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Public Protection Bulletin 1st April 2025

Dear colleague,

Glasgow City Child Protection (CPC) and Adult Support and Protection Committees (ASPC) are hosting a joint one day Glasgow Public Protection Committees Conference on 15th May 2025.

The conference will be centred around **Transitional Safeguarding**, aiming to explore the critical issues faced by young people as they journey through adolescence into adulthood. This transitional period is often marked by vulnerability, and the conference focuses on ensuring that safeguarding practices effectively support young people during this critical time.

Other key themes associated with transitional safeguarding, which are pertinent to child and adult protection in Glasgow, will also be presented:

- Embedding a trauma-informed and responsive approach across services, systems and workforces
- Online safety
- Criminal exploitation
- Domestic abuse

Further information, including registration for the event, can be found on the [Eventbrite website](#).

People continue to tell us these bulletins are a valuable source of information, and we continue to seek out the latest news, research, articles and events. In order to ensure that the bulletin meets the needs of our readers in Glasgow, we have included a link to our [annual short survey](#) so that you can tell us what you think of the bulletin and how it could be improved. We would very much appreciate it if you would take 5 minutes to complete it.

As usual, this bumper 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.

Best wishes

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Independent Chair
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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Back to Cutbacks: How older people are managing the cost of living in a time of rising energy prices](#)

This report from Age UK highlights concerns about the impact on older people of rising energy costs and the struggles older people face affording the basics, especially after the loss of the Winter Fuel Payment for many on low and modest incomes, including those with health conditions.

[Best Practice for Effective Access and Involvement of Independent Advocacy for an Adult in Adult support and Protection Processes](#)

This resource from the National ASP Implementation Group is aimed at any (multi agency) professional involved in Adult Support and Protection case conferences. The document offers good practice guidance to effective consideration and engagement of independent advocacy for adults being supported and protected under the Adult Support & Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, and in order to meet the responsibility laid out in the section 6 of the Act.

[ASpire Webinar Recording: Financial Harm Affecting Adults - February 2025](#)

An ASpire webinar from February 2025 with the theme of financial harm affecting older adults. It had inputs on multi-agency shared learning from the outcome of the McCulloch Brothers Review (Highland), financial harm, adult Protection and decision-making (Dr Melanie Durowse), and explaining the role of the Office of the Public Guardian in relation to financial harm affecting older adults (Fiona Brown). Slides for selected sessions are also available.

[Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection: Renfrewshire](#)

The joint inspection of the Renfrewshire partnership took place between November 2024 and March 2025. Inspectors scrutinised the records of adults at risk of harm for the one-year period, from November 2023 to November 2024. This report presents the findings from the inspection.

Carers

[Scotland Signs Pact to Improve the Lives of Young Carers](#)

Scotland is the first UK country which has signed the [Young Carers Covenant](#), a commitment to better support young carers under 25.

Children, Young People & Families

[Digital Wellbeing Conversation Starters Toolkit](#)

The toolkit has been created by the Mental Health Improvement Team for anyone who works with a child or young person. It outlines eight key building blocks of digital wellbeing in a Digital Wellbeing Wheel (mapped against the SHANARRI indicators) and shares hints and tips for talking about children and young people's online lives. By having these conversations regularly and often, collectively we can support children and young people to have healthier and happier online experiences.

[Alternatives to Depriving Children of Their Liberty](#)

A report from the Youth Justice Improvement Board which replaces the original Alternatives to Secure Care and/or Custody guidance published in 2011 as part of the initial suite of Whole System Approach (WSA) guidance. It seeks to reflect developments in policy, practice and legislation since that time, and to assist

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practitioners to fully consider alternative approaches, thereby ensuring that deprivation of liberty occurs as rarely as possible, for as short a period as is necessary, and when that represents the best intervention in the particular circumstances.

National Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare and Protection Learning Resources

A learning and development resource pack created following the publication of National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 – updated 2023 in recognition of the number of children and young people who are on the child protection register as a result of parental mental health issues. The pack is aimed at specific or intensive workforces, though may also apply to the general or wider workforce. It may also be useful for those in adult services. Alongside the guidance, there are also [case studies](#).

[Child Sexual Abuse in the UK](#)

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA Centre) has published a report on child sexual abuse in the UK. The report summarises key research and statistics about child sexual abuse.

[Scotland's Child Poverty Statistics](#)

The Scottish Government's annual statistics show that compared with the previous year's statistics, relative child poverty in 2023-24 reduced from 26% to 22% in Scotland while absolute child poverty fell from 23% to 17%.

