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Dear colleague,

Thanks to our new team, we are now back on our regular two weekly cycle. As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection.

In October 2023, Trinity College Dublin hosted the Inaugural International Adult Safeguarding Conference, bringing together keynote speakers with a wealth of experience in adult safeguarding and exploring current issues in safeguarding adults in Ireland and internationally. Included in this edition is a link to the conference programme, recording and some of the speakers' presentations.

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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Colin Anderson,
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Children, Young People & Education

["Sometimes I Feel Like I'm in Prison": Placing Children in Hotel-Type Accommodation](#)

Report from the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland intended to support decision-makers and frontline practitioners in minimising the use of, and mitigating the harms caused by, hotel-type accommodation for children experiencing homelessness or seeking asylum. The report sets out the human rights framework relevant to use of hotel-type accommodation for children and families in any circumstance, whether in the asylum system or as part of a local authority response to homelessness.

[Care Leaver Payment: Consultation](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation to gather views on the Care Leaver Payment. The consultation contains questions on a range of issues including the purpose of the payment, the eligibility criteria of the payment, and the support required to apply for and manage the payment.

[Key Messages from Research on Harmful Sexual Behaviour in Online Contexts](#)

This paper brings together learning from existing research on children's use of digital communications technology and the internet in relation to this technology's role in their sexual behaviour and the potential for them to be sexually harmed or sexually harm others through its use.

[The Influence of Physical Activity on Care Experienced Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

Care-experienced children and young people are likely to experience early adversities that place them at increased risk of developing physical and mental health difficulties. Physical activity can help address the varied needs and interests of care-experienced children and young people and become a tool to manage mental health and well-being challenges. This narrative review was conducted to explore the qualitative literature that has captured the influence of physical activity on care-experienced children and young people's mental health and wellbeing, including what has been meaningful and why.

[Domestic Abuse and Child Contact in Scotland: The Perspectives of Family Law Practitioners](#)

This article draws on a survey of family law practitioners in Scotland undertaken to examine how, if at all, developments in domestic abuse proceedings and changing definitions in the context of criminal law in Scotland, inform the handling of child contact cases in the civil courts.

[Children's Resilience to Sibling Victimisation: The Role of Family, Peer, School, and Neighbourhood Factors](#)

This study explored longitudinal associations between sibling victimisation and mental health and wellbeing outcomes, and promotive and risk factors that predicted better or worse outcomes following victimisation.

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[No Bank of Mum and Dad](#)

Report from Barnardos exploring the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on young people when they first leave the care system. The report shares key findings and makes recommendations to government.

[Online Safety Bill Becomes Law](#)

The new Online Safety Act take a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm, while empowering adults with more choices over what they see online.

[“What upsets me is that I can’t be Grandma”: The Experiences of Grandparent Carers of Children with a Parent in Prison](#)

A report from Children Seen and Heard examining the experiences of grandparents who find themselves in the role of primary caregiver to a child whose parent is imprisoned.

[Children’s Rights Report April 2020 - March 2023](#)

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 requires the Care Inspectorate to publish a report every three years to show what steps have been taken to put the UNCRC into practice. This report covers progress during the period 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2023 and highlights a range of activities undertaken to protect, promote and defend children’s rights.

[Everyone’s Safer: Insights from a Year Tackling Sexual Harmful Behaviour in Schools](#)

Report from the Lucy Faithful Foundation detailing the findings from an action research project looking at what works to respond and prevent sexual harmful behaviour in schools and what can be done to help young people feel and be safer.

Disability

[Disability and Financial Hardship](#)

Research was undertaken by the Trussell Trust exploring how disability benefits contribute to the need for foodbanks in the UK. The research sought to understand the reasons for the overrepresentation of disabled people accessing food banks and the underclaiming of disability benefits among people in disabled households.

[Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and their Families](#)

Updated guidance from the Scottish Government to help improve the experiences of disabled children, young people, and their families.

Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Rosie's Story](#)

Someone with a learning disability is more likely to develop dementia than the rest of the population, sometimes at a younger age, and it may get worse more quickly than someone without a learning disability. This short film, by NHS England, shares what works to support timely diagnosis and a good life at home in the community, hearing from Rosie and some of the people involved in Rosie's care and support.

[Hospitals Can be Unsafe for People with Learning Disabilities](#)

Article from Learning Disability Today highlighting the findings from an investigation from the Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB) showing that the needs of learning disability patients are 'not consistently met' when they are cared for in hospital.

[Impact of Advocacy](#)

Produced by Learning Disability England and Speakup Self-Advocacy, this film tells the story of how self-advocacy has influenced and changed the lives of many people with a learning disability, helping them to become empowered to speak up for their rights and needs.

