Public Protection Bulletin
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Dear colleague,

As we start 2024, the challenges we face in terms of supporting and safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our community continues, compounded by the impact of poverty and the cost-of-living crisis. This edition includes several recently published reports relating to poverty and child poverty from a local level to internationally. It also lists a range of research initiatives, evidence-based actions, best practice, and events across the whole 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 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

[Glasgow City Youth Health Service Annual Report 2022-23](#)

The Youth Health Service (YHS) is a holistic early intervention and prevention service for young people aged 12-19 years (extending up to 26 years for care experienced/vulnerable young people). It operates from Monday to Thursday, 6.00pm to 9.30pm, in nine venues across the city. The service is open to all young people with a particular focus on those in greatest need. It offers both clinical and social support. Young people have access to 1:1 appointments provided by a multidisciplinary team (MDT) of statutory and commissioned partners. This report provides an overview of the first full year of the YHS delivery.

[The Power of Young Voices in Plymouth Together for Childhood](#)

The Young Voices programme, which was implemented in Plymouth as part of the Together for Childhood1 initiative, worked with young people to promote healthy relationships and prevent peer-to-peer sexual harm. The programme ran from 2019 to 2022, working directly with young people aged 13–16 years old. The NSPCC presents the final evaluation report of Young Voices.

[Parents with Substance Use Problems: Learning from Case Reviews](#)

A report published by NSPCC Learning providing a summary of risk factors and learning for improved practice around parents with substance use problems. This briefing looks at case reviews published between 2022 and 2023, where parental substance use problems were a key factor. Many of the learning and recommendations contained in the serious case reviews repeat lessons from numerous other reviews. Reviews emphasise that professionals need to conduct child-centred assessments and continue to reassess the potential risks that children face in households experiencing problems with substance use.

[UK Accuses Meta of Empowering Child Sexual Abusers with Encryption Rollout](#)

Article from The Guardian highlighting concerns raised by the UK government about the impact of automatic encryption of all messages on child sexual abuse.

[Early Child Development Transformational Change Programme](#)

A paper from the Scottish Government detailing their commitment to improving early child development by bringing together a programme of work to provide oversight and better integration of the policies that contribute to early child development. They focus on prevention, re-emphasise the importance of pre-birth and early years across all policy areas, identify any policy and implementation gaps, informed by current evidence (including what is needed pre-conception) and build collaboration across the whole system to address them.

[Child Protection Planning Meetings Online Course](#)

An online course from IRISS supporting professionals to understand and improve practice in Child Protection Planning Meetings (CPPM). The course covers the purpose, process, potential outcomes, and impact of the CPPMs. It supports an

understanding of responsibilities in preparing for and contributing to a Child Protection Planning Meeting. It uses the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 – Updated 2023 as its anchor, bringing its messages alive into everyday practice.

[Growing Stronger Together](#)

A paper from the Centre for Mental Health presenting research findings from the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, exploring what factors can contribute to healthy social development, and what can increase the risk of childhood behavioural problems. The authors spoke to parents, children and professionals to explore their understanding of the factors which affect children's healthy social development.

[Children and Young People's Social Prescribing Good Practice Guide](#)

A guide published by the National Children's Bureau, which is designed to support Personalised Care Networks and other teams and services who are thinking about developing children and young people's (CYP) social prescribing and/or for those who are already delivering to CYP, but want to look at developing their service through quality improvement in order to meet national policy commitments outlined in the NHS Long Term Plan.

[Transitional Support Interventions for Care Leavers: A Scoping Review](#)

The purpose of this scoping review from the National Children's Bureau was to identify and map knowledge on different types of transitional support interventions currently available to support transition to independent living for care leavers. An extensive search using four research databases was undertaken, resulting in 36 relevant articles for inclusion. Findings were organised thematically into four broad areas: (1) Extended care; (2) A Helping Relationship; (3) Family; and (4) Employment, Education and Training. Findings show that offering a combination of targeted interventions can contribute to a more successful transition. Effective relationship-based practices are critical to the success of transitional support interventions.

[Hearings for Children Report: Response](#)

The Scottish Government's response to the Hearings for Children: The report of the Hearings System Working Group. The vision and ambition of the report broadly aligns with the policy trajectory and longer-term aspirations of the Scottish Government.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Glasgow Supported Employment Service](#)

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) Supported Employment Service is a team of job coaches who support people with learning disabilities and/or autistic spectrum conditions to find and keep full time jobs. They recognise that

getting a job is important for people with a learning disability/ASC but that finding and keeping one can be difficult to do without support.

