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Public Protection Bulletin 10th September 2024



Dear colleague,

World Suicide Prevention Day takes place on 10th September. This year's theme is 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide', with a call to action to 'Start the conversation'. This theme intends to raise awareness about the importance of reducing stigma and encouraging conversations to prevent suicides. Find out more on the [Samaritans website](#).

The Committees Team has re-launched the Glasgow City Public Protection Committees Forum on Knowledge Hub. The forum is an online community for adult and child protection professionals in Glasgow, providing a means for sharing information, hosting learning events and networking. To find out more information and to join the forum, sign in to Knowledge Hub or register for an account and request to join [Glasgow City Public Protection Committees Forum](#).

In addition to receiving the Bulletin via email, it can also be accessed on the [Glasgow Adult Support and Protection Committee](#) and the [Child Protection Committee](#) websites. As well as current editions, the website provides access to previous editions from 2022 onwards.

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

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

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

Colin Anderson,
Independent Chair
Adult Support & Protection Committee/Child Protection Committee

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[ASPIre Hub: Resources and good practice in Adult Support and Protection](#)

A hub from IRISS, which is a place for everyone working in Adult Support and Protection in Scotland to access and share resources.

[Researchers to Develop Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Software to Help Spot Early Signs of Dementia](#)

Data scientists and clinical researchers will use brain scans from the entire Scottish population to build a software tool that they hope will be able to predict a person's risk of dementia.

[Chronic Loneliness and Chronic Social Isolation Among Older Adults](#)

A systematic review and meta-analysis of the prevalence and antecedents/consequences of chronic loneliness and social isolation among older adults.

Children, Young People & Families

[Insights on Responses to Children Experiencing Online Harm and Abuse](#)

Based on contacts to Childline and the NSPCC Helpline in 2023/24, NSPCC Learning has published a Helplines insights briefing exploring responses to children experiencing online harm and abuse.

[Tackling Inequalities in Access to Mental Health Support for Children with Social Work Involvement and Those Living in Poverty](#)

An analysis by researchers at Cambridge University and the National Children's Bureau of more than 71,000 children's health records shows that despite it being well established that these vulnerable children are more likely to suffer mental health conditions, they are also more likely to be refused access to NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

[Disabled Children and Young People's Experiences of Social Work Services: A thematic review](#)

This report presents the key messages of The Care Inspectorate review of how well social work services contribute to ensuring disabled children have their rights respected and receive early care and support. It includes reflections and actions for social work services and Scottish Government to consider in order to improve outcomes for disabled children and young people.

[Suicide: Learning from Case Reviews](#)

A briefing from NSPCC highlighting learning from a sample of case reviews published by local safeguarding partnerships between 2021 and 2023 where suicide was a key factor.

[One Good Adult Job Description - Children & Young People's Mental Health](#)

A resource from NHS Education for Scotland, Education Scotland, Scottish Government and Children in Scotland, written by children and young people and setting out what children and young people need from the adults around them to support their mental health and wellbeing. Professionals can also reserve a place on the [One Good Adult Information Session on 11/09/24 at 4pm - 5pm.](#)

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[The Good Childhood Report 2024](#)

This report from The Children's Society shows the latest trends in children's wellbeing.

[Childline Counsellors are Receiving Increased Calls About Financial Sextortion](#)

An article from the Guardian highlighting that counsellors are receiving an increasing number of calls from young people being blackmailed over faked indecent images.

[Supporting Parents with Children in Care](#)

Parents who have had a child taken into care will receive support from community services through £900,000 of Scottish Government funding this year.

[New Family Learning Resources published to help Scotland #KeepThePromise](#)

The Promise Scotland has published two new family learning resources to engage families in learning that impacts children and adults. It aims to support the most disadvantaged communities, break attainment gaps, and enable parents to learn how to support their children's learning.

[Child Criminal Exploitation](#)

HM Inspectorate of Probation for England and Wales has published a report of academic insights into service responses to child criminal exploitation.

[Staying Put: Leaving care and the risk of homelessness](#)

The Centre for Homelessness Impact has published a new report, 'Staying Put', on leaving care and the risk of homelessness in England - the findings reveal that Staying Put significantly reduces the risk of homelessness for care leavers and the report recommend that awareness of Staying Put is increased.