Mental Health & Trauma

[A Practical Handbook on Adverse Childhood Experiences: Delivering Prevention, Building Resilience and Developing Trauma-Informed Systems](#)

A resource from the World Health Organization (WHO) to support action on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by providing practical advice on implementing work to prevent ACEs, build resilience, and develop trauma-informed organisations, sectors and systems. It supports the development of a trauma-informed society that is invested in action to prevent ACEs and better support those affected by them.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Delivery Plan 2023-2025](#)

Mental health and wellbeing strategy delivery plan describing the work that will be undertaken to improve mental health for everyone in Scotland from 2023 to 2025. [This is also available in an easy read version.](#)

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Joint Call for Scottish Government to Improve Devolved Older Age Disability Payment](#)

A coalition of 15 national charities and organisations, coordinated by Age Scotland, is calling on the Scottish Government to improve its plans for the new Pension Age Disability Payment by including extra mobility and travel support for recipients.

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[Inaugural International Adult Safeguarding Conference](#)

The School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin hosted the Inaugural International Adult Safeguarding Conference in October 2023. International keynote speakers included Dr Yongjie Yon, World Health Organisation; Professor Thomas Goergen, German Police University, Muenster, Germany and Professor Gillian Manthorpe, NIHR Policy Research Unit in Health and Social Care Workforce, King's College London. The website provides access to the conference programme, the conference recording and some of the presentations.

[Adults with Incapacity - Delayed Discharge: Good Practice Guidance](#)

This guidance aims to provide HSCPs' models of good practice to support a reduction in delayed discharges where adults lack capacity. This should be read in conjunction with the [2022 Adults with Incapacity: Supporting Discharge from Hospital Guidance](#) issued by the Scottish Government and the Mental Welfare Commission, as well as the Scottish Government [Adults Who Lack Capacity - Discharge Process: Key Actions Guidance](#)

Carers

[Carer's Allowance Replacement to Launch in Scotland from Sunday](#)

From Sunday 19 November, a new benefit, Carer Support Payment, is rolling out in Scotland to replace Carer's Allowance. The new benefit is paid at the same rate as Carer's Allowance and will mostly have the same qualifying rules.

Housing & Homelessness

[On the Lowest Rung of the Ladder: How Social Exclusion, Perceived Economic Inequality and Stigma Increase Homeless People's Resignation](#)

This research investigates the psychological repercussions of social exclusion for homeless people who are among the most vulnerable, stigmatised, and neglected social groups in western societies. It also examined if individual and group processes related to the perception of economic inequality and identification with the homeless group could relate to the perception of social exclusion and its adverse implications.

[Judge Rules Rent Freeze Not Unlawful](#)

The rent freeze introduced by the Scottish Government is not unlawful, a senior judge has ruled after an appeal by private sector landlords.

[Glasgow Approves £527m Investment Programme to Help Build 7,500 Homes](#)

A £527 million Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for Glasgow over the next five years was approved yesterday.

Substance Use & Addictions

[National Mission on Drugs Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

Annual report from the Scottish Government setting out the progress made from April 2022 to March 2023 against the [National Drugs Mission Plan](#), aimed at reducing drug-related deaths and improving the lives of those impacted by drugs.

Equality & Poverty

[Glasgow Food Summit Event Report](#)

Glasgow Food Policy Partnership (GFPP) hosted the second Glasgow Food Summit at the Glasgow City Chambers on the 6th September 2023. The aim of the event was to update the audience on the progress/evaluation of the Glasgow City Food Plan over the last two years, to hear about national food-related developments and changing context, to learn from some UK and international speakers about their work, and to have discussions on the best way forward for a 'refreshed' Food Plan for the next eight years.

[Experiencing the Cost-of-Living Crisis: The Impact on Mental Health](#)

The Policy Institute, the ESRC Centre for Society and Mental Health at King's College London have published findings from their research that aims to understand how the cost-of-living crisis is impacting on people's everyday lives.

[Children Living in Long-Term Workless Households in the UK: 2022](#)

Statistical bulletin from the Office of National Statistics estimating of the number of children living in households where all adults have not worked for at least 12 months.