[Opening Opportunities: Improving Employment Prospects for Autistic People](#)

A report from Autistica setting out the barriers for people with autism to securing employment and the benefits that can be gained by creating workplaces that are welcoming to people with autism.

['There's a Timebomb': Planning for Parental Death and Transitions in Care for Older People with Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families](#)

Increasing numbers of older adults with intellectual disabilities are living with ageing parents. These families need support to plan for the future to avoid crisis interventions following parental death. This study aims to understand experiences, hopes and concerns about future planning, from the perspectives of older adults with intellectual disabilities, their parents, and their siblings.

[Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: Consultation](#)

A consultation by the Scottish Government on proposals for a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill. The Consultation aims to ensure the Scottish Government protects, respects and champions the rights of people with learning disabilities and neurodivergent people.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Stress and Mental Health Presentations in Secondary School-Aged Young People](#)

Webinar recording from the Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH), organised by ACAMH's Adverse Childhood Experiences Special Interest Group. The webinar is led by UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health and presents research on mental health in secondary school-aged young people.

[Historic Forced Adoption - Scoping Study: Research Findings](#)

A summary of findings from research by the Scottish Government to scope the support needs of people affected by historic forced adoption in Scotland.

[Meeting the Needs of Autistic Adults in Mental Health Services](#)

Guidance from NHS England for integrated care boards, health organisations and wider system partners which provides advice on how to improve the quality, accessibility and acceptability of care and support for adults with autism to meet their mental health needs, both in the community and in inpatient settings. It outlines 10 principles for implementation and provides practical examples of how these principles may be applied.

[Driving Wellbeing in Merseyside Through Non-Clinical but NHS-Run Services](#)

Publication from NHS Confederation examining a case study on The Life Rooms, ran by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust which are open to all, offer social

interventions and are based in non-clinical community environments. The services available in The Life Rooms focus on wellbeing, social prescribing, and inclusion.

[Bipolar Disorder: Assessment and Management](#)

A clinical guideline from National Institue for Health and Care Excellence covers recognising, assessing, and treating bipolar disorder (formerly known as manic depression) in children, young people, and adults. The recommendations apply to bipolar I, bipolar II, mixed affective and rapid cycling disorders. It aims to improve access to treatment and quality of life in people with bipolar disorder.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Public Understanding of Dementia and its Risk Factors in Great Britain](#)

This document presents an analysis of indicators from the Office for National Statistics' Opinions and Lifestyle Survey to understand the public's perception of their knowledge of dementia and what individuals believe can be done to reduce risk.

[One Hundred Not Out: A Route Map for Long Lives](#)

A report from the International Longevity Centre detailing past developments in UK ageing policy and sets out the challenges facing communities in an ageing world and includes a mix of next-step solutions and ideas, and international examples that could be used to tackle them. The report is broken down into 11 chapters, each of which relates to a certain challenge that increasing life span will pose for government, industries, society and individuals.

Carers

[Carers Census Scotland 2022-23](#)

The data reported here relates to unpaid carers who had a support plan or were supported by local services during 2022-23.

[The Experiences and Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Young Carers](#)

Young carers are children or young people aged up to 25 years old who undertake unpaid caring responsibilities for a friend or family member. Young carers faced significant challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. This study explored the impact of the pandemic and associated restrictions on mental health, wellbeing, and access to support in young carers in the United Kingdom to understand how to improve services, as well as support this population in future health emergencies.

Housing & Homelessness

[Homelessness Prevention Task And Finish Group: Scottish Government response](#)

The Homelessness Prevention Task and Finish Group was asked to consider the groundwork needed to ensure the successful implementation of Scotland's new homelessness prevention legislation. The commitment to develop wide-reaching

homelessness prevention duties is at the heart of Scotland's homelessness strategy, Ending Homelessness Together. The group's report and recommendations were published in August 2023. The Scottish Government has published a response to the findings of the Homelessness Prevention Task and Finish Group report.

People Living in Homeless Hostels: A Survey of Health and Care Needs

People experiencing homelessness have extremely poor health outcomes and frequently die young. Many single homeless people live in hostels, the remit of which is to provide support to facilitate recovery out of homelessness. They are not usually designed to support people with high health or care needs.This paper presents the findings of a cross-sectional survey that was developed with, and completed by, hostel managers to explore and quantify the level of health and care needs of people living in their hostels.

