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**Public Protection Bulletin
19th March 2025**



Dear colleague,

Social Work Week runs from 17th March to 21st March 2025, which coincides with World Social Work Day on 19th March 2025, celebrating the important contribution that social workers make to supporting communities. Find out more on the [SSSC website](#).

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.

Best wishes

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Supporting Meaningful Connection when People are Living with Dementia](#)

The Meaningful Connection, Visiting and Anne's Law Project has published a factsheet that includes practical ideas and strategies for care staff, family carers, and anyone else involved in caring for someone living with dementia, while recognising that everyone is unique and will experience their dementia journey differently.

[Older Women in the UK: Building a picture of older women's lives](#)

A report from Age UK on research that aimed to build a picture of the lives of older women in the UK.

[Adult Social Care in the UK Scale, Structure, Funding and Financial Performance of the Independent Sector](#)

Most formal (i.e. paid) adult social care activity in the UK relates to three broad service lines: care homes for older people / dementia, care homes for younger adults (18-64), mainly for learning disabled people, homecare and supported living, for adults of all ages. This report summarises key information on the structure of each market segment in turn. Where possible, the analysis is at the England level, but for reasons of data availability and consistency most is at the UK level.

Children, Young People & Families

[Informing Bairns' Hoose Implementation in Scotland: A literature review](#)

A literature review that draws on international insights and good practice examples from across North America and Europe, including services that fully or partially adopt the Barnahus model and standards.

[Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World: Year four index report 2025](#)

The fourth in a series of annual reports from Internet Matters that evaluate and track the impact of digital technology on children's wellbeing.

[Pathways Into and Through Higher Education for Young People with Experiences of Children's Social Care](#)

Research published by Oxford University's Rees Centre and Centre for Transforming Access and Student Outcomes (TASO) shows evidence that pathways to higher education for young people with experience of children's social care tend to vary depending on the type, and period, of experience with children's social care.

[Nourishing the Future: Making healthy food accessible for every child](#)

This report from Barnardo's draws on insight from children, young people, parents and Barnardo's practitioners, and experts in child health and nutrition, and sets out a series of recommendations for the government on making healthy, nutritious food more accessible.

[Sibling Sexual Abuse: The implications for practice of research conducted since 1980](#)

In this webinar recording from CYCJ, Dr Peter Yates provides an overview of some of the main findings and key recommendations for practice from a comprehensive review of forty years of research on sibling sexual abuse. The webinar will be of particular interest to anyone who supports children and young people who have engaged in harmful sexual behaviour, or who seek to support the families in such a situation.

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[CPCScotland Podcast - Episode 1: Grooming](#)

The first in a series of CPCScotland podcasts. This episode features Daljeet Dagon and Stuart Allardyce (The Lucy Faithfull Foundation) discussing the topic of grooming. These podcasts will be of interest to all professionals as well as members of the public who wish to gain a deeper understanding of key topics in child protection.

[Scotland's Care System for Children and Young People: Subject profile 2025 update](#)

The Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) has published an updated subject briefing about the care of children and young people in Scotland, developed with insight from CELCIS, which covers care system reform, key legislation, Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and care arrangements. While aimed at MSPs, it provides a useful overview of a complex topic which may be of use across local partnerships and organisations.

[Why Language Matters: How using the term 'disguised compliance' can be problematic](#)

NSPCC Learning has published a Why language matters blog and a [Learning from case reviews briefing](#) on the use of the term 'disguised compliance' and the implications for practice. The blog explores why the term can be misleading, unhelpful and blaming. It highlights how professionals should more clearly describe caregiver behaviour, build relationships with families and assess caregiver capacity to change.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Supporting Workers' Health and Access to Better Work: Exploring the role for government, services and employers](#)

This report from the Learning and Work Institute sets out what is known about what works to support disabled people and people with long-term health conditions. The report draws on findings from an evidence review and expert roundtables and considers the evidence across three domains.

[Commercial Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\) and Women with Learning Disabilities in Scotland](#)

This report from CSE Aware was born from the recognition that there is a significant knowledge gap on the issue of CSE and its intersection with this particularly vulnerable group of women. Whilst the present report is not the much needed full-scale research which Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) and CSE Aware are calling for, it does provide initial findings and recommendations from the exploratory research.

[New AI Model Aims to Improve Hospital Care for People with a Learning Disability](#)

Scientists have developed a new artificial intelligence (AI) model that can predict how long a person with a learning disability needs to stay in hospital, which could help improve care and reduce health inequality.

