
- recognise forms of harm adults may experience;
- know how to report their concerns.
- explain their responsibility in relation to Adult Support and Protection.

Due to the high demand for the training, we recommend that you book 1 place but having up to 8 additional staff members join in your room and attend this training session.

Dates are as follows:

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

Child Protection Awareness Multi-Agency Online Training

This multi-agency training will support practitioners to gain a basic understanding of Child Protection, even where your job is such that you have no direct responsibility for providing a service to them. It may be used as a basic awareness or if you already have some knowledge of Child Protection and wish to refresh your skills.

Participants will:

- Understand types of harm and the potential impact on a child;
- Understand your role and responsibility in recognising and responding to the risk of harm;
- Understand the process and importance of information sharing;
- Understand the processes professionals take to assess and support any child at risk of harm.

Dates are as follows:

[6th November 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

[11th December 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

Gender-Based Violence

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[Building Choice in Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions: Reflections on what clients, victims and practitioners need](#)

This report from HM Inspectorate of Probation sets out the key ingredients for effective work with domestic abuse perpetrators. It highlights the importance of: (i) establishing a sense of safety for victim survivors; (ii) developing and maintaining effective and trusting relationships with perpetrators; and (iii) stimulating their curiosity and interest in positive change.

[‘Social Work, Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control: Do we know what is going on and why?’](#)

An article in Community Care where Brid Featherstone and Kate Morris share emerging findings from their research into domestic abuse and child protection in response to the debate over when practitioners should be taught about coercive control.

Health and Social Care

[Cancer Waiting Times: 1 April to 30 June 2024](#)

Public Health Scotland (PHS) presents the quarterly update of Cancer Waiting Times statistics, reporting two National Standards on how long patients waited for their first cancer treatment. This release covers patients who started their first treatment by quarter ending 30 June 2024.

[New Advice Calls for More Awareness of Eating Disorders Linked to Type 1 Diabetes](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland’s new guidance is calling for more awareness of a potentially lethal eating disorder that can affect type 1 diabetes patients.

[Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Community Experiences of Infant Feeding, Information and Support Services](#)

A summary of findings and recommendations from research on the experiences of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities around infant feeding support and early information.

[Minimum Unit Price Rises](#)

The Scottish Government has raised the cost per unit of alcohol 65p.

[Health and Social Care Winter Preparedness Plan 2024/25](#)

A Scottish Government plan that sets out a whole system approach to addressing a surge in demand for health, social care and social work services.

[Health and Care Experience Survey – Further Analysis of Care Experience](#)

Further analysis of the Health and Care Experience (HACE) survey data, providing additional information on how people’s experiences of care services and of providing care have changed between 2015-16 and 2023-24, and reasons for unmet care needs in 2023-24.

Housing & Homelessness

[Homelessness in Scotland: 2023-24](#)

A statistics bulletin provides information on homelessness in Scotland in the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, alongside historical data.

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[Holyrood Committee Raises Concerns About Lack of Detail in Housing \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

Holyrood Committee has raised concerns about a lack of detail in a Bill which proposes a move away from a crisis management approach to a preventative approach to homelessness in Scotland.

[Government Criticised for Worst Yearly Start for Housing on Record](#)

Ministers have come under fire after record-breaking homelessness statistics were followed up by new figures that revealed a sharp drop in the number of new homes being built.

[LGBT People's Experiences of Homelessness](#)

A UK Government report into the experiences, attitudes and needs of homeless LGBT people, considering how well housing and support services meet the needs of this group.

[Joint Report: Gender and the Housing Emergency](#)

A joint report by Shelter Scotland and Engender exploring the experiences and impact of Scotland's housing emergency in relation to women's equality. This report shines a spotlight on the gendered aspects of the housing emergency by showing how women's experiences of housing and homelessness differ from those of men.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Supporting Patients Experiencing Poverty-Related Mental Distress: Development and Evaluation of a Training Resource in General Practices in Eleven Regions of England](#)

Research shows strong links between poverty and poor mental health in England, with data demonstrating that those who are economically inactive or unemployed are more likely to report mental health problems than those on higher incomes or in employment. This study explored the influence of poverty on mental health and the role of general practices in intervention.

