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Public Protection Bulletin

16th September 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.

As before, this needs to be a two-way process so 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 ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

Following on from the success of the Child Protection Committee Neglect Summit, the Adult Support and Protection Committee will hold its first conference on **Wednesday 2 November**. The event will be facilitated in person at Hampden Park, with an option for attendees to join remotely via a live link.

The programme will include presentations on themes from our recent Significant Case Reviews, neglect and self-neglect, advocacy services, and communicating with service users. We also intend to consider how the wider structural inequalities in society interplay with ASP. We will have a range of speakers on the day to ensure a good balance between academic research and policy in practice in Glasgow and wider UK context.

If you would like to book a place or request a link to the live streaming, please complete the [application](#) and return to [SW GlasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:SW_GlasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk), or contact the Committee Team for further details.

COVID – 19

[The continuing impact of COVID-19 on health and inequalities](#)

[New report by the Health Foundation](#) looks at the direct impact of COVID-19 on health outcomes and the broader implications for health and the wider determinants.

[Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Family Carers of Those with Profound and Multiple Intellectual Disabilities](#)

A study that explored the views of non-government sector workers across the UK and Ireland who supported families of people with profound and multiple intellectual disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Adolescent Mental Health and Substance Use](#)

The aim of this study is to determine whether COVID-19-induced financial impact, stress, loneliness, and isolation were related to perceived changes in adolescent mental health and substance use.

Children, Young People & Education

[A joint inspection of services for children and young people at risk of harm in East Renfrewshire](#)

Found consistent clear strengths in ensuring children and young people at risk of harm are safe, protected and supported, with no significant areas for improvement identified.

[Completing social work chronologies: Practice Tool from Research in Practice](#)

Chronologies are a vital tool for practitioners working with children and their families, supporting practice in several different ways.

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They are crucial to:

- capture significant events in the child and family's life
- consider the child's felt and lived experience
- understand the source of actual and potential harm impacting on children and young people
- identify protective factors and to decide next steps for intervention in a range of contexts.

This practice tool aims to support social workers and their managers to navigate these complexities by providing an overview of the process that should be applicable to a range of contexts.

[New report focuses on deaths from suicide among young people in Scotland](#)

'[Suicide among young people in Scotland](#)' report highlights that suicide was the leading cause of death among children and young adults, accounting for one in four (25.7%) lives lost, during the period 2011 to 2020. It also highlights that those across the 5-24 age group who died by suicide were less likely to have had contact with a healthcare service in the period before death, compared to older adults who died by suicide.

[Disabled Children and Young People \(Transitions to Adulthood\) \(Scotland\) Bill – detailed call for views](#)

The Scottish Parliament would like your views on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill. This Bill seeks to improve opportunities for disabled children and young people as they grow up.

The Bill is a Member's Bill introduced by Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP on 20 April 2022. A Member's Bill is introduced by an individual MSP, not the Scottish Government. The MSP hopes the Bill will provide disabled children and young people with support to help them transition to adulthood.

[Childline Glasgow appeal for volunteers](#)

Childline Glasgow is looking for volunteers to become counsellors on their helpline. The service saw a 40 per cent reduction in the number of volunteers during the pandemic while demand for the service continues to grow as families face increased pressures with soaring bills, job uncertainties and the energy crisis. The minimum age to apply is 16 and volunteers must be fluent in English. Anyone interested in volunteering can email volunteerrecruitment@nspcc.org.uk.

[Vulnerability in Infancy](#)

Descriptive analysis of vulnerability in infancy using data from the Community Services Dataset (CSDS).

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[Conversations around grief, bereavement and loss](#)

To support conversations around grief, bereavement and loss with children and young people, South Lanarkshire's Inclusion as Prevention (IAP) project is sharing videos created by the Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team (SWYDT).

[The Importance of Peer Support in Safeguarding](#)

This podcast, part of the Safeguarding Matters series, considers issues around peer support, and features conversations with professionals working within the world of sport to understand the value and role of safeguarding peers.

[Getting It Right for Every Child – Wellbeing Assessment 2022: Statutory Guidance](#)

An analysis of responses received to the consultation on the 'Getting it right for every child' – statutory guidance - assessment of wellbeing 2022 – Part 18 (section 96) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Complex needs college appoints its first head](#)

Scotland's first dedicated complex needs college has appointed its inaugural head of college ahead of classes starting this month. Liz McConnachie will take the reins at Capability Scotland's Corseford College in Renfrewshire as it prepares to welcome its first intake of 15 students to the campus.

