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Dear colleague,

In this bumper edition of the bulletin, you will find a link to the recordings of the Adult Support and Protection innovation and reflection event (ASPIre), which took place in Stirling in February. There were presentations from the Care Inspectorate and the Mental Welfare Commission from Scotland.

You will also find recently published statistics relating to children, including child protection statistics for 2022-23, published by the Scottish Government, statistics relating to children's wellbeing measures from the Office of National Statistics and statistics briefings from the NSPCC about emotional abuse and neglect.

In addition to the bulletins being circulated by email, they can also be found on the new websites for the Adult Support and Protection Committee and the Child Protection Committee. The Public Protection Committee Team has been working hard over the last few months to launch the new websites. In addition to the bulletins, you can also find information about how to keep children, young people and adults safe from harm and resources for further information and learning. The websites can be found at <https://www.glasgowchildprotection.org.uk/> and <https://www.glasgowadultprotection.org.uk>.

As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection. We hope that you find something of interest to you in the articles below.

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

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Children, Young People & Education

[Protection of Children Online Research](#)

Research from Ofcom which explores children's experiences of harm online, including the pathways to harm, its impact and the use of and perceptions towards online protections. Themes include 'Risk factors that may lead children to harm online', 'Key attributes and experiences of cyberbullying among children in the UK' and 'Experiences of children encountering online content promoting eating disorders, self-harm and suicide'.

[Expectant Parents with Intellectual Disabilities in Child Protection: Risk Factors for Child Safety](#)

A casefile study which examined which risk factors were present for expectant parents with intellectual disabilities in child protection, which domains of risk factors, and whether a cumulation of risk factors was related to child safety.

[Understanding Pre-Birth Assessments](#)

In this podcast episode from NSPCC Learning, Sophie Bell, Associate Head of Development at the NSPCC, talks to Anna Squirrel and Nina Bell, social work practitioners working in children's social care in Blackburn with Darwen. The two experts discuss the practicalities of conducting effective pre-birth assessments, including what good practice looks like, what challenges might arise, and how tools such as GCP2A can help with assessments.

[Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23 - Child Protection](#)

Child Protection Statistics for Scotland for 2022 to 2023 that cover data on children subject to child protection processes.

[What Story Does Scotland's Latest Statistics on Child Protection Tell?](#)

In this blog post, Dr Alex McTier, Evidence and Evaluation Specialist at CELCIS, takes a closer look at Scotland's Child Protection 2022-2023 Statistics to consider what the statistics and statistical trends might, and might not, tell us about the needs of children in Scotland.

[Survey Results on the Formal Exclusion of Care Experienced Children and Young People in Scotland](#)

A report from CELSIS which details the findings of a survey of local authorities in Scotland on the formal school exclusion of care experienced learners. The survey collected information on local authority policies, consulting with care experienced children and young people, recording and data, challenging and support, and return to school interviews.

[Care Experienced Children and Young People Fund: Operational Guidance 2023 to 2024](#)

The Care Experienced Children and Young People Fund is a targeted resource provided to local authorities to support care experienced children and young people from birth to the age of 26. The funding is provided to local authorities and aims to improve the educational outcomes and experiences for care experienced children and young people, supported by the strategic goals of The Promise and the Scottish

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Attainment Challenge. This national operational guidance is intended to help local authorities determine how to invest this funding in ways which could improve educational outcomes for care experienced children and young people, supported by the strategic aims of The Promise and the Scottish Attainment Challenge.

[Keeping the Child in Mind in Multi-Professional Working: Valuing the Viewpoints of Children and their Parents](#)

This survey-based research explores data from a diverse range of 54 professionals involved in collaborative team working to support children with specific needs. The survey investigated the individual's perception of their own role, and the interactions within the team. The survey collected some quantitative data, such as age and length of time in role, to explore correlations, but also asked open-ended questioning.

[Children's Wellbeing Measures](#)

Office for National Statistics data sheet sets out the most recent measures of children's wellbeing in the UK.

