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## Public Protection Bulletin 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear colleague,

Thanks to our new team, we are now back on our regular two weekly cycle. As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection.

This edition includes the recently published significant case review (SCR) into the circumstances leading to the death of Margaret Fleming, entitled 'Remember My Name'. The independent inquiry, which was commissioned by Inverclyde Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees and lead by Professor Jean MacLellan OBE, was commissioned to examine the role of all the agencies that were involved with Margaret and the circumstances that led to her death. The SCR includes a series of recommendations have been made for all agencies involved to consider and look to implement. You can read the full SCR below and [further information about the inquiry](#).

If you have something new to share or publicise that might be of interest to our subscribers, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with Michelle Brown at [Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk)

Best wishes

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## Children, Young People & Education

### [How Children and Young People Understand and Experience Participation in Social Work](#)

Qualitative study from the European Journal of Social Work exploring children and young people's experiences of individual participation with social services.

### [The Influence of Bidirectional Intimate Partner Violence on the Parent-child Relationship](#)

A study aiming to understand the impact of bidirectional intimate partner violence on parent-child relationships and parenting.

### [Statement of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Article 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

Updated statement from the United Nations clarifying the concepts of parental guidance and capacities of the child in article 5 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It also explains how article 5 balances the rights of the child and the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents, in addition to the state obligation to ensure the rights of the child, in light of the importance of family.

### [Sibling Sexual Abuse: A Form of Family Disfunction as Opposed to Individualised Behaviour](#)

A paper re-examining some of the findings from the Home Office funded Sibling Sexual Abuse (SSA) project, with a focus on the role of family systems in sexual abuse.

### [Getting it Right for Every Child Practice Statement GIRFEC Child's Plan](#)

A practice statement from the Scottish Government providing an overview of the child's plan within getting it right for every child, which supports children's and related services to work in a co-ordinated way to support the wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

### [Advice from Adopters: Adopting Brothers and Sisters](#)

Advice guide from Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies for people who are considering adopting siblings. Families share their experiences of adopting siblings and provide practical advice.

### [Progressing Rights at Children's Hearings in Scotland 2020-23](#)

Report outlining the steps taken by Children's Hearings Scotland to secure better or further effect of the requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (under section 2 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014).

### [What About the Children?](#)

Report from Save the Children, Children's Rights Alliance for England and Just for Kids Law highlighting how in many cases the UK's decision-makers ignored the advice of experts, leading to policies, which caused unnecessary harm to babies, children and young people during Covid-19.

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### [Effectiveness of Group Intervention in Improving Kinship Care Families' Outcomes](#)

A systematic review of group interventions aimed at positively impacting placements for caregivers and young people in kinship care arrangements.

### [The Missing Link: Social Prescribing for Children and Young People](#)

Report from Barnardo's examining current evidence and making recommendations that are focused on the potential for social prescribing as a preventative and early intervention for children and young people's mental health.

### [The Art of Storytelling: Building Stronger Communities and Preventing Abuse](#)

Together for Childhood is a long-term approach bringing together families and local partners to make communities safer for children. NSPCC is working collaboratively in Glasgow, Grimsby, Plymouth, and Stoke-on-Trent to develop and test effective place-based approaches to prevent child abuse. The report details the findings from the NSPCC's storytelling evaluative approach.

### [The Implementation Loop](#)

Report from Children's Hearings Scotland examining Compulsory Supervision Order implementation between 2020-23. The report details the effectiveness and impact of decisions being made for children.

### [Child Centred Case Recording](#)

The Child Centred Case Recording (CCCR) group formed in 2022. They got together to support Falkirk's children and families social work staff to write all case notes to their young people by 2027. This IRISS article is an examination of the experiences of The CCCR group in the trials and successes of implementing change.

## Disability

### [Thoughts on How to Make your Organisation Inclusive for Disabled People](#)

Article from Disability Information Scotland providing advice to statutory service, small business, employer, or social club to be more inclusive.

## Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

### [Data on the Lives of People with Learning Disabilities in Scotland](#)

Report from the Fraser of Allander Institute exploring what data there is about people with learning disabilities in Scotland and how this can be improved to reduced inequality, including recommended action points.

### [Integration at the Forefront of Changing Attitudes on ADHD in Scotland](#)

Procrastination Station is the first ADHD hub in Scotland providing support and advice to those with ADHD, their families and businesses/healthcare professionals. Their aim is to work collaboratively to promote a culture change on ADHD in Scotland.

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### [We Are More: A Film About Hate Crime](#)

National Hate Crime Awareness Week took place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities developed a short film, 'We are more', with partners People First (Scotland), Fortune Works, the Special Needs Action Project (SNAP) and the Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory. The film captures people with learning disabilities' views and experiences of hate crime, including the experience of one young man who was seriously assaulted.

## **Mental Health**

### [Premature Death in Adults with Severe Mental Illness During Covid-19](#)

Report from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities examining the increased risk of death, from various causes, in people who experienced severe mental illness in England.

### [Gender Differences in Mental Health Following the Transition into Parenthood](#)

Study exploring the how the transition into parenthood impacts gender differences in mental health using longitudinal evidence from the UK.

### [Effectiveness of Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Interventions in Promoting Occupational Performance for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness](#)

A systematic review of the current evidence of studies related to occupational therapy interventions in improving the occupational performance of those diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI).

### [The Intergeneration Consequences of Racism in the UK](#)

Briefing from The Centre for Mental Health investigates the intergenerational consequences of racism on mental health, examining how experiences of racism towards both parents and children affect their mental health and parent-child interactions.

### [Forensic Mental Health Definition](#)

Letter from the Scottish Government providing a working definition for Forensic Mental Health.

### [Reform of Delivery of Forensic Mental Health Services: Final Report of Option Appraisal Process](#)

An Independent Review into the Delivery of Forensic Mental Health Services in Scotland was set up to examine the delivery of forensic mental health services, recognising the changes that have happened over time.

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### [Transformative Social Work Practice: Providing Meaningful Support to People Living with Mental Health Challenges](#)

Drawing on learning from social work practice and support partnerships, this article explores current thinking on recovery processes and the factors that contribute to effective support for people living with mental health challenges. The article presents a framework for practice which is informed by current thinking on recovery and support and draws on the key elements of transformative social work practice.

## Adults, Older People & Dementia

### [Using Virtual Reality to Understand Lived Experience of Dementia](#)

Age Scotland is working with a virtual reality company to promote increased understanding of dementia for designers, housebuilders, planners and carers.

### [Models of Care for People with Dementia Approaching End of Life](#)

Study identifying best practice models of care for people in the advanced and end stages of dementia, their families and carers.

### [Domestic Abuse in Older People](#)

A leaflet from the charity Hourglass highlighting issues of domestic abuse amongst older people, including tips and advice and details of their 24/7 helpline.

### [Self-Neglect: Exploring the Social Work Response Podcast](#)

Podcast from British Association of Social Workers (BASW) exploring self-neglect – what it is, the ways in which it affects people and how workers can respond.

### [Scottish Covid Inquiry: Care Home Residents 'Left to Starve'](#)

BBC News article highlighting concerns about serious neglect in care homes during Covid-19.

### [Tai Chi May Slow Parkinson's Symptoms for Years](#)

BBC News article examining findings from a Chinese study on people with Parkinson's disease.

## Carers

### [Carers in 'Devastating' Financial Hardship](#)

Carers Scotland has published an article highlighting the financial impact that unpaid carers in Scotland are facing.

## Housing & Homelessness

### [Calls for Scottish Government to Set Out Ambition for Housing and Human Rights Bill](#)

Article reporting the Chartered Institute for Housing's response to the Scottish Government proposed Human Rights Bill consultation relating to housing and human rights through clarity around minimum core obligations for the housing sector.