Education

[Council Launches Campaign to Increase School Attendance After Drop-Off](#)

Glasgow City Council is launching a new campaign to try and increase school attendance rates. The 'Attendance Matters Every Day' campaign is aiming to

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highlight the problem of poor attendance rates and encourage parents and carers to send their children to school every day.

Equality & Poverty

[Children's Benefits in Scotland: Clearing up confusion to maximise take up](#)

This briefing from Child Poverty Action Group raises the alarm about several myths and misunderstandings concerning Scottish child payment that advisers commonly hear from families. The briefing also contains evidence from CPAG in Scotland's Early Warning System, which collects and analyses case evidence from frontline workers.

Events & Courses

[Emerging Insight Children's Services Reform Research Webinar: Leading for Change - 26/03/25 - 2.15pm-3.45pm - MS Teams](#)

CELCIS is hosting a webinar with Dr Heather Ottaway, the Children's Services Reform Research study's Principal Investigator and CELCIS's Head of Evidence and Innovation, which will look at what the research tells us about leadership in the context of reforming services. Mike Burns, Programme Director, Child Poverty and Prevention, Glasgow City Council, and Lorraine Sanda MBE, Strategic Director (People), Clackmannanshire Council will reflect on what it takes for leaders to implement transformational change; and what support leaders need nationally and locally to achieve this.

[Safer Independent Aging Webinar: Hourglass and the Churchill Foundation - 01/04/25 - 2pm-3.30pm - Online](#)

Hourglass and the Churchill Foundation will be exploring the vital connection between safer ageing and independent living, highlighting the challenges and opportunities this brings for older people and speak about how this partnership will look to drive change.

[Making the Links - Lunchtime Briefing Sessions - Various Dates in April - Online](#)

This series of lunchtime sessions from CSE Aware will discuss the impact of commercial sexual exploitation on underconsidered groups of women in Scotland. Our series will present key reflections from research we conducted last year and introduce our new policy briefings. The briefings include:

- [Women with Learning Disabilities and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 02/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm](#)
- [Migrant Women and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 09/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm - Online](#)
- [Motherhood and Commercial Sexual Exploitation - 16/04/25 - 12noon-12.45pm - Online](#)

[NHS Education for Scotland Annual Conference 2025 - Learning for Change: Tackling Health Inequity through Education and Workplace Learning - 24-25th April 2025 - EventsAIR](#)

NES is delighted to confirm that it will once again be hosting the conference online over two days in April 2025. This conference is for colleagues from all professional disciplines across health and social care with an interest in education and training, workforce development and digital solutions. There will be a number of plenary and parallel sessions run by all professional groups and an opportunity for joint sessions highlighting interprofessional learning.

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[Children & Young People's Centre for Justice \(CYCJ\): National Youth Justice Conference 2025 - 11/06/25-12/06/25 - Stirling](#)

CYCJ's National Youth Justice conference takes place in Stirling on June 11 and 12, 2025 and the theme is 'Childhood, Safeguarding and the Children's Hearing System'. They have some excellent keynote speakers lined up who will help to explore complex practice issues such as Contextual Safeguarding and Child Criminal Exploitation. With significant reforms to the Children's Hearing System already underway, CYCJ will address some of the challenges and opportunities when it comes to supporting children in conflict with the law. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Training

This multi-agency session is aimed at staff with a particular interest and/or who work with people within the protected characteristic groups. This opportunity forms part of a multi-agency approach to tackle hate crime in the city and within the context of wider Public Protection aims to support staff increase awareness of the subject. This course is delivered by Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership learning and development section, Health Improvement and Police Scotland.

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- define hate crime
- name the current forms of prejudice covered under Scottish Legislation
- locate and complete the online Hate Crime Form

Course dates – click on a date below to book:

[Wednesday, 23 April 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday, 5 August 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

[Tuesday, 7 October 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

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 be 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. **Please ensure that you provide an email address for at least one attendee so that you can be sent the pre and post-course materials.**

Dates are as follows:

[15th April 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

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[20th May 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

[16th June 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

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

Dates are as follows:

[9th April 2025](#)

[6th May 2025](#)

[4th June 2025](#)

Please ensure that you provide an email address for at least one attendee so that you can be send the pre and post-course materials.

Multi-Agency Briefing: Child Protection Committee (CPC)

As part of the Getting to Know Your Governance Campaign, the Public Protection Committees Team invites you to attend a Multi-Agency Briefing on Glasgow City Child Protection Committee. The session will be delivered over MS Teams.