Regulator to Engage with Glasgow and Edinburgh Over 'Systemic Homelessness Failures'

Homelessness duties provided by Glasgow City Council and the City of Edinburgh Council are to be monitored by the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) amid concerns that demands for services now exceed their capacity to respond.

Council Tax Legislation Passed on Second and Empty Homes

New powers enabling councils to charge up to double the full rate of council tax on second homes have been agreed by the Scottish Parliament.

Substance Use & Addictions

Rebuilding Social Networks in Long-Term Social Recovery from Substance-Use Problems

Rebuilding social networks is essential to long-term social recovery from a substance-use problem. Despite this awareness, studies are needed for showing how people in long-term social recovery describe their networks and what they perceive as important in developing these networks. This study seeks to investigate (i) how people in long-term social recovery from substance-use problems describe their social networks and (ii) what they experience as key factors in developing their networks.

Equality & Poverty

Council Tax Debt Tops £10m

Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) is warning people about the risk of not paying council tax as debt cases across the Citizens Advice network top £10 million.

International Approaches to Advance Equality: Insights from Six Countries

This research was commissioned by Scottish Government to further inform policy decisions regarding Scottish Government's current review of The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSDs). The research examined approaches promoting equality through legislative duties in six selected countries

located in three continents, to identify similarities with the SSDs and the consultation themes relevant to the current review by Scottish Government of the SSDs. They have also published the key findings from international equalities legislation.

Two Nations: The State of Poverty in the UK

Following the publication of their report *Breakdown Britain* 20 years ago, the Centre for Social Justice has published an interim report revisiting the five key drivers of poverty and disadvantage idenitfied in the previous report to provide a detailed analysis of life in the most disadvantaged communities.

The Poverty Alliance Conference and AGM 2023 Recording – Drawing a Line Under Poverty

Recording of the sessions which took place as part of The Poverty Alliance's Conference and AGM on 24/11/23 which explored key aspects of a Minimum Income Guarantee.

The Cost of a Child in 2023

Annual report from the Child Poverty Action Group monitoring the changes in the minimum needs of households with children and the associated cost of meeting a dignified living standard, while comparing this to actual incomes on benefits and in low-paid work.

Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth

This report from UNICEF reviews the status of child poverty in 43 high-income and upper middle-income countries of the European Union and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. It provides data and assesses the progress – or lack of progress – that these countries have made towards eliminating child poverty. In addition, the report showcases countries' successes and considers what more can be done to meet the challenge of sustainable development goals: to end poverty in all its forms, everywhere – including in rich countries. The foundation of the report is a ranking of 39 countries in the EU and OECD based on their latest available rate of child income poverty and their success in reducing child income poverty over a period of general prosperity.

Going Without

Analysis by Action for Children and the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) which looks at UK Government data on children growing up in material deprivation.

Child Poverty in Glasgow Report 2023

Report from the Centre for Civic Innovation (CCI) which has been working collaboratively with experts on child poverty from across Glasgow City Council. Since 2020, they have published an annual report. The current report analyses data from Council Tax/Housing Benefit and kinship care/education benefits to provide a view of child poverty at a household level.

Gender Based Violence

[Understanding Practice with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children and Young People who have Experienced Domestic and Family Violence: A Practitioner Perspective](#)

There is a dearth of research focused on practice responses with culturally and linguistically diverse children and young people experiencing domestic and family violence. This knowledge gap may result in a lack of professional guidance and clarity for practitioners who work in this complex context. This small-scale qualitative research study explored practice responses with culturally and linguistically diverse children and young people.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Extending the Right to Work to Asylum Seekers in Scotland: Evaluation, Analysis, and Policy Options](#)

A report from the Scottish Goverment which looks to evaluate the consequences of policies determining the right to work for asylum seekers. It seeks to assess what the outcomes may be, were the current policy conditions to change, granting asylum seekers in Scotland the right to work at an earlier stage in their process of applying for leave to remain and with fewer restrictions on the jobs for which they can apply. It evaluates a range of limitations which may require mitigation, were such a policy change to be pursued. The report also reviews the current UK position and discusses existing evidence on the impacts of restrictive versus more expansive policies in other countries.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[The Effect of Different Personality Disorders on Criminal Behaviour](#)

Prior research has established a clear link between criminal behaviour and personality disorders. While personality disorders are relatively uncommon in the general population, they are significantly more prevalent in prison populations, indicating a positive correlation. This study examines the the relationship between criminal behaviour and personality disorders, specifically exploring the various clusters of disorders as classified by DSM-V and their impact on criminal behaviour.

