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Public Protection Bulletin



13th May 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. In order to ensure that the bulletin meets the needs of public protection professionals in Glasgow, we have included a [link](#) to a short survey so that you can tell us what you think of the bulletin and how it could be improved. We would very much appreciate it if you would take 5 minutes to complete it. Please continue to share any interesting news or developments from your particular agency or organisation.

We hope you find something of interest to you in the articles below.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

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

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Glasgow Public Protection Committees

[Glasgow Public Protection Committees Bulletin Survey](#)

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COVID – 19

[Impact of Covid-19 on children in care](#)

Newham Council has published a report on Covid-19's impact on looked after children and care leavers in Newham. Findings include: children were unable to see their biological parents due to coronavirus restrictions; children found it hard to access face-to-face support services; and young people who were new into care, or already experiencing instability in their placements, found coping with the pandemic particularly challenging.

[Alcohol and Other Substance Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Systematic Review](#)

This article provides a systematic review of all available evidence, with the aim of documenting and interpreting the frequency and severity of alcohol and other substance use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Children, Young People & Education

[Clinical Pathway Guidance Child Sexual Abuse](#)

The Scottish Government has published guidance for healthcare professionals supporting children and young people who may have experienced child sexual abuse, to ensure a consistent approach to the provision of healthcare and forensic medical examination services for children and young people of either sex who may have experienced sexual abuse. An information leaflet and an [easy read version](#). has also been published.

[Insight: Early childhood development inequalities](#)

Almost one in four children living in Scotland's most deprived areas have a developmental concern, as Scotland's public health body reveals continued healthcare inequalities in children across Scotland.

[Child sexual abuse in 2020/21: Trends in official data](#)

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse review focuses on the recorded cases of child sexual abuse by professionals in 2020/21, drawing on the latest available evidence from the official data released by child protection, criminal justice and health agencies in England and Wales. It paints a worrying picture of the gap between what is estimated to be the prevalence of child sexual abuse in England and Wales and what is recorded in official data. The data suggests that agencies are only identifying and responding to a small minority of child sexual abuse that occurs in society.

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[New Disabled Children and Young People Transition Bill](#)

A new bill aiming to support disabled children and young people through the transition into adulthood has been introduced into the Scottish parliament by Labour MSP, Pam Duncan-Glancy.

[The Care Files](#)

A report exploring the experiences of older children and young people when entering the care system as teenagers.

Disability

[Carer shortage: Woman's care suspended for two months during Covid](#)

A woman whose care was withdrawn for two months during Covid said she lived in constant fear it will happen again.

Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Health Checks for Adults with Intellectual Disability and Association with Survival Rates](#)

A study that aimed to examine if mortality rates are lower in people with intellectual disability who have had a health check compared with those who have not had health checks.

Mental Health

[Free mental health support on offer from SAMH for organisations based in the NE Glasgow](#)

SAMH's Let's TALK project is running in the North East of Glasgow, offering free support around mental wellbeing. The aims of the project are:

- to raise awareness around mental health issues,
- tackle stigma and discrimination which often deters people from seeking the help they need,
- signposting people to local support services

Support is available in person and online. More information about the current support on offer from SAMH's Let's TALK contact Emma.Straughan@samh.org.uk

[Stigma as a Barrier to Addressing Childhood Trauma in Conversation with Trauma Survivors](#)

This study examined three aspects of stigma and their interrelation: The respondents' desire for social distance toward adult victims of childhood trauma as an established measure of individual discrimination; the prevalence of negative stereotypes about someone who has experienced childhood trauma; and, as a potentially relevant specific manifestation of victim stigma, the respondents' reluctance to reach out to adult victims of childhood trauma in conversation.

Older People & Dementia



1 in 5 older people are abused in the UK every year.

Hourglass is the only charity in the UK dedicated to calling time on the harm and abuse of older people and we are here to help.

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Please email us at enquiries@wearehourglass.org for more details and sign up to our newsletter to get regular updates.

Hourglass is the working name of Hourglass (Safer Ageing), a charity registered in England and Wales (reg. no. 1140543), and also in Scotland (reg. no. SC046278). Hourglass (Safer Ageing) is registered as a company in England and Wales under number 07290092.

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[Online tools help people in Angus live independently at home for longer](#)

Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has launched a new online support program for elderly people who are living independently.

[Assisting People with Dementia with Their Personal Care](#)

The Pro-CARE study aims to learn more about refusals of care in late-stage dementia and use the finding to develop training and educational materials for caregivers to improve personal care interactions in dementia. This booklet was created from the study, using input from family carers and care-home staff who were physically assisting a person living with advanced dementia with their personal care.

Carers

[Insight: Carers in need as fuel poverty hits](#)

Unpaid carers need additional support measures amid the fuel crisis and should be more involved in government decision-making, says Carolynne Hunter, a Scottish parent-carer.

[Problematising Carer Identification](#)

A paper that explores the carer identification practices of older partners providing end-of-life care.

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Housing & Homelessness

[Proposed changes to homelessness legislation a cause for concern](#)

While Clan Childlaw welcomes the intention to prevent homelessness, but are concerned that the proposals – if translated into law as outlined in the Preventing Homelessness in Scotland report - could represent a serious loss of rights for 16- and 17-year-olds who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

[Barriers and Facilitators to Accessing Health and Social Care Services for People Living in Homeless Hostels](#)

A qualitative study that aimed to identify the barriers and facilitators to accessing health and social care services for people living in homeless hostels, based on the experiences of hostel staff and residents.