[Scotland's First Bairns Hoose Provides Life-Changing Support to Over 270 Child Victims and Witnesses and their Families in First Year](#)

In total 169 children and 109 members of their family have received life-changing support from the charity Children 1st through its internationally renowned Bairns Hoose since it opened a year ago.

[Insights on Responses to Children Experiencing Online Harm and Abuse](#)

A briefing that uses insights from Childline counselling sessions and NSPCC Helpline contacts to share the types of responses children receive after they have told someone about their experiences of online harm or abuse.

[Exploring the Link Among Adverse Childhood Experiences and Commercial Sexual Exploitation](#)

A study that examines the frequency and severity of adverse childhood experiences in youth with and without commercial sexual exploitation involvement.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[National Strategy for Community Justice: Delivery Plan Update 2 – March 2024](#)

A document from the Scottish Government which sets out deliverables which detail the work that will be undertaken to drive improvement nationally towards the aims of the National Strategy for Community Justice.

[Final Report of the Short-Life Group on Children and Young People Affected by a Family Member in Prison or Secure Care](#)

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This report outlines the work undertaken by a Scottish Government Short-Life Group to understand the impact on babies, infants, children and young people when a family member is taken into secure care or custody and makes recommendations for improvement.

[Implementing Focused Deterrence: Barriers and Opportunities](#)

This scoping exercise aimed to understand which police force areas are delivering focused deterrence and how they are delivering it. The insights collected will be used to inform the development of practice guidance on focused deterrence.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

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

An analysis of the responses to a Scottish Government led consultation on the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill. There is also an [Executive Summary](#) and an [easy read version](#).

[Sex Differences in Self-Harm and Suicide in Young Autistic Adults](#)

A study that aimed to explore sex differences and difference in method of self-harm in the association between self-harm and suicide in autistic and non autistic adolescents and young adults.

[Missed Opportunities to Prevent Risk of Offending in Young People with ADHD](#)

The findings from a service evaluation of a central London Forensic Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (FCAMHS).

Education

[Attainment Scotland Fund Evaluation: National improvement framework attainment and health and wellbeing measures, 2024](#)

The Scottish Government has published the Attainment Scotland Fund Evaluation which summarises evidence around improvement in attainment and health and wellbeing, and the gap between pupils from the most and least deprived areas.

[Safeguarding: Criminal Exploitation for the Education Workforce](#)

Education Scotland have added new content to their series of safeguarding pages aiming to support the knowledge skills and understanding of criminal exploitation of the education workforce.

[Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2022/23](#)

Information on attainment and destinations of looked after school leavers, and achievement of curriculum for excellence, attendance, and exclusions for looked after children in Scotland in 2022/23.

[Data Insight: Understanding exclusions in Scottish secondary schools](#)

New research published by Administrative Data Unit (ADR) Scotland has revealed significant variations across secondary schools and council areas regarding temporary exclusions in Scotland due to demographic and socioeconomic factors.

Equality & Poverty

[Tackling Child Poverty in Scotland: Striking the Right Balance](#)

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Reform Scotland has published a paper written by former Scottish Government Social Justice Minister, Des McNulty. The paper argues that over the period 2017-24, Scottish Government strategy and plans directed towards reducing child poverty narrowed in focus, with cash interventions prioritised as the core mechanism to drive progress.

[Progress on the Plan to Reduce Child Poverty](#)

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published a briefing on progress to reduce child poverty which notes that the data appears to show little change.

[Project Summary: Gaps and priorities in child poverty research in Scotland](#)

This document summarises a year-long project to identify gaps and priorities in child poverty research in Scotland. The findings are intended to inform a research agenda on child poverty leading up to the Scottish Government's next child poverty action plan in 2026.

[Tackling Digital Exclusion](#)

Audit Scotland has released its 2023/2024 report, conducted by the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission.

Events & Courses

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

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

[Embedding Trauma-informed and Responsive Organisations, Systems and Workforces: National learning event - 11/09/24 - 10am - 12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

The National Trauma Transformation Programme is hosting an online national learning event on embedding trauma-informed and responsive organisations, systems, and workforces. This is a free event.