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### [Frontline Charity Reports Increase in Rough Sleeping Across Scotland](#)

Report highlighting an increased demand for services from the Simon Community and an increase in numbers in rough sleeping.

## Substance Use & Addictions

### [Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Drug Addiction Treatment](#)

Report reviewing the strategies used to address gender-based violence in drug recovery treatments for women. In light of intervention and treatment programmes being largely designed for men, gender-based violence has become a key area for substance use interventions for women.

## Equality & Poverty

### [Increase in New Real Living Wage](#)

Living Wage Scotland has announced an increase in the new real Living Wage from £10.90 to £12 per hour (outside of London) for employees of Living Wage accredited employers.

### [In-Work Poverty in the Hospitality Sector in Scotland: Policy Briefing](#)

Briefing from Serving the Future research partnership detailing findings and policy implications from a 3-year research project exploring in-work poverty and the hospitality sector.

### [Destitution in the UK 2023](#)

Fourth study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation exploring the increase in destitution in the UK. The report considers current findings and makes recommendations at a national level.

### [Better for Babies: Ending Poverty Among Families with Babies](#)

Report from Save the Children examining poverty in families with babies in Scotland, the impact of poverty on child development in babies and makes recommendations to reduce poverty for babies.

### [Fuel and Housing Issues 'Pose Human Rights Threat'](#)

BBC article reporting on The Scottish Human Rights Commission's (SHRC) investigation into how issues like energy and housing costs affect people's human rights.

### [What Does the Experience of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Current Cost-of-living Crisis Tell us About the Connections Between Poverty, Inequality and Child Protection?](#)

A CELCIS Emerging Insights Series Webinar with input from Anna Gupta, Professor of Social Work at Royal Holloway University of London, John McKendrick, Professor of Social Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University and co-director of the Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit and Lisa Bunting, Professor of Child and Family Social Work at Queen's University Belfast. The pre-recorded webinar

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explores what the experience of the Covid-19 pandemic and current cost of living crisis tells us about the connections between poverty, inequality and child protection by discussing and exploring the impact inequality and deprivation can have on the welfare of children and what this means for how we can support children and their families.

### Gender Based Violence

#### [Women's Lived Experience of Reproductive Coercion and Abuse](#)

Study exploring women's lived experiences of reproductive coercion and abuse.

#### [Influencers and Attitudes: How Will the Next Generation Understand Domestic Abuse?](#)

Report from Women's Aid drawing on the findings of studies with children and young people examining the influencing factors that children and young people are dealing with and how these can harmfully impact their perception and navigation of relationships.

#### [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence](#)

An annual international campaign that starts on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. The National Violence Against Women Network have developed a toolkit of resources to add value to local 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaigns across Scotland.

### Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

#### [Refugee Family Reunion: A User's Guide](#)

A guide from Free Movement UK for refugees (including those with humanitarian protection), their families and their friends trying to understand the rules on refugee family reunion.

### Crime, Justice & Prisons

#### [Serving a Hidden Sentence: The Financial and Emotional Impact of a Loved-One's Imprisonment](#)

Report from the Prison Advice and Care Trust presenting the findings of a study on the financial/emotional impact and social stigma of prison sentences on family members.

#### [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\): Prevalence in Youth Offenders and Their Effects on Youth Recidivism](#)

A study aimed at systematically reviewing existing empirical studies to provide a comprehensive understanding of the prevalence of ACEs among young people involved in offending, aged between 10 and 19 years, and the effects of both cumulative ACEs and individual ACEs on youth recidivism.

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### [Justice Social Work - Reports and Court-based Services: Practice Guidance](#)

The Scottish Government has issued a revised version of the Justice Social Work (JSW) practice guidance, which provides social workers and para-professionals working within JSW settings with guidance to carry out their duties in relation to court reports (JSWR) and court based JSW services.

### [Growing Up Inside](#)

Report from Nuffield Trust examining the key health care issues for young people in young offender institutions and prisons.