[Make life more inclusive: understanding disabled people's access to activities, products and services](#)

An important part of Office for National Statistics's work is to identify and provide insight into inequalities in society. One key area we are exploring is the lives of disabled people. We have recently published two new pieces of analysis looking at access to activities, products and services.

[Navigating a Complex Landscape: The Human Rights Bill for Scotland and the Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodiversity Bill](#)

SCLD's position statement on the legislative landscape and the human rights of people with learning disabilities.

Mental Health

[Mental Health Officers \(Scotland\) Report 2021](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council's annual report on the Mental Health Officer workforce.

[Perinatal Mental Health Literacy](#)

A study that aimed to collect the existing evidence of mental health literacy associated with perinatal mental health problems among perinatal women and the public.

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[IRISS Improving multi-agency adult support and protection conferences](#)

Created in partnership with the National Adult Protection Coordinator (NAPC), we have created a course that supports professionals to understand and improve practice in multi-agency adult support and protection conferences (commonly referred to as case conferences).

The course is suitable for any professional working with adults at risk who wants to learn more about these conferences. This includes social workers, health professionals, advocates, the police, and those in the voluntary sector.

[A Remote Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Approach to Treating Hoarding Disorder in an Older Adult](#)

A case study that presents an account of a remote-CBT intervention for hoarding disorder in an older adult, demonstrating the challenges, strengths and overall effectiveness of this approach.

Carers

[The Mental and Physical Health of Young Carers](#)

A systematic review that aimed to summarise studies assessing the mental and physical health of young carers.

[Explaining Caregiver Burden in a Large Sample of UK Dementia Caregivers](#)

A study that explored the role of contextual factors, behavioural problems, psychological resilience, and anticipatory grief in dementia caregiver burden.

Housing & Homelessness

[Housing sector reacts to Programme for Government rent freeze](#)

A combined rent freeze and moratorium on evictions to help people through the cost crisis was announced as the centrepiece of the [2022-23 Programme for Government](#) (PfG).

[New homes approved for young care leavers in Glasgow](#)

Barnardo's Scotland has been given permission to develop a vacant site in Maryhill into accommodation which will help young people transition from being in care to being independent tenants.

[Correlates of Acquiring a Traumatic Brain Injury Before Experiencing Homelessness](#)

A study that explored the rates and directionality, along with mental health correlates, of traumatic brain injury and homelessness.

Substance Use & Addictions

[‘Why would we not want to keep everybody safe?’](#)

An exploration of the views of family members of people who use drugs on the implementation of drug consumption rooms in Scotland.

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Equality & Poverty

[A Minimum Income Standard for the UK in 2022](#)

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's annual update of the Minimum Income Standard (MIS), which sets out the living standards everyone in the UK should be able to have.

[Fuel Poverty, Cold Homes and Health Inequalities in the UK](#)

The third review of fuel poverty and cold homes from the Institute of Health Equity.

Gender Based Violence

[First Domestic Abuse Strategic Plan for HSCP - have your say](#)

The Strategic Plan pledges to improve our services to people who are or have been affected by domestic abuse, and to improve our response to people who cause harm through domestic abuse.

The [Draft Domestic Abuse Strategic Plan](#) describes what GCHSCP will do over the next 3 years to make sure people affected by domestic abuse receive the best possible care and explains what will be put in place to make sure our staff are able to achieve this. It also outlines how we will improve the way we work with our partners and how we will continue to seek the involvement of people with lived experience in the design and evaluation of domestic abuse services.

You have until Friday 14 October to give your views on the Strategic Plan by completing the survey.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Safeguarding those arriving from Ukraine](#)

The Scottish Government has updated its guidance for all practitioners involved in safeguarding of children and adults who are arriving in Scotland from Ukraine to identify and respond to risk and need.

[Modern slavery shoots up by 10 million in five years](#)

Modern slavery is a growing challenge thanks to a mix of armed conflict, climate change and the global pandemic, a new UN report says. International Labour Organisation (ILO) estimates suggest that 50 million people - or one out of every 150 people alive - are trapped in forced labour or forced marriages.

[Robina Qureshi: Homes for Ukraine - six months on](#)

Six months since the beginning of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, Robina Qureshi, CEO of Positive Action in Housing, a refugee homelessness charity which began the Room for Refugees Network in 2002, argues that the initiative has corrupted the concept of refugee hosting.