['Five Nations' Adult Support, Protection and Safeguarding Seminar Series: Financial harm webinar - 13/09/24 - 10.30am - 12.30pm](#)

September speakers: Professor Keith Brown – 'Scams: The power of persuasive language and the role of the MCA;' Colin Scott (Hourglass) – 'Stopping economic abuse of older people;' Annmarie O'Connor (Programme Manager, Safeguarding Ireland) – 'Developing a good practice response to Financial Abuse.'

[Introduction to Digital Inclusion Webinar - 17/09/24 - 2pm -3pm](#)

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is hosting a webinar for organisations that have not yet explored digital inclusion. The content will be most suited to people in roles that have the ability to effect change in their organisation e.g. managers, coordinators, senior leaders and trustees. This is a free event.

[Jumping Barriers, Riding Challenges: Getting the transition to adult social care right webinar- 23/09/24 - 1pm - 2pm](#)

Join Dimensions and Learning Disability Today in learning how to navigate the challenges and barriers that often present themselves in a child's transition to adult

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social care. You will hear from professionals within the transitions process and the sector, including home managers, families, and those with lived experience. This is a free event.

[Social Work Student Placements in the Third Sector: Preparing to host a placement - 23/09/24 - 2pm - 3pm](#)

Along with project partner, People Know How, IRISS is looking at social work student placements in the third sector; how they are now and building a vision for the future.

[Keeping Cool in your School Online Information Session - 02/10/24 - 4pm - 5pm](#)

This session will provide an overview of the 'Keeping Your Cool in School' primary resource designed to support children in developing and maintaining positive relationships, becoming more confident in tackling challenging situations and enabling them to have a better understanding of their responsibilities in school and beyond.

[Avoiding Compassion Fatigue and Burnout - 03/10/24 - 9.30am - Zoom](#)

Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of what compassion fatigue and burnout are and how these conditions can impact both their personal and professional lives. Through this awareness, they will be better equipped to recognise the signs early and take proactive measures. This is a free online workshop for staff members of third sector organisations, including community groups, in Glasgow and Greater Glasgow.

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

The National Police and Prison Care Networks are delighted to host a webinar on Acquired Brain Injury in the Justice System. There will be a presentation from Tom McMillan MApp Sci PhD FBPsS, Professor Emeritus, School of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow. This is a free event.

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

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

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

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

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

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There are a series of online briefing sessions for any colleagues interested in hearing more about these training for trainer sessions and working with Glasgow City Health Improvement to deliver future training across Glasgow City. The following briefing sessions can be booked by contacting Elaine McCormack, Health Improvement Lead - Sexual Health at elaine.mccormack@nhs.scot :

Tuesday 17th September 10 - 11am

Tuesday 17th September 2 - 3pm

Tuesday 24th September 10 – 11am

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

Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar

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

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

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

Dates are as follows:

[Thursday 19 September 2024](#)

[Monday 7 October 2024](#)

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

Child Protection Awareness Multi-Agency Online Training

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

- Understand types of harm and the potential impact on a child;
- Understand your role and responsibility in recognising and responding to the risk of harm;
- Understand the process and importance of information sharing;

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- Understand the processes professionals take to assess and support any child at risk of harm.

Dates are as follows:

[3rd October 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

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

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

Housing & Homelessness

[New Homes, Empty homes and Lettings: An early analysis of 2023/24 data returns from social landlords](#)

The Scottish Housing Regulator has published its National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter for 2023/24.

[All In For Change: Taking the temperature 2023-24](#)

A report that aims to understand what the national housing emergency looks like on the ground.

[The Effectiveness of Interventions to Improve the Welfare of People Experiencing and at Risk of Homelessness: An updated evidence and gap map](#)

A report from the sixth year of findings of a tool that evaluates homelessness interventions from around the world to highlight where evidence does or does not exist, what works, and why.

