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Public Protection Bulletin



10th June 2022

Dear colleague,

Nearly all public health protection measures have been removed but COVID-19 remains a risk, especially for vulnerable people. For the foreseeable future, our member organisations and front-line workers will continue to face significant challenges. As public protection leaders and managers have a responsibility to focus on how we continue to support our staff and volunteers.

As previously reported, our Adult Support and Protection and Child Protection Committees and subgroups have returned to the regular meeting schedules, albeit on video conferencing platforms. We review this on a regular basis to determine when we will be able to meet in person again.

People continue to tell us these bulletins are a valuable source of information and accordingly, we will continue to seek out the latest news and provide electronic links to more detailed articles.

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Please stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

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Independent Chair
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COVID – 19

[Social capital: what roles has it played during COVID-19, and how can it be harnessed for recovery?](#)

IPPO is pulling together evidence and expertise on the importance of social capital to pandemic recovery strategies – from levels of trust to the role of civil society.

[From Pandemic to cost of living crisis: low-income families in challenging times](#)

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has published the findings of a study looking at the experiences of a group of low-income families during the second half of the pandemic.

Children, Young People & Education

[National Review](#)

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published its national review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson. The report includes specific findings and recommendations for both cases, as well as wider analysis and national recommendations for child protection practice in England.

[CPCScotland Neglect Learning Series 2022](#)

Recordings of webinars 1 & 2 are now online and the recording for webinar 3 will be online soon.

[Learning About Neglect event series - Thinking Critically About Neglect - webinar no. 1 - Child Protection Scotland](#)

[Learning About Neglect Event Series - webinar 2 - Family Group Decision Making for unborn babies and young infants - Child Protection Scotland](#)

[“I Personally Wouldn’t Know Where to Go”](#)

A study that aimed to explore perceptions of mental health services from the perspectives of adolescents with no prior service experience.

[The Promise Oversight Board: Report One](#)

A report that outlines progress made towards implementation of the conclusions of the Independent Care Review.

[Investing in Early Intervention](#)

Early intervention is about providing effective early support to children and young people who are at risk of poor outcomes. This report provides insights and examples that show the difference early intervention can make and how it can lead to positive change.

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[Pets and changing homes: the views of care experienced children/young people](#)

Researchers at the University of Edinburgh are looking for the views of care experienced children and young people in a survey of relationships with pets and the impact of housing/home transitions.

[Raising awareness of the dangers of button batteries](#)

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has developed a set of free resources for you to display and share with families explaining the dangers posed by button batteries. These include a poster, session plan, advice flyer and factsheet translated into 17 community languages.

[How Together for Childhood is bringing about change for local communities](#)

NSPCC Learning has published the latest Together for childhood report summarising key learnings from the process evaluation. The process involved conducting semi-structured interviews with NSPCC staff, community members and partners from local, statutory and voluntary organisations.

[Safeguarding by health visitors](#)

The Parent-Infant Foundation has published a report, from the First 1001 Days Movement, about the importance of health visitors. Key points from the report, which compiles statements from parents, professionals, and charities including the NSPCC, on the role of health visitors.

[Care Inspectorate Report on Distance Placements](#)

In August 2020, the Care Inspectorate set up a short-life working group to explore and report on crossborder and distance placements including those from within Scotland or elsewhere in the UK or Republic of Ireland.

[Care system: Help families before they reach crisis, urges review](#)

Tens of thousands more children could end up in care without radical changes to child protection, a "once-in a generation" review has warned.

['Rights Right Now' Report](#)

Together Scotland has published a new report outlining key findings, insights, and recommendations from the Rights Right Now! (RRN!) project, which was established as a pilot project to support children and young people's meaningful and inclusive participation in the UNCRC implementation programme.

[Life Story Work podcast from Research in Practice](#)

This podcast discusses Norfolk County Council's approach to life story work and the importance of making sure that children's life stories, and how they understand them, is at the centre of all direct work with them.

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[Keeping Families Together](#)

Over the next three years Scottish Government will be working alongside Scotland's five secure care units to support young people and their families through their new 'Keeping Families Together' project. More information on the project can be found [here](#).