[Review of Justice Social Work Statistics in Scotland – Survey of Users 2023](#)

The results from the survey of users of justice social work statistics in Scotland in spring/summer 2023.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Panorama: Care Workers Under Pressure](#)

An episode of the BBC Panorama programme which investigates a care home short of staff in England, where external medical professionals report seeing residents neglected, and overseas staff complain of being exploited.

[Digital Health and Care Fest 2023](#)

Recordings of the sessions delivered at the Digi Fest, Scotland's annual digital health, housing and care event, held in December 2023. Themes included: Sustainability and Sustainable Innovation; Collaboration and Integration; Equality and Participation; Digital Capabilities; Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare; Data Driven Services.

[Scottish Social Services Council 2022-2023 Annual Report](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has published their 2022-2023 annual report. The report details the work undertaken by the SSSC and how their strategic plan for 2023-2026 will build on this work.

[Peer Support and Why It Matters](#)

An article from IRISS exploring peer support and the impact that this can have on health and social care.

[Research Methods Toolkit](#)

This website provides a number of resources that discuss research design and ethics; qualitative, quantitative and participatory methods; data analysis; knowledge dissemination and more. Each page explores a particular approach or method by focusing on what it is, how to use it, and what it looks like in practice. The toolkit is designed to be accessible to all, featuring introductory and more advanced material on every page.

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.](#)

Events

[Hate Crime Awareness Online Webinar - 26/03/24 or 29/05/24](#)

Glasgow is the largest and most diverse city in Scotland. It is the local authority area with the largest black and minority ethnic population and home to the majority of new Scots. Glasgow City Council has appointed Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability Service as the corporate lead for partnership approaches to deliver strategic priorities to address hate crime. 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 is free event, though registration is required. Please select the appropriate date to sign up. The session will run on two dates: [26/03/24 from 10am - 12 noon](#) and [29/05/24 from 2.30pm - 4.30pm](#)

National Missing Persons Framework - Good Practice Conference 29/02/24 9.00am - 3.00pm

Missing People are holding a free conference on Thursday 29th February 2023 from 9.30am – 3pm at the Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre and online, in partnership with Police Scotland and Scottish Government. This is a hybrid event and there will be the opportunity to join the conference remotely. Registration is required.

Cyber Scotland Week: 26/02/24 - 03/03/24

To support Cyber Scotland Week (26th February – 3rd March 2024), the UK Safer Internet Centre is hosting a programme of free Online Safety Live events. Further details of events can be found on the website.

School Attendance Conference Scotland: 25/03/24 - 9.30am - 1.30pm

Hollyrood Insight's School Attendance Conference will take place Radisson Blu Hotel in Edinburgh on Monday 25th March 2024. The conference is designed to address the challenges, spotlighting both preventative and restorative measures, through a mixture of focussed expert sessions, in-depth case studies, and interactive panels. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Benefits for Bereaved Families in Scotland - Are They Sufficient? Online Summit 31/01/24 - 11am - 12.30pm

An online summit hosted by Caledonian Funeral Aid and The Poverty Alliance with Down to Earth, discussing the financial support available for bereaved people experiencing hardship, and what the long-term plans should be.

Empowering the Workforce: Supporting African Families 31/01/24 10am - 1pm

Passion4Fusion and IRISS are hosting an event to launch their toolkit designed to empower the social care workforce in supporting African Diaspora families. The toolkit provides practical, creative resources that will support reflective practice, anti-racist work, cultural competency, and more. It contains tools you can use with families and for self-reflection. This is a free event, though registration is required. Venue to be confirmed.

Learning Review Briefings

Learning Reviews (formerly Significant Case Reviews) are used to learn from what has happened when a child or adult at risk of harm has died or been significantly harmed, in order to improve systems and practice and provide better protection in the future. Practitioners and managers who have been involved in such a case may be asked to be part of a review. Glasgow's Adult Support & Protection and Child Protection Committees are offering a series of briefings on Learning Reviews to increase awareness of the processes involved and to provide an opportunity for professionals to let us know what supports they would find helpful when participating in a review.

The dates / times of briefings are:

- Wednesday, 25 January from 11am to 12pm
- Tuesday, 5 March from 2pm to 3pm
- Wednesday, 17 April from 10am to 11am

To book a place, please email publicprotection.learningreview@glasgow.gov.uk stating which session you wish to attend.