Mental Health & Trauma

[National Specification for the Care and Treatment of Eating Disorders in Scotland - Consultation Analysis Report](#)

An analysis of the responses to a Scottish Government consultation that sought the views of individuals and stakeholders on the National Specification for the Care and Treatment of Eating Disorders in Scotland.

[Stressful Childhood Linked to Ill Health in Later Life](#)

A first-of-its kind research study has revealed that people who have more stressful childhood experiences face an increased risk of multiple long-term and chronic health conditions later in life.

[National Specification for the Delivery of Psychological Therapies and Interventions in Scotland: National Implementation Guide 1- Digital Evidence Based Psychological Treatments](#)

This guidance aims to support the delivery and recording of digital evidence based psychological treatments, in line with the Scottish Government National Specification for Psychological Therapies and Interventions and the Public Health Scotland Psychological Therapies Waiting Times Guidance.

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

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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.](#)

[The Big Scottish Scam Survey 2024](#)

The third Big Scottish Scam Survey ran throughout June and July 2024. The aim of the survey was to find out more about the most commonly experienced scams in Scotland, in order to inform the content of future scams awareness campaigns.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Digital Mental Health Interventions for the Mental Health Care of Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#)

This study aimed to provide a critical analysis of the current literature on the use of digital mental health interventions (DMHIs) for the management and treatment of mental health disorders among refugees and asylum seekers.

[Information, Advice and Support for Asylum Seekers in Glasgow](#)

Glasgow Asylum Destitution Action Network (GADAN) is a network of charities supporting asylum seekers in Glasgow. This leaflet provides information on available supports in a range of languages.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Complaints about Care Services in Scotland, 2019/20 to 2023/24](#)

This statistical bulletin is the latest in a series on complaints about care services registered with the Care Inspectorate in Scotland. The report includes complaints received and investigated between April 2019 to March 2024, the five years over which the current complaints procedure and data collection system have been operating.

[Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection: Overview of Progress in Partnerships where Inspections were Undertaken in 2017-18](#)

A report on the progress made in adult support and protection by six Scottish partnerships – Dundee, North Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, Aberdeenshire, Highland and Midlothian – since they were the subject of joint inspections in 2017.

[Scottish Social Service Sector: Report on 2023 workforce data](#)

An annual report that combines administrative data from the Care Inspectorate with data collected by the SSSC (Scottish Social Services Council) directly from local authorities to form a comprehensive picture of the paid workforce employed in the social service sector in Scotland at the end of 2023.

[Mental Health Officers Report 2023](#)

This report presents data on Mental Health Officers, primarily at a Scotland level and at a local authority level.

[Highland Adult Support and Protection Committee: Learning Review McCulloch Case](#)

The outcome of a Learning Review centres on the adult protection response to the circumstances of three vulnerable elderly men. It identifies missed opportunities at various stages by agencies, The Highland Council, the National Health Service Highland and Police Scotland, to identify the risks to the brothers, and also,

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importantly, the opportunity to protect them from further harm including, and in particular, financial harm.

[Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee Learning Review - Child 3](#)

Following the death of a child in May 2023, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee requested a Learning Review. The purpose of a Learning Review is to learn from the circumstances that led to the child's death and find ways to improve and develop systems and practice that can better protect children and young people in future.

[Disabled Children and Young People's Experiences of Social Work Services](#)

A thematic review that considers how well social work services in Scotland contribute to ensuring disabled children have their rights respected and receive early care and support. There is also an [easy read version](#).

Substance Use & Addiction

[Food Standards Scotland \(FFS\) Issues Public Health Warning For Counterfeit Vodka](#)

FSS is issuing a public health warning after lab results from counterfeit vodka seized earlier this month confirmed the presence of the chemical isopropyl, which can be harmful if consumed.

[Drug-Related Deaths in Scotland in 2023](#)

This report presents statistics on drug-related deaths in Scotland in 2023 and earlier years, broken down by age, sex, substances implicated in the death, underlying cause of death, and NHS Board and Council areas.

[Medication Assisted Treatment: Evaluation of Current Practice Across Eight Health Board Areas in Scotland](#)

A study that sought to capture experiences and individual journeys across an extended period of time throughout the ongoing implementation of the medication assisted treatment standards for people with a drug dependency in Scotland.