[Shattered Lives, Stolen Futures: The Jay Review of Criminally Exploited Children](#)

A review from Action for Children to gather evidence from expert witnesses on the scale and nature of the criminal exploitation of children, the legal and policy response across the UK and the support available to victims. There is also [an executive summary](#).

[National Guidance on Part 13 of the Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Support for Kinship Care\) & The Kinship Care Assistance \(Scotland\) Order 2016](#)

The updated non-statutory guidance from the Scottish Government, designed for practitioners, pays attention to consistency of definition, application of legislation and good practice, and reflects growing knowledge of the particular needs of kinship families.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Follow-up of Participants in a Randomised Controlled Trial of a CBT-Based Group Therapy Programme for Adolescents Diagnosed with ADHD](#)

This paper details the findings from a follow-up study of adolescents with ADHD participating in a randomised controlled trial (RCT) of a group intervention based on cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

[The Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) Regulations 2024](#)

Draft regulations document from the Scottish Government which sets out the rules and eligibility criteria for Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance which were sent to the Scottish Commission on Social Security on 11 March 2024.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Responding to Substance Use Amongst Inpatients on Mental Health Wards](#)

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Guidance from the Scottish Government for NHS health boards providing inpatient mental health services on responding to substance use on mental health wards. This should be used in conjunction with existing local guidance for responding to substance use incidents on inpatient wards.

[The Economic and Social Costs of Mental Ill Health](#)

A paper from the Centre for Mental Health which calculates the cost of mental ill health in England, focusing on economic, human and health and social care costs.

[Mental Health Scrutiny and Assurance Evidence Review](#)

A report from the Scottish Government presenting the findings of a national review of the scrutiny and assurance of mental health services in Scotland. The aim of this review was to map and assess current scrutiny arrangements, and to inform the Scottish Government's considerations for how these may be strengthened. There is also a [Scottish Government Response to the review](#).

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[ASPIre 2024 Conference Recordings](#)

Recording of the speakers from the ASPIre held in Stirling in February 2024. The speakers included, Paula Johns from the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, Mike Harkins from the Care Inspectorate and Ross Jackson from Police Scotland.

Carers

[Millions Meant for Carers Misspent](#)

More than a quarter of the money sent to councils to support unpaid carers is not being spent in the way it is intended, according to figures released after a freedom of information request.

Housing & Homelessness

[Scottish Government's Social Homes Target Could Fall Short by 50%, Says GWSF](#)

Even if the current pace of falling new build slows and flattens out, the Scottish Government may only achieve 55% or less of its target of providing 77,000 new socially rented homes in the current 10-year programme, according to the Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations (GWSF).

[Autism and Homelessness Toolkit](#)

This toolkit is designed for homelessness service providers who engage with and support autistic individuals experiencing homelessness. It is particularly valuable for those seeking to enhance their understanding and effectiveness in working with autistic individuals.

[Engagement Plans Published For All Social landlords As New Regulatory Framework Goes Live](#)

The Scottish Housing Regulator has published an engagement plan for every social landlord and a summary of the outcomes of its annual regulatory risk assessment.

Substance Use & Addictions

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[Stories of Building Friendships During Long-Term Recovery from Problematic Substance Use](#)

Building friendship is crucial for attaining and upholding recovery from problematic substance use. However, how people who have used substances problematically develop friendships needs to be investigated more from a first-person perspective. This study aimed to provide insight into how people in long-term recovery find meaning in their experience of building friendships.

Equality & Poverty

[Persistent Poverty in Scotland 2010-2022](#)

A publication from the Scottish Government which presents estimates of the proportion of people, children, working-age adults and pensioners living in persistent poverty in Scotland. The estimates are used to monitor progress in reducing poverty.

[Poverty and Income Inequality in Scotland 2020-23](#)

A report from the Scottish Government which presents three-year averaged estimates of the proportion of people, children, working-age adults and pensioners in Scotland living in poverty, and other statistics on household income and income inequality. These estimates are used to monitor progress in reducing poverty, child poverty and income inequality.