[Adults with Incapacity Act Monitoring Report 2023-34](#)

New figures published today by the Mental Welfare Commission show that 19,078 Scots were living with a welfare guardianship order in March 2024, the highest level recorded, and a 6.9% increase on 2023. There is also an [easy read report](#).

[Student Suicide Prevention in Higher Education: Some observations from Wales](#)

A paper exploring student suicide in higher education in Wales.

[Children and Young People - Community Mental Health and Wellbeing: Supports and services framework](#)

A framework from the Scottish Government setting out the broad approach that should be taken in the provision of community-based mental health and wellbeing supports and services for children, young people and their families in Scotland.

[COVID-19 and the Nation's Mental Health: A review of the evidence published](#)

A report from the Centre for Mental Health that explores what is known about the mental health impacts of the pandemic, and how they have affected mental health services in the UK, four years on from the start of the pandemic.

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[Mental Health Law in Scotland: Guide to Named Persons](#)

A named person is someone who can look after a person's interests when they are subject to compulsory powers under the law (for example compulsory treatment or detention in hospital). This guide provides information to help the named person understand their rights.

[Migration During Adolescence Linked to Increased Psychosis Risk](#)

People who migrate in adolescence have an increased risk of psychosis, researchers have found, noting the link is particularly strong among black and north African people.

Online & Financial Harm

[Scam Share](#)

Trading Standards Scotland produce a weekly Scam Share bulletin. It looks at the latest phone, email and online scams affecting Scottish consumers. If you receive any emails to your work account which you suspect are phishing emails, please report these to the integrity mailbox at integrity@glasgow.gov.uk as soon as possible. [Sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin.](#)

Practice, Organisation & Workforce Matters

[Iriss Publishes Retrospective, Impact Report and Future Workplan](#)

The impact report details the work and achievements of the organisation over the past year. The sector retrospective looks at the major developments across social work and social care during the organisations 16 years of operation. The future work plan reflects on the feedback we've had from the sector and states our goals moving forward.

[NHS Pay Rise Agreed](#)

Almost 170,000 nurses and healthcare workers in Scotland will receive a 5.5% salary increase this year.

[GCVS Ensure Your Financial Sustainability](#)

Voluntary organisations of all sizes are seeking advice and new ideas to tackle funding and income generation in an environment where grant makers are experiencing unprecedented demand for grant funding. Many key funds have been reduced, restricted, or even closed. GCVS has published a blog about the indicators of financial stability and what steps third sector organisations can take.

[Scotland's Local Government Workforce Report 2024](#)

The report by Solace Scotland, the Society of Personal Development Scotland and the IS warns that councils are operating in a difficult economic, financial and labour market situation, with a range of ongoing organisational and workforce pressures.

[Independent Learning Review for Ofsted by Dame Christine Gilbert](#)

An independent learning review which was commissioned into the school inspection system following the suicide of Ruth Perry in January 2023. The review identifies a number of recommendations that, if implemented, would make Ofsted's own accountabilities more transparent while also reforming Ofsted's approach to school inspection.

[Scottish Social Services Council Fees Consultation](#)

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SSSC is consulting on a proposed increase to registration fees and want to hear views on the proposal. The proposal is for a small increase each year over a period of five years with different rates based on the different roles registrants do.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Unlocking Support: Age Disputed Young People in Scotland](#)

A report from JustRight Scotland that explores the issues affecting age disputed young asylum seekers and the obstacles they face after arriving in Scotland.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Preventing Drug and Alcohol Deaths: Partnership review process](#)

Guidance from the UK Government for local partnerships on how to review adult drug and alcohol related deaths and near-fatal overdoses to prevent future deaths.