[Scotland's Child Protection Statistics](#)

Child protection statistics were published on 25 March 2025. These statistics cover data collected from local authorities in Scotland on child protection processes, for the reporting year 01 August 2023 – 31 July 2024.

[Routes into Secure Care - Updated Information Sheet](#)

An updated information sheet from Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) about routes in secure care which has been updated in reflection of the parts of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)) that have commenced.

[Criminal Justice Process for Children – Flowcharts](#)

Three flowcharts from CYCJ that help to explain some of the key steps in the process from a child being arrested and charged with an offence, through to the point of sentence.

[Children Immunisation Statistics Scotland - Ending December 2024](#)

This release by Public Health Scotland (PHS) provides an annual and quarterly update of immunisation uptake rates for children in Scotland.

[Focus on Change: Strategic work programme 2025/26](#)

A strategic workplan from The Promise Scotland which covers the work of the organisation in the next 18 months.

[The Impossibility of 'Good Mothering' in Child Welfare Systems](#)

A paper which combines previously published data and lived experience examples to understand how mothers describe their contact with child welfare and child protection systems.

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[Children's Rights Skills and Knowledge Framework](#)

The Scottish Government funded project, Children's Rights Skills and Knowledge Framework is for individual workers who want to build or reflect on their children's rights knowledge and take a children's human rights approach to their practice. It has been co-produced with workers, children, young people and their families. There is also a [training plan](#).

[State of the Nations' Foster Care 2024](#)

The State of the Nation's Foster Care survey 2024 was conducted between May and July 2024, gathering responses from over 3,000 foster carers and 114 fostering services across the UK. It explored key issues in fostering, including recruitment, training, financial support, and systemic challenges such as foster carer shortages.

[Consultation on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2026-31](#)

The Scottish Government is calling on organisations and the public to help shape its next plan to tackle child poverty. Recognising that eradicating child poverty requires action from local and national government, charities, businesses, and communities, the government is seeking evidence and ideas on how to drive real change.

[Insights on Young People Engaging in Harmful and Problematic Sexual Behaviour](#)

A briefing that uses insight from Childline counselling sessions and NSPCC Helpline child welfare contacts to share information around young people engaging in harmful and problematic sexual behaviours.

[Lost Boys: State of the nation](#)

This report from the Centre for Social Justice explores the challenges young men face and aims to offer a hopeful, positive vision for masculinity in Britain.

[Trends and Insights from a Unique Helpline Preventing Child Sexual Abuse](#)

This Paper outlines learning from the work done by the Stop It Now helpline run by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation. The latest paper discusses the assumptions many make about how and why people sexually abuse children and argues that stripping away the stereotypes develops a better understanding of child sexual abuse making it easier to keep children safe.

[Support with Grief and Loss](#)

To help those working with children and young people, Young Minds has created a guide with practical tips and advice to improve understanding of grief and loss, spot the signs, start difficult conversations.

[Barnardo's Common Ground Project](#)

Common Ground is a youth-focused project in Glasgow city centre designed to provide a safe, welcoming space for young people while also offering street outreach support. It is led by Barnardo's and is a partnership between Barnardo's, Aberlour, Action for Children, Right There and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU) to ensure young people feel safe, supported, and connected to the help they need. It will run for 12 weeks from 25th March as a test of change in response to consultation with young people.

[Children's Rights-Based Indicators: Strengthening states' accountability to children](#)

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A free to access book that provides a comprehensive framework of indicators to measure progress in the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Study Finds Four Out of Five Men in Prison Have a History of Head Injury](#)

New research from the University of Glasgow has found that four out of five males in prison have a history of significant head injury, with many having been exposed to repeated head injuries over time.

[Journey Times in the Scottish Criminal Justice System: Analysis of Equality Factors of Accused Disposed in Court](#)

This occasional paper from the Scottish Government presents new exploratory analysis on an accused person's criminal justice journey time from offence date to verdict date in court by various equality related factors. The analysis explores how the length of an accused person's justice journey time varies depending on their sex, age, ethnic group and socio-economic status. This analysis only relates to accused proceeded against in court and does not cover accused who leave the justice system at earlier points.

[Neurodivergent People in the Criminal Justice System: Identification, needs and vulnerability](#)

In this video, Dr Hannah Hayward is interviewed on the subject of neurodivergent people in the criminal justice system. We know there is a disproportionate number of neurodivergent people in prisons and youth justice settings, but why? What might make neurodivergent people more vulnerable to engaging in criminal activity?