[Households Below Average Income: An Analysis of the UK Income Distribution: FYE 1995 to FYE 2023](#)

The Households Below Average Income (HBAI) report presents information on UK living standards based on household income measures for financial year ending (FYE) 2023. Estimates are provided for average incomes, income inequality, and for the number and percentage of people living in low-income households.

[Cash First Communities Podcast](#)

A podcast from the Trussell Trust, and their partners across Scotland, where they explore how to move towards a Scotland without the need for foodbanks. They have launched six projects across Scotland which enhance access to financial support, advice, and holistic services while preventing crisis and fostering economic security. On this podcast they will be following the progress of each project and hearing from the experts who are designing and delivering this work.

[Children in Low Income Families: Local Area Statistics 2014 to 2023](#)

A report from the Department of Work and Pensions which provides annual statistics on the number and proportion of children living in low income families for both relative and absolute measures, before housing costs.

[World Happiness Report 2024](#)

A report focusing on the happiness of people at different stages of life.

[Social Security Payment Rates Increased for 2024-25](#)

14 Scottish Government benefits including Carer Support Payment, disability benefits and Best Start Grants will increase by 6.7% in April. The increases are in line with inflation as measured by the Consumers Price Index. This will help to support households that need it most, including disabled people, unpaid carers and

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people on low incomes. Scottish Child Payment is now £26.70 per child per week, and the highest rate for Adult Disability Payment is now £184.30 per week.

Gender Based Violence

[Measuring Violence Against Women with Disability](#)

This briefing note, from World Health Organisation (WHO), which focuses on the measurement of violence against women with disability, is one in a series of methodological briefing notes for strengthening the measurement and data collection of violence against particular groups of women or specific aspects of violence against women.

[Domestic Homicide Reviews: Identifying Best Practice in Learning Lessons and Implementing Change](#)

A working paper from the Scottish Government which outlines 15 aspects of good practice to be considered in the development of a domestic homicide and suicide review model for Scotland. It identifies existing challenges with implementing recommendations from reviews and considers how to define and measure success and impact.

[Domestic Abuse Recorded by the Police in Scotland, 2022-23](#)

This Scottish Government bulletin presents statistics on domestic abuse, based on details of incidents and crimes recorded by Police Scotland in 2022-23. Domestic abuse recorded by the police does not reveal the incidence of all domestic abuse committed in Scotland, as not all incidents are reported to the police. These figures are used to inform policy and, in conjunction with findings on partner abuse from the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey, are used to assess the extent and nature of domestic abuse in Scotland.

[‘It Was a Challenge to Look at Things From a Perpetrator Perspective’. The Problem of Holding Domestically Abusive Men to Account in Multi-Agency Partnership Work](#)

The article presents evidence attesting to the challenge multi-agency stakeholders are experiencing as they strive to ensure they play their part in ensuring the perpetrator is accountable for their behaviour. The article also reviews what is known about male perpetrators and perpetrator programmes and examine our findings in the context of the wider challenges of engaging perpetrators in behavioural change.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Mind the Gap\(s\)? Evidence and UK Policymaking on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery](#)

An article examining four critical gaps in the evidence-policy relationship on human trafficking and modern slavery in the UK: prioritisation, epistemology, synchronisation and trust. Drawing on multiple sources, the authors outline key features of the landscape around evidence and policy in the UK and identify ways to address gaps and bring together researchers, those directly affected, and policymakers.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Prison-Based Social Work: Thematic Review](#)

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The Care Inspectorate's Community Justice Social Work: Throughcare Review was published in 2021. It focused on community justice social work practice, specifically breach and recall of people released from custody. The scope of this work did not include prison-based social work services. There has been no specific scrutiny of social work services in Scotland's prisons since the former Social Work Inspection Agency's 2011 national inspection programme. As a first step, this thematic review focused on the governance, leadership, and accountability of prison-based social work in Scotland.