Participants will:

- Understand the role and functions of Child Protection Committees
- Understand the interface between Child Protection Committees and operational practice
- Understand the structure and membership of Glasgow Child Protection Committee
- Understand the aims and objectives of Glasgow Child Protection Committee

Sign up for the following dates:

[Tuesday 29th April 2025 - 2pm - 3pm - MS Teams](#)

[Thursday 29th May 2025 - 10am-11am - MS Teams](#)

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Sign up for the following dates:

[Wednesday, 2 April 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

[Thursday, 1 May 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

Gender Based Violence

[Sophie's Stop](#)

Sophie's Stop is a resource developed by young women for young women - between the ages of 16 and 21 - living in Glasgow. It is an interactive, non-profit, comprehensive resource designed to connect young women and their loved ones with information about violence against women and girls and support services that are available in Glasgow City. They have also launched a short video, [Where We Stop](#), which was created to raise awareness of coercive control behaviours and warning signs.

[The Impact and Risk Factors of Adolescent Domestic Abuse: A rapid systematic review](#)

The Violence and Society Centre has published a rapid systematic review of adolescent domestic abuse in collaboration with the UKPRP Violence, Health and Society consortium (VISION). The review aims to improve understanding of intimate partner abuse between adolescents, and focused on the impact, and risk and protective factors for children under 16.

Health and Social Care

[How Racism Affects Health](#)

Many aspects of people's lives impact their health and how long they live, including whether they can access the essential building blocks of good health. This report from the Health Foundation/Runnymede Trust explores how race intersects with three of those key building blocks – employment, wealth and the lived environment.

[What is Preventing Prevention? - The 10 Barriers and Solutions to Improving the Nation's Health](#)

This report from Solace explores the stagnation and, in certain demographics, reversal, in life expectancy in the UK. Following a range of in depth interview and eight workshops with more than fifty senior local authority officers, including chief executives as well as subject specialists working in academia and think tanks, this report highlights 10 key barriers to more prevention schemes and proposes solutions to overcome each of them.

[Self-Directed Support Improvement Plan 2023-2027: Monitoring, evaluation and learning framework](#)

A document that explains how the Scottish Government and partners will measure progress of the self-directed support improvement plan by collecting evidence of the impact of activities and the story towards positive change.

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Housing & Homelessness

[Housing Bill Could Extend Awaab's Law to Scotland](#)

Social housing residents in Scotland will be given greater protection against issues of disrepair in their homes such as damp and mould through the introduction of Awaab's Law.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Scottish Government to Fund a National Support Service for People Affected by Self-Harm](#)

An article on the Scottish Government website announcing the development of a national service supporting people affected by self-harm is to benefit from £1.5 million of Scottish Government funding over the next two years.

[Mental Capacity Report - March 2025](#)

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

[A Fundamental Right: Barriers and facilitators to voting and registration for people with mental health difficulties](#)

This report from the Centre for Mental Health explores the factors that prevent people with mental health difficulties from registering to vote or participating in elections.

[National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health UK Annual Report 2025](#)

The 2025 annual report from the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership provides findings relating to people aged 10 and above who died by suicide between 2012 and 2022 across the UK and Jersey. Additional findings are presented on the number of people under mental health care who have been convicted of homicide, and those in the general population in the UK. There is also [an infographic](#).

[Mind the Age Gap: Making mental health matter across the life course](#)

A report from the International Longevity Centre highlighting the key challenges facing mental health care systems globally, and the solutions that could make a difference

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](#).

Practice, Organisation & Workforce Matters

[Staff Vacancies in Care Services 2023](#)

A joint Scottish Social Services Council and Care Inspectorate report that examines the levels of staff vacancies in Scotland's social care services in 2022.

[Integration Joint Boards' Finance Bulletin 2023/24](#)

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This report from Audit Scotland, and accompanying interactive tool, present the findings of an analysis of Integration Joint Boards' annual accounts for 2023/24 and the annual audit reports produced by local auditors.

[Custody Inspection Report Greater Glasgow](#)

This joint custody inspection from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) and Health Improvement Scotland (HIS) focuses on the delivery of custody services by Police Scotland and associated healthcare provision by NHS board and Health and Social Care Partnerships in the Greater Glasgow area. The inspection is underpinned by the joint HIS and HMICS Framework to inspect that ensures a consistent, objective and human rights-based approach to the collaborative work. This report presents the findings of the inspection.

[Scottish Government Urged to Act In Relation to Violence Against Staff in NHS](#)

The Scottish government is being told it must act to eradicate violence against NHS Scotland staff, as newly-released figures show there have been over 51,000 violent incidents since 2019 – disproportionately against nurses.

[Creating a Safer World: The challenge of regulating online pornography](#)

An assessment of the legislation, regulation and enforcement of pornography and recommendations for government and regulatory bodies from the UK Government.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Navigating the