Gender Based Violence

[Safe & Together: An Introduction to the Model Online Course](#)

The Safe and Together Model is an internationally recognised suite of tools and interventions designed to help child- and family-serving systems become domestic violence-informed. This child-centered Model derives its name from the concept that children are best served when we can work toward keeping them safe and together with the non-offending parent (the adult domestic violence survivor). The Model provides a framework for partnering with domestic violence survivors and intervening with domestic violence perpetrators in order to enhance the safety and well-being of children. To access the course for free, enter the code **Free** when purchasing the course.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[The Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in Scotland](#)

Report from the Scottish Parliament Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee exploring the experiences of asylum seekers understand and analysing the extent, nature and quality of work in Scotland for respecting the human rights of asylum seekers and enabling refugee integration.

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[Thousands of Lone Child Asylum Seekers Left in Limbo by Home Office](#)

Article from The Guardian highlighting that since 2020 more than 7,500 children in UK have waited more than a year for initial asylum decision – and 57 for more than five years.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Risk of Criminal Justice System Interactions in Young Adults with ADHD](#)

Article examining criminal justice system (CJS) interactions and pathways through the justice system for young adults with ADHD compared to young adults without ADHD.

[Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements \(MAPPA\) in Scotland: National Overview Report 2022-2023](#)

The Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), are a set of statutory partnership working arrangements introduced in 2007. This report, published by the Scottish Government, provides an overview of the main national developments in relation to MAPPA during the reporting period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

[The Cost Crisis and Crime in Scotland](#)

Occasional paper from the Scottish Government examining the relationship between the cost of living and crime in Scotland.

[Glasgow Youth Court](#)

Article from Centre for Justice Innovation highlighting the Youth Court in Glasgow and the findings from the evaluation.

[Reviewing Scotland's Approach to Antisocial Behaviour](#)

Report from the Scottish Government presenting the findings from work undertaken to gather views on the current approach to antisocial behaviour in Scotland. It is based on discussions with key stakeholders across Scotland including those who have experienced antisocial behaviour, frontline staff seeking to prevent and tackle antisocial behaviour and community and equality groups, including those representing minority communities in Scotland.

[Criminal Proceedings in Scotland, 2021-22](#)

Statistical bulletin from the Scottish Government presenting details of criminal proceedings concluded in Scottish courts and on a range of measures available as alternatives to prosecution, which are issued by the police and by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Scottish Local Authorities Find it Difficult to Recruit Social Workers](#)

Report from Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) publishing findings from their first six-monthly survey report which analyses the landscape of Scotland's filled and vacant social worker and senior social worker posts in local authorities.

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[A Roadmap for Creating Trauma-Informed and Responsive Change: Guidance for Organisations, Systems and Workforces in Scotland](#)

This Roadmap has been designed to help services and organisations identify and reflect on progress, strengths and opportunities for embedding a trauma-informed and responsive approach across policy and practice.

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

[Making Space for Autism in the Classroom: How to Provide a Safe Emotional Environment for Education Webinar 21/11/23 6.30pm-7.30pm](#)

Historically, there has been an expectation that autistic children and adults should conform their behaviour to social norms, with strategies and interventions centred around navigating spaces and situations with minimal damage. The person-centred environmental assessment and modification programme presented in Making Space for Autism moves away from this, providing information and tools for assessing and reflecting on features of the autistic person's environment to best support their comfort, autonomy and agency. For teachers, parents, students and anyone who works in an educational setting. This is a free event.

[Sexual Harm Webinar: Working with Children Under 12 Who Display Harmful Sexual Behaviour 29/11/23 1.00pm - 3.30pm](#)

Webinar from the Forensic Network and NOTA exploring:

- What is known about behaviours, causes and motivating factors in pre-adolescent children who present with harmful sexual behaviour;
- Best practice in relation to assessment of children under 12 who display harmful sexual behaviour;
- Best practice in relation to interventions of children under 12 who display harmful sexual behaviour, including safety planning;
- International learning from changing age of criminal responsibility on policy and practice with pre-adolescent children who display harmful sexual behaviour.

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[Future-Proofing Housing for Ageing Webinar 23/11/23 2.30pm-4.00pm](#)

Professor Vikki McCall outlines her research and the evidence base that supports housing as one of the most tangible ways to futureproof for the ageing population. They will explore the barriers to adaptations, the role of technology and how we design for healthy cognitive and physical ageing in our homes and environments. Furthermore, this webinar explores how we can tackle stigma and overcome discrimination and exclusion through inclusive design.

[Health inequalities: What's changed and what now? Seminar 23/11/23 1.00pm-3.00pm](#)

Chaired by award-winning journalist Dani Garavelli and led by Dr David Walsh, GCPH, and Professor Gerry McCartney, University of Glasgow, this seminar will outline what has changed in relation to health inequalities over the past 20 years in Scotland, and importantly what has driven those changes. The seminar will be held at University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre. The event is free, but registration is required.