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Crime, Justice & Prisons, Community Safety

[Sexual, Physical, and Emotional Maltreatment in Childhood Are Differentially Associated With Sexual and Physical Revictimisation in Adulthood](#)

A study that examined whether sexual and physical victimisation risk in adulthood is associated with specific childhood maltreatment types (i.e., sexual vs. physical vs. emotional maltreatment vs. neglect) and perpetrators.

[Knife Crime Offender Characteristics and Interventions](#)

A systematic review that aimed to synthesise evidence on the characteristics of knife offenders and interventions aimed at the reduction of knife crime.

[National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland Survey 2022](#)

The Missing Persons Framework was launched in May 2017. The Framework set out how organisations can play a positive role in both reducing the number of people going missing, and the harm related to those that do.

The Scottish Government wish to update their understanding of the implementation of the Framework, as this will help to guide the development of the National Implementation Project across Scotland and help to support continuous improvement based on tailoring best practice to local needs and circumstances.

We would be grateful if you could please complete the following survey and pass it onto relevant colleagues and partners by **30th September 2022**. It would be very helpful if everyone involved in work to support missing people and their families, or in activity aimed at the prevention of people going missing, could respond to the survey.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Scottish Social Service Sector: Report on 2021 Workforce Data](#)

This report combines administrative data from the Scottish Care Inspectorate with data collected directly from local authorities to form a picture of the paid workforce employed in the social service sector in Scotland at the end of 2021.

[The See Me in Work Programme](#)

Helps employers to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination in their organisation and create a better workplace for all their employees.

Online & Financial Harm

[ProjectEVOLVE reaches milestone](#)

The award winning digital literacy toolkit, [ProjectEVOLVE](#), has reached a groundbreaking milestone of 10,000 accounts. Developed by [SWGfL](#) and the UK Safer Internet Centre, ProjectEVOLVE is used by schools and education professionals across the country, providing free resources and activities for online development and safety for children and young people.

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[Child Wellbeing in a Digital Age: Trends and Outcomes](#)

Research that explored existing evidence around children's use of digital technology in relation to three wellbeing outcomes: social relationships, mental health, and physical health.

Events

[Towards Implementation: The MAT Standards Webinar Series, Multiple dates](#)

The effective implementation of the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards will transform treatment services and the experience of people in treatment. Delivering the National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and the treatment engagement target depends on this transformation being made.

This webinar series will explore how progress with implementation is being made in settings across Scotland and the challenge that remains.

[Resilience After Trauma: The Emerging Science of Dose, 22/09/22, 2.30 – 4.00pm, 50 George Square, Edinburgh](#)

The first event in Edinburgh University's 22/23 Social Work Seminar Series, presented by Sherry Hamby, Ph.D., University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, USA.

Please note that this talk will be recorded and will be made available to view after the event. To receive updates on this please email claire.buchan@ed.ac.uk to request to join their seminar mailing list.

[Holyrood Events Children and Families Festival 4-6 October](#)

Within national children and families policies in Scotland, the care system, mental health and wellbeing and poverty are central. This conference will focus on these themes, with day one dedicated to looking at The Promise of the Independent Care Review and what is needed to realise The Promise for children and families.

[Trauma Informed Responses to Disclosures of Gender Based Violence, 05/10/22, 3.00 – 4.30pm, 40 George Square, The University of Edinburgh](#)

The second event in the 22/23 Social Work Seminar Series, presented by Professor Ramona Alaggia from the University of Toronto, in collaboration with Children 1st, Scotland's National Children's Charity. This event will include an introduction from Children 1st CEO, Mary Glasgow.

[Introducing resources to support Making Safeguarding Personal, 10/10/22, MS Teams, 12 – 2pm](#)

This webinar from Research in Practice is for people who are supporting the learning of others, introducing some new filmed resources to support practice in relation to Making Safeguarding Personal.

Two new sets of resources have been developed with funding from the CHiP programme. The first resources are an overview and introduction to Making Safeguarding Personal,

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returning to first principals. The second resources are filmed resources to support practice in relation to self-neglect and Making Safeguarding Personal.

This session will give ideas and tips about how to use these new resources in learning sessions, alongside other resources to support Making Safeguarding Personal.

Please note in order to request your place at this event you will need to have a Research in Practice account.

[Clinical Forum: Forensic CAMHS, 26/10/22, Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling](#)

This event will be chaired by Dr Helen Smith, Consultant Forensic Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Foxgrove (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service), NHS Ayrshire & Arran. Please see the programme online for details. Cost is £55 per delegate.

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