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Independent Advocacy for Independent Lives](#)

A report that provides an evidence base to grow inclusive support services for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. There is also a [summary report](#) and an [easy read version](#).

[Minister for Equalities Launches Blind Companion Pilot Scheme](#)

The Minister for Equalities has launched a pilot scheme that will provide free rail travel for companions of blind and partially sighted people. The pilot will apply on all ScotRail train journeys across Scotland, starting 01 April 2025.

[Empowering Autistic Travel: A Journey to Accessible Transport Through Participatory Research](#)

A report from the National Autistic Society with an in-depth exploration of autistic people's experiences of travel and transport, and possible solutions to make services more accessible and autism friendly.

Education

[School Attendance and Absence Statistics](#)

Statistics from the Scottish Government on school pupil attendance and absence. These statistics were previously collected and published biennially, from 2022/23 onwards these statistics will be collected and published annually.

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[Scotland's School Pupil Census 2024 Statistics](#)

The Scottish Government's Pupil Census data provides important insights into the characteristics and needs of Scotland's children, including disability, additional support needs, and ethnicity. 40.5% of pupils were recorded as having an additional support need.

[Scottish Government Urged to Improve on Additional Support for Learning](#)

This joint briefing with the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission explains how the Scottish Government and councils are addressing the demand for additional support for learning (ASL).

Equality & Poverty

[The Poverty Alliance Response to UK Government's Announced Social Security Cuts](#)

An article from the Poverty Alliance in response to the announced cuts to social security.

[Alternative Community Food Retail in Glasgow - Glasgow Food Policy Partnership Webinar Recording](#)

Glasgow Food Policy Partnership (GFPP) hosted a webinar at the end of February, looking at alternative community food retail in Glasgow. There was input from three alternative food outlets from around the city who explained how they source food and support people in the communities where they are based.

[Think Tank Warns That Scotland Will Miss 2030 Child Poverty Targets Without Urgent Investment](#)

More than 210,000 children in Scotland will be trapped in poverty by 2030 without urgent investment from the Scottish Government, new analysis from the Institute for Public Policy Research Scotland (IPPR Scotland) has warned.

[The Cost of Working Age Ill-Health and Disability that Prevents Work](#)

A UK Government analysis of the costs of working age ill-health or disabilities that prevent people working in the United Kingdom.

[Child Poverty Modelling: Update](#)

This report, from the Scottish Government, estimates the impacts of a package of Scottish Government policies on child poverty, updating the modelling that was originally undertaken for the second Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. The report also examines a number of UK Government welfare policies from a child poverty perspective and estimates the impacts of a selection of hypothetical reforms. The report focuses on two of the four statutory measures of child poverty, namely relative and absolute poverty after housing costs.

[Children in Low Income Families: Local area statistics, financial year ending 2024](#)

This bulletin from the Department of Work and Pensions contains official statistics on the number and proportion of children living in low income families, before housing costs, across the United Kingdom by local area for the financial year ending 2024.

[Households Below Average Income: An Analysis of UK Income Distribution 1995 to 2024](#)

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Statistics from the Department of Work and Pensions on the number and percentage of people living in low income households for the financial years ending 1995 to 2024.

Events & Courses

[Safer Independent Aging Webinar: Hourglass and the Churchill Foundation - 01/04/25 - 2pm-3.30pm - Online](#)

Hourglass and the Churchill Foundation will be exploring the vital connection between safer ageing and independent living, highlighting the challenges and opportunities this brings for older people and speak about how this partnership will look to drive change.

[Making the Links - Lunchtime Briefing Sessions - Various Dates in April - Online](#)

This series of lunchtime sessions from CSE Aware will discuss the impact of commercial sexual exploitation on underconsidered groups of women in Scotland. Our series will present key reflections from research we conducted last year and introduce our new policy briefings. The briefings include:

- [Women with Learning Disabilities and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 02/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm](#)
- [Migrant Women and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 09/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm - Online](#)
- [Motherhood and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 16/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm - Online](#)

[NHS Education for Scotland Annual Conference 2025 - Learning for Change: Tackling Health Inequity through Education and Workplace Learning - 24-25th April 2025 - EventsAIR](#)

NES is delighted to confirm that it will once again be hosting the conference online over two days in April 2025. This conference is for colleagues from all professional disciplines across health and social care with an interest in education and training, workforce development and digital solutions. There will be a number of plenary and parallel sessions run by all professional groups and an opportunity for joint sessions highlighting interprofessional learning.