Disability

["We're entitled to be parents just like normal people"](#)

A multiperspective interpretative phenomenological analysis of a mother with a learning disability's experience of parenting following the removal of her older children

Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[A Preliminary Evaluation of a Brief Behavioural Parent Training for Challenging Behaviour in Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

The findings from a pilot trial that aimed to evaluate a novel brief behavioural parent training intervention targeting caregivers of children with autistic spectrum disorder aged 5–9.

Mental Health

[Parental Mental Health Problems and the Risk of Child Maltreatment: The Potential Role of Psychotherapy](#)

A theoretical review of the risks faced by some children living in families with parental mental health problems and the role that psychotherapy can play in resolving emotional and interpersonal difficulties.

[Mental Capacity Report - May 2022](#)

39 Essex Chambers' monthly report on aspects of mental capacity law in the UK.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Hoarding Awareness Week 2022](#)

Took place from the 16th-20th May this year. One of the key messages of UK Hoarding Awareness Week 2022 was: Supportive Intervention not eviction – when a person who hoards receives support there is no need to use legal processes to evict a person for a now recognised mental health condition (World Health Organisation 2022 inclusion in ICD).

You can find out more about hoarding, Hoarding Awareness Week, and access some really useful resources on their website.

[The Impact of Dementia on Women](#)

Dementia devastates the lives of everyone it touches, but Alzheimer's Research UK analysis shows that women are bearing a disproportionate weight of the impact. Their analysis shows that dementia became the leading cause of death for UK women more than a decade

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ago, in 2011. Shockingly, it's remained at this position ever since, even at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carers

[Glasgow HSCP Carer Strategy 2022-2025](#)

A joint strategy containing relevant information for both adult and young carers who look after someone resident in Glasgow. The Carer Strategy will play a key role in delivering Glasgow City HSCP's commitment to making Glasgow a carer-friendly city, where unpaid carers are treated with compassion and kindness.

Housing & Homelessness

[Homelessness charity launches women's harm reduction app](#)

Simon Community Scotland (SCS) has teamed up with tech consultancy AND Digital to provide easy-to-access evidence-based harm reduction support, advice and resources to people using the charity's services, through their first ever digital app called 'By My Side.'

Substance Use & Addictions

[The United Kingdom's first unsanctioned overdose prevention site; A proof-of-concept evaluation](#)

The unsanctioned overdose prevention site (OPS) in Glasgow in 2020/21 has shown it is possible to run such a service in the UK without being closed down by the police. It evidences a demand for low threshold and peer-informed services among people who are highly marginalised, with complex health, psychological, and practical needs.

[Edinburgh cabbies to carry naloxone](#)

The capital's largest taxi operator has joined a Scottish Ambulance Service initiative to place the life-saving drug naloxone in cabs operating across Edinburgh and to train drivers in using the medicine.

[Professional Helpers' Experiences of Assisting the Bereaved After Drug-Related Death](#)

A systematic review that aimed to explore knowledge regarding professional helpers' experiences of providing assistance to people bereaved after a drug-related death.

Equality & Poverty

[Scottish benefits roll-out successful but challenges remain](#)

An Audit Scotland report advises that the roll out of new devolved social security benefits is going well but there is still a lot to be delivered. New and complex social security benefits such as the Scottish Child Payment have been launched despite the challenges of the pandemic. People are also positive about their experience of Social Security Scotland.

[Help with the Cost of Living](#)

The UK Government has announced a range of new measures to support people through the current cost of living crisis, and launched a new website to help determine what support someone is eligible for

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Gender Based Violence

[Rape victims to get chance to meet their abusers](#)

For the first time in Scotland, victims of rape and domestic abuse will be able to formally meet those who harmed them.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Social-Capital-Based Mental Health Interventions for Refugees](#)

A systematic review that aimed to find patterns in the literature on how social-capital-based interventions can improve the mental health of refugees.

[Practitioner Responses to Child Trafficking: Emerging Good Practice](#)

This report presents the key findings of a conference convened by Cumberland Lodge in partnership with the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Dame Sara Thornton. It makes several recommendations which the authors hope will improve practice and outcomes.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Women's Experiences of Prison-Based Mental Healthcare: A Systematic Review of Qualitative Literature](#)

This paper aims to synthesise the findings of qualitative literature to gain a deeper understanding of the experiences of women in the context of prison-based mental health care.

[Restorative justice launch: New national hubs pave way](#)

Pioneering new restorative justice services will “put victims at the heart of the justice system and bring huge benefits for years to come”. Justice Secretary Keith Brown has welcomed the launch of two hubs that will pave the way for restorative justice services to be rolled out across Scotland.