[Sport and Physical Activity as an Intervention for Reintegration and Resettlement: Key Mechanisms for Policy and Practice](#)

A paper from HM Inspector of Probation introducing some of the mechanisms that have been identified in previous research which contribute to the effective implementation of sport-based criminal justice interventions. In addition, since there has been relatively limited academic consideration of how sport and physical activity might be integrated into policy and practice around probation and resettlement, the paper offers suggestions for how these mechanisms may be integrated into efforts to support probation and youth justice services.

[A Quality Framework for Justice Accommodation Services](#)

A quality framework from the Care Inspectorate with the primary purpose of supporting justice accommodation services to self-evaluate their own performance. It will also be used by inspectors to provide independent assurance about the quality of care and support. By setting out what the Care Inspectorate expects to see in high-quality care and support provision, it can help support improvement too.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[The Open University and Children in Scotland Learning Portal](#)

The portal offers a curated selection of free Open University courses that will support and upskill practitioners working with children and young people. The courses have also been chosen to complement [Children in Scotland's eLearning hub](#) and [Open Learning Programme](#), developing combined and comprehensive learning opportunities across a range of topics. All the courses on this portal are free.

[International Recruitment in Social Care Survey](#)

A briefing paper from Scottish Care which presents the findings of a survey of Scottish Care members on the impact of recent Home Office decisions on the international recruitment of staff.

[SSSC Launches New Portal to Support Continuous Professional Development for Children and Young People Workforce](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has launched a portal which supports the early learning and school age childcare workforce and their employers with their professional development by listing training providers and learning opportunities available in one directory, alongside national online modules and an induction resource.

[Health and Care \(Staffing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019: Statutory Guidance](#)

This statutory guidance has been issued by the Scottish Ministers to accompany the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019. The guidance will support relevant organisations in meeting requirements placed on them by the Act and relevant

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secondary legislation. The aim of the Act is to provide a statutory basis for the provision of appropriate staffing in health and care services, enabling safe and high-quality care and improved outcomes for service users and people experiencing care.

[Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection: East Dunbartonshire Partnership](#)

The focus of this inspection was on whether adults at risk of harm in the East Dunbartonshire partnership area were safe, protected and supported. Inspectors scrutinised the records of adults at risk of harm for the preceding two-year period from October 2021 to October 2023.

[Understanding Age in Child Protection Guidance and Adult Support and Protection Legislation](#)

This report from IRISS explores working with 16 and 17 year olds, who might be eligible for support through Adult Support and Protection (ASP) legislation and Child Protection (CP) guidance. It provides a Guidance and Legislation table, as a practical tool for social workers of all levels, and other professionals working with 16 and 17 year olds, to view the policy and guidance options available to them. This is complemented by a discussion of the tensions and challenges around supporting 16 and 17 year olds, through a qualitative understanding of some of the experiences practitioners encounter in their work with this age group. Together, the table and the discussion begin an analysis on what the overlap in ASP and CP means for 16 and 17 year olds, and the practitioners supporting them.

[SSSC Registration Changes: Employer Toolkit](#)

Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) registration is changing on 3 June 2024. This toolkit aims to make sure employers have the information they need about the changes so they can prepare and make any necessary changes to systems, guidance and information about registration. The toolkit consists of an explanatory video, a presentation and an employer checklist.

[Scottish Social Services Council: A New Approach for Continuous Professional Learning \(CPL\)](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has introduced new continuous professional learning (CPL) requirements for registrants with a focus on key skills and knowledge. They've developed the requirements in consultation with registrants, employers and other key stakeholders and they will be introduced on 3rd June 2024.

[Finley Boden: Professionals Should Have Protected Baby Murdered by His Parents, Review Finds](#)

Review by Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership identifies multiple child protection failings in case of 10-month-old killed by his mother and father 39 days after being returned to their care. You can also read [the full review](#).