Substance Use & Addictions

[The role of specialist Addiction Nurses in alcohol treatment](#)

In Scotland, alcohol-related deaths are more than four times higher in the most disadvantaged areas compared to the least disadvantaged areas. A [recent study](#) from the University of Dundee and University of Stirling found that embedding specialist Addiction Nurses within GP teams can help address alcohol problems in deprived areas.

Equality & Poverty

[Over one million babies and young children living in poverty according to new report](#)

The analysis from the research undertaken by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation finds that 1.3 million of the 4.2 million children in poverty in the UK are babies and children under the age of five. The report also sets out findings from a survey of 1,384 families living on low incomes in the UK, including:

- 43% said that housing conditions had a negative impact on their child's development or health
- 43% of respondents said they don't live somewhere that meets their family's needs
- 52% said that they do not live somewhere that has enough space for their family

[New Child Payment information leaflet](#)

The Poverty Alliance has launched a new information leaflet, to help parents and carers apply for the Scottish Child Payment.

Gender Based Violence

[Charity calls for action as one in four women are victims of stalking in Scotland](#)

Ahead of National Stalking Awareness Week, support charity Action Against Stalking (AAS) spoke to nearly 2,000 people to understand the extent of the problem in Scotland. Results found that 23% of women surveyed reported being targeted with fixated, obsessive, unwanted, repeated behaviour at some point in their lives with only 24% of these victims reporting this behaviour to the police.

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Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[NHS Services Guide for Ukrainians arriving in Scotland](#)

Ukrainians arriving in Scotland have the same entitlements to NHS care as Scotland residents, however individuals may not know how the NHS works. The NHS Scotland Services Guide has been created to explain the range of NHS services available, and information required on how to access these services. Also available in [Russian](#).

[Course on Caring for Children Moving Alone: Protecting Unaccompanied and Separated Children](#)

FREE online training course starts again on 9 May 2022, and is open to anyone working in or with an interest in the care and protection needs of unaccompanied and separated children and young people. Produced by CELCIS and delivered through FutureLearn, the course was created with 16 leading international humanitarian and children's rights organisations, including the UNHCR, UNICEF, and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Mental Health Support in Scotland's Prisons 2021: Under-Served and Under-Resourced](#)

A report from the Mental Welfare Commission that looks at whether the intended improvements linked to the transfer of health care responsibility from the Scottish Prison Service to NHS Scotland has had a meaningful impact on mental health support for prisoners.

Online & Financial Harm

[One Last Spin – documentary](#)

With growing awareness of gambling as a serious public health issue The Machine Zone Community Interest Company has co-produced a documentary *One Last Spin*. Made in and around Glasgow the film is intended for community events and training purposes. If you'd like to preview the film and receive more information please contact adrian@gamblingwatchscotland.org.uk.

[Digital inclusion. Using digital technology positively and safely: Practice Tool](#)

Digital skills and access to the internet can have a significant and positive impact on the lives of people with care and support needs, so long as any barriers to inclusion and access are addressed.

This easy read practice tool has been co-produced with a team of women who have learning disabilities, learning difficulties and/or autism. It draws from lived experience and research on accessing and using digital technologies and the internet.

[Fraud Focus - Impersonations of Cifas, Grand National and Electricity Meter Scams](#)

Cifas, the UK's leading fraud prevention service, is highlighting the latest fraud threats and warning the public to stay vigilant of the ever-changing tactics that scammers are using to extract money and information.

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Social Care & Practice

[Government commissions day services audit](#)

The Scottish government has asked for an audit of adult day and respite services across all Scotland's local authorities, amid concerns vital council-run social care services remain closed after being suspended at the beginning of the pandemic.

[Child Au - Child Safeguarding Practice Review](#)

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Child Safeguarding Practice Review publication. Au was a severely neglected 17-month-old child, who was later taken into care and her parents convicted of causing injury to their daughter.

Events

[Addressing Neglect and Enhancing Wellbeing: The role of GIRFEC in responding to the needs of families, 19.05.22, 09:30 – 11:00, Teams](#)

This is the third free online session in our Learning About Neglect webinar series for child protection leaders and practitioners across Scotland.

In this session, attendees will hear learning from CELCIS' Addressing Neglect and Enhancing Wellbeing (ANEW) Programme, which was funded by the Scottish Government as part of the national Child Protection Improvement Programme.

[Impact of the pandemic on the lives of people with intellectual disability, 19.05.22, 10 – 12:00](#)

The aim of this workshop is to both present evidence on what life has been like for people with a disability during the pandemic and point to directions for future policy development to help mitigate the impact.

[Providing emergency help to someone having an overdose: your experiences, 20.05.22, 13:00 – 14:15](#)

An SDF survey of people who have acted to help people who have overdosed shows that people have immediate and ongoing support needs and how these are currently met. This webinar shares the survey findings and explores implications for policy and practice

[Opportunities for meaningful participation in evaluation, 26.05.22, 12 – 13:00](#)

An Evaluation Stories webinar about how Matter of Focus worked with the Life Changes Trust Advisory Group (Young People with Care Experience). In this webinar they will focus on moments in our evaluation process that create opportunities for co-production or the meaningful participation of those with lived experience of the issue.

[Learning from projects: Participation through the Pandemic, 08.06.22, 10:00 – 11:30](#)

In 2021 Children in Scotland created a new peer research project to gain greater understanding of participation and engagement with children and young people through the pandemic. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear directly from the four peer researchers about their involvement in the project. You will also hear about the findings of their research.

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