[Introduction to Spider in the Glass: Exploring a trauma-informed response to domestic abuse - 25/04/2025 - 10am-12 noon or 28/04/2025 - 10am-12 noon](#)

This webinar from the Improvement Service aims to bring awareness to women's experiences of domestic abuse and show what a trauma informed response to domestic abuse looks like in practice. The sessions are intended for who support or work with people affected by or experiencing domestic abuse/ coercive controlling behaviours within a relationship, and those seeking to understand trauma within that context.

[Resource Launch: Social Work Student Placements in Third Sector Organisations - 29/04/2025 - 9.30am-12.30pm - Glasgow](#)

Iriss is hosting the launch of the student placement resource for social work students in third sector organisations. The event will provide an opportunity to learn more about the resource, as well as receive a copy.

[Link - CSE Aware Practitioner Forum - 30/04/2025 - 10am-12.15pm - MS Teams](#)

This practitioner forum is aimed at frontline staff who would like to learn more about issues affecting women selling sex, as well as those who are looking to explore

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relevant practice with other practitioners, the forum seeks to: **L** – learn about commercial sexual exploitation (CSE), **I** – inform the CSE Aware work and feedback to policy makers, **N** – network, **K** – know how and share good practice.

Glasgow Public Protection Conference 2025 - 15/05/2025 - Glasgow

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Tackling Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) in Scotland Conference - 03/06/2025 - 9.15am-1.30pm - Online

Holyrood Insight's new Tackling Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) Conference will bring together colleagues from across Scotland to discuss local and national priorities for identifying and tackling abuse. Experts from education, policing, local councils, and the third sector will share practical takeaways to improve your approach to child protection. Understand how to strengthen coordination between agencies, through better data sharing, and clear roles and responsibilities for those working to tackle child sexual abuse. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Children & Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ): National Youth Justice Conference 2025 - 11/06/25-12/06/25 - Stirling

CYCJ's National Youth Justice conference takes place in Stirling on June 11 and 12, 2025 and the theme is 'Childhood, Safeguarding and the Children's Hearing System'. They have some excellent keynote speakers lined up who will help to explore complex practice issues such as Contextual Safeguarding and Child Criminal Exploitation. With significant reforms to the Children's Hearing System already underway, CYCJ will address some of the challenges and opportunities when it comes to supporting children in conflict with the law. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Social Work with Adults: Supporting individuals, families, and communities conference - 12/06/2025 - Glasgow

This conference from Social Work Scotland seeks to overturn the perception that social work with adults is a siloed area of practice. They will instead be profiling the interconnected nature of adult social work, across all professional operational fields, examining its opportunities and challenges. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Hourglass Conference 2025 - The Safer Ageing Summit - 12/11/2025 - Edinburgh

The Hourglass 2025 Conference is **The Safer Ageing Summit**—a crucial meeting place for experts, policymakers, and professionals from across the sector to share knowledge, discuss challenges, and drive real change. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Training

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This multi-agency session is aimed at staff with a particular interest and/or who work with people within the protected characteristic groups. This opportunity forms part of a multi-agency approach to tackle hate crime in the city and within the context of wider Public Protection aims to support staff increase awareness of the subject. This course is delivered by Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership learning and development section, Health Improvement and Police Scotland.

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- define hate crime
- name the current forms of prejudice covered under Scottish Legislation
- locate and complete the online Hate Crime Form

Course dates – click on a date below to book:

[Wednesday, 23 April 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday, 5 August 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

[Tuesday, 7 October 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

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 be 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. **Please ensure that you provide an email address for at least one attendee so that you can be sent the pre and post-course materials.**

Dates are as follows:

[15th April 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

[20th May 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

[16th June 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

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

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- 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:

[9th April 2025](#)

[6th May 2025](#)

[4th June 2025](#)

Please ensure that you provide an email address for at least one attendee so that you can be sent the pre and post-course materials.

Multi-Agency Briefing: Child Protection Committee (CPC)

As part of the Getting to Know Your Governance Campaign, the Public Protection Committees Team invites you to attend a Multi-Agency Briefing on Glasgow City Child Protection Committee. The session will be delivered over MS Teams.

Participants will:

- Understand the role and functions of Child Protection Committees
- Understand the interface between Child Protection Committees and operational practice
- Understand the structure and membership of Glasgow Child Protection Committee
- Understand the aims and objectives of Glasgow Child Protection Committee

Sign up for the following dates:

[Tuesday 29th April 2025 - 2pm - 3pm - MS Teams](#)

[Thursday 29th May 2025 - 10am-11am - MS Teams](#)

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[Wednesday, 2 April 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

[Thursday, 1 May 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

Gender Based Violence

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[The Equally Safe Bulletin](#)

The Equally Safe bulletin provides updates from the Scottish Government and partners on preventing and eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls in Scotland. You can sign up for the bulletin and access previous bulletins using the link above.