Social Care & Practice

[Revised National Guidance for Adult Protection Committees for Conducting Learning Reviews](#)

The revised National Guidance for Adult Protection Committees for conducting Learning Reviews has been published on the Scottish Government website.

This guidance provides updated and revised information to take account of practice and policy developments, superseding the previous Interim Framework for Adult Protection Committees Conducting a Significant Case Review.

[Children and Young People's Services Joint Inspection Reports from the Care Inspectorate](#)

Joint inspections focus on how well services are working together to improve the lives of children and young people who have experienced or are at risk of abuse and neglect, and those who are, or have been, looked after by the local authority.

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An interim report from the Care Inspectorate into support services for children and young people at risk of harm in [West Dunbartonshire](#) has recognised significant challenges.

Services for children and young people in need of care and protection in [Orkney](#) have made key improvements in the last two years.

[Protecting Our Children: A Balancing Act](#)

The BBC has released a new Panorama episode which looks at social workers and the nature of their work with children and families. The documentary investigates how social workers make decisions about children's lives and hears from families they have worked with.

[Chief Social Worker for Adults Annual Report 2021-22: strength from adversity](#)

The UK Government has published the Chief Social Worker for Adults Report which captures a wide range of updates from the English social work profession.

Online & Financial Harm

[Digital fingerprints of a million child abuse images made](#)

Digital fingerprints of a million images of child sexual abuse have been created, the Internet Watch Foundation has said.

[Online safety SEND resources](#)

Childnet has released new resources around online safety to support young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) aged 11 and over.

[Online safety and the dark web](#)

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) of the National Crime Agency (NCA) has released resources for use by [professionals](#) and [parents and carers](#) to understand the dark web.

Events

[Careers by design: Ensuring the needs of care experienced learners are at the heart of Scotland's career services, 14/06/22, 09:30 – 11:00](#)

CELCIS are delighted to welcome Greg Hiddleston and Pauline Stratford from [Skills Development Scotland](#) (SDS), to speak at their latest Education Forum meeting about its recent [Career Review](#), which aims to ensure that career services in Scotland are fit for purpose and future proofed to meet the demands of a changing world of work.

The meeting is open to all who work with children and young people in an educational setting.

[Leading Culture Change – #SaferCultureSaferSport, 16/06/22, 10:00 – 11:00](#)

Organisations should lead by example to empower everyone with the confidence to challenge and instigate change. In this FREE online seminar, British Paralympic Association's Director of Sport Penny Briscoe OBE and Head of Athlete Services, Clare Cunningham will:

- Explain how the British Paralympic Association became a person-centred organisation by focusing on creating a positive team experience.

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- Discuss the processes and benefits of listening and learning from each paralympic cycle.
- Highlight the impact creating positive behaviour and actions can have on embedding culture change.

[Children's Rights and Alternative Care: What next for Scotland? Learning from the UNCRC Day of General Discussion, 22/06/22, 14:00 -15:30](#)

This free, online webinar is open to anyone with an interest in the rights of children and young people in care in Scotland, including children, young people, carers, advocates, social workers, policy makers, teachers and all those working in protecting and promoting children's rights.

During this webinar we will be taking a focused look at the themes and recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's Day of General Discussion (DGD) about the rights of children and young people in alternative care.

[Keeping Children Safe: Tackling Technology Assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour Online Conference, 27/06/22, 14:00 – 17:00](#)

This free online conference from Stop It Now! Scotland will showcase learning from Reducing Online Sexual Abuse (ROSA) project that ran between 2018 and 2021 in Glasgow. The conference aims to reach practitioners and operational and strategic managers in social care, education, police and health settings.

[Age Scotland Dementia Training Team - June and July Courses](#)

All training is free. For details about the new self-study course format, please contact the training team at dementiatraining@agescotland.org.uk.

Dementia Awareness:

Both Zoom and self-study formats

Dementia Carers' rights and: Power of Attorney, An Introduction to Carers' Rights, Self-Directed Support, Carers' Benefits, An Introduction to the Carers (Scotland) Act

Dementia Inclusion: Making cinema dementia inclusive, Dementia coffee conversation: dementia carers network, Making online group activities dementia inclusive.