## **Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters**

### [Consultation of SSSC's Proposed Changes to the Register](#)

The Scottish Government has opened an online consultation in relation to the proposed changes to the Scottish Social Services Council's register. The consultation is open until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

### [Leading to Change Website](#)

Website offering leadership development programmes, opportunities and support for health, social care and social work professionals.

### [Joint Inspection: North Lanarkshire Partnership](#)

Joint inspection of services for children and young people at the risk of harm in North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership.

### [Ethical Dilemmas in Policy Practice](#)

A paper exploring the ethical dilemmas experienced by social workers when engaging in policy practice as part of their jobs.

### [How Social Workers Experience and Perceive the Participation of Care Experienced Children and Young People](#)

A study seeking to understand how social workers experience and perceive the participation of care experienced children and young people and the reason for children and young people feeling overlooked in relation to their care experiences.

### [Still Lots to 'Work Out' with the National Care Service](#)

The Scottish government says it is still fine-tuning exactly how the integration of social and health care, ethical commissioning, sectoral bargaining and national oversight will work within a new National Care Service, as the deadline for the first debate of the Bill draws closer.

### [Social Care Eligibility Criteria and Waiting Times in Scotland 2022-23](#)

Scottish Government publication presenting the latest information on new clients meeting eligibility criteria for social care support, and the waiting times between first contact, completion of a community care assessment and delivery of a new personal care service.

### [Building an Evidence Base in Social Work](#)

A podcast episode by a panel of experts from the NSPCC discussing how social workers can build and maintain an evidence base to support their work.

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### [Social Work's Relationship with the PREVENT Duty](#)

IRISS Insights article exploring how The PREVENT policy raises questions about the changing nature of the social work role, with evidence highlighting ways in which social work is being drawn into policing, surveillance and pre-crime work.

### [Remember My Name: A Significant Case Review into the Life of Margaret Fleming](#)

An independent inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of Margaret Fleming has been published and includes a series of wide-ranging recommendations.

## 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](mailto:integrity@glasgow.gov.uk) as soon as possible. To receive Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin click [here](#)

## Events

### [The Poverty Alliance Conference and AGM 24/11/23 9.15AM - 4.00PM](#)

Annual conference from The Poverty Alliance at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - Drawing a line under poverty: exploring key aspects of a Minimum Income Guarantee. Shirley-Anne Somerville, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice is a keynote speaker. This is a free event – registration required via Eventbrite.

### [Trauma Informed and Responsive Approaches to Support People Living with Dementia Webinar 15/11/23 2.00pm - 4.30pm](#)

Webinar hosted by NHS Education for Scotland and the SSSC providing an overview of the trauma informed approaches in Scotland and dementia care, including the introduction of new resources. This is a free event and is open to those working with people experiencing dementia, including formal and informal caregivers.

### [Care of Older People in Scotland Online Conference 28/11/23](#)

10<sup>th</sup> annual conference held by Mackay Hannah focusing on the challenges in the delivery of care for older people in Scotland. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

### [National Housing Conference and Exhibition 09/11/23-10/11/23](#)

Two-day conference from Tenants Information Service hosted at the Grand Central Hotel. Key themes include cost-of-living, vibrant communities and housing as a human right. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

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### Digital Health and Care Fest - 14/12/23

The Scottish Government's Digital Health and Care Directorate is working with Steering Group partners and the European Connected Health Alliance to deliver DigiFest23, a Scottish Digital Health and Care Ecosystem learning event. The event is hosted at the University of Strathclyde, Technology and Innovation Centre – attendance can be in person or virtually. This is a free event.

### NHS Greater Glasgow And Clyde Launches Engagement on GP Out Of Hours

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is seeking views on its delivery of GP Out of Hours, to inform the development of the service. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is seeking views on its delivery of GP Out of Hours, to inform the development of the service [here](#). The consultation is open until 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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