Health and Social Care

[Independent Review of Medicines Homecare in Scotland](#)

In April 2023, the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPO) announced an Independent Medicines Homecare Review (the 'Review') in response to reports of failings of the standards of care provided across Scotland and the increasing demand for medicines homecare provision. This report presents the findings and recommendations from the review.

Housing & Homelessness

[Children's Rights and Homelessness in Scotland](#)

Housing is a fundamental human right, and local authorities, as the frontline defenders of children's rights, play a pivotal role in addressing housing challenges. This briefing provides an overview of homelessness in Scotland, examines its impact on children's human rights, and offers guidance on adopting a children's rights-based approach to tackling homelessness.

[Cladding Remediation Plan Published with £10m Assessment Fund](#)

People with concerns about unsafe cladding in their properties can apply to a £10 million fund to have their building assessed. The funding will be available to owners to have relevant buildings assessed, regardless of whether the property is privately owned or social housing. A further extension of this scheme is also planned to support mitigation and remediation works.

[Minoritised Ethnic Access to Social Housing in Scotland at Key Transition Points](#)

A joint report from Shelter and Heriot Watt University which intends to help close the evidence gap in relation to the housing needs of minoritised ethnic groups by investigating access to social housing among adults from minoritised ethnic communities in Scotland at key transition points, as well as the policies and practices of social landlords.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Sandyford Clinic Counselling Service to Go as Part of £42m Budget Cuts](#)

An article from the Glasgow Times highlighting the impact of the closure of the Sandyford Clinic Counselling Service.

[Network of Free Walk-In Mental Health Support Hubs to Open in Glasgow](#)

Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH) will open the nation's first ever network of free walk-in mental health support hubs. The Nook will provide barrier-free access to mental health support with no need to book an appointment, no need for NHS referrals, and no waiting lists. Anyone looking for help can walk through the door whenever they need to.

[The Social Determinants of Mental Health - Webinar for Elected Members](#)

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This webinar recording from Improvement Service provides an introduction to tackling the inequalities that impact mental health and wellbeing. Presenters include Julie Cameron from the Mental Health Foundation, Lindsey Murphy from NHS Ayrshire and Arran, and Eilidh James from North Ayrshire Council.

[A Fundamental Right: Barriers and facilitators to voting and registration for people with mental health difficulties](#)

This report from the Centre for Mental Health explores the factors that prevent people with mental health difficulties from registering to vote or participating in elections.

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

[Reflective Supervision: Learning hub](#)

The aim of this hub from Research in Practice is to build a positive culture of supervision throughout an organisation. It contains practical tips, learning from research and ideas about how to put learning into practice in supervision. All resources in the learning hub are open access and relevant to both children's and adults' services.

[Leading Chronology Improvement: Reflection and self-assessment tool](#)

Updated version of the tool from Iriss, which is designed to help leaders to improve chronology practice. Leaders include practitioners, those in learning and development and training roles, team leaders and managers at all levels. This is in recognition that making change that sticks takes people from different parts of the system sharing clear goals and working together.

[Seven Minute Briefings](#)

An article from Iriss highlighting the effectiveness of seven minute briefings for learning.

[Enhancing the Delivery of the Health Visiting Service: Scotland's health visiting action plan 2025-2035](#)

This action plan aims to create the conditions to allow the enhanced delivery of the health visiting service and the full and consistent delivery of the Universal Health Visiting Pathway as a central offer within the service. This will be achieved by committing the Scottish Government and its delivery partners to a suite of actions focused around the following four interconnected strategic objectives.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Glasgow Safer Drug Consumption Unit Supports 143 People in 3 Months](#)

Scotland's first safer drug consumption facility – The Thistle – has seen 143 individuals make use of the facility 1067 times since opening on Monday 13 January.

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[The Feeding Recovery Handbook](#)

This handbook from Alcohol Change UK draws on research and on the views and insights of people with direct personal experience to produce a guide for local services on how to undertake successful cooking and eating activities.

[National Mission on Drugs: Annual monitoring Report 2023-2024](#)

An annual monitoring report from the Scottish Government on the progress made between April 2023 and March 2024 on the National Mission to reduce drug deaths and improve lives.