[National Hub for Learning from the Deaths of Children: Data Report](#)

The first data overview report summarising national child death data from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. This is supplemented by an overview of learning from child death reviews carried out from the National Hub data collection. The report covers data from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2023.

[Social Work Sorted Podcast: Getting Started in Social Work - Week 2 Chronologies](#)

A podcast from Social Work Sorted. This episode covers the value of a chronology, building positive habits when recording and reflecting on the narratives we create.

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[Statistics Briefing: Neglect](#)

This briefing from NSPCC looks at what data and statistics are available about child neglect to help professionals, and the organisations they work for, make evidence-based decisions. This includes information from different sources such as services that work with children and research into children's and adults' self-reported experiences.

[Statistics Briefing: Emotional Abuse](#)

A briefing from NSPCC that looks at that data and statistics are available to help professionals, and the organisations they work for, make evidence-based decisions about emotional abuse.

[Barriers for Professionals to Reporting Abuse and Neglect](#)

A briefing from NSPCC shares experiences of adults working or volunteering with young people where they faced barriers to reporting abuse and neglect. This is drawn from contacts to the NSPCC Helpline and the Whistleblowing Advice Line in 2022/23.

[Thematic Review on Services for Care Experienced Young People](#)

The Care Inspectorate has notified all local authorities of their intention to undertake a thematic review of the experiences of young people leaving care in Scotland and the extent to which their rights are upheld. The review will run from April 2024 with a report being published in early November.

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.](#)

[Shut Out Scammers Campaign 2024](#)

Nationwide Shut out Scammers campaign launched by Trading Standards Scotland and Police Scotland to empower consumers to avoid doorstep scams

Events & Courses

[Recognising and Responding to Children's Disclosures of Sexual Abuse Webinar - 08.05.24 10am - 12 Noon](#)

A webinar for people working with children and/or young people who want to develop their confidence in their ability to recognise and positively respond to possible disclosures of child sexual abuse. Input from the following speakers: Rhiannon-Faye McDonald, Expert by experience and Head of Advocacy at Marie Collins Foundation (MCF), Anna Glinski, Deputy Director (Knowledge and Practice Development), Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse and Fellow of NOTA (National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse), Victoria Green, Chief Executive for the Marie Collins Foundation (MCF), Lawrence Jordan, Director of Services, Marie Collins Foundation (MCF). This is a free event, though registration is required.

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[Sexual Harm Webinar - Autism & The Risk of Extremism - 08/05/24 10am - 12 noon](#)

This event from Forensic Network will focus on individuals with autism and the risk of becoming involved with extremism including INCEL groups. Dr Marc Woodbury-Smith (Clinical Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Medical Science, Newcastle University) will join us on the 28th May 2024 at our Sexual Harm Webinar to present on Individuals with Autism & The Risk of Extremism. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[Forensic Allied Health Professionals Conference 2024 - Online - 06/06/24 1pm - 4.30pm](#)

Forensic Network is hosting the 3rd Forensic Allied Health Professionals Conference. The conference will bring together keynote addresses and give delegates the opportunity to hear about good practice across the National AHP Forensic estate. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[Scottish Drugs Forum Training Courses - Various Courses/Dates](#)

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), working in partnership with Scottish Drugs Forum (SDF) and Glasgow City Alcohol & Drugs Partnership (ADP) is pleased to offer a range of in person and online courses. The free training courses are open to all staff working directly with children, young people or adults living in Glasgow. Available courses include:

- Alcohol Awareness
- Young People and Multiple Risk
- Drug Awareness.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Sessions

A multi-agency webinar which 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. Course delivery partners will include Police Scotland, The Advocacy Project and staff from Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership. 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.

Click on the relevant date to sign up:

[Wednesday, 29 May 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)

Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar

A multi-agency webinar delivered by Learning and Development, Glasgow HSCP 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:

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- 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:

[16/04/2024](#)

[23/05/2024](#)

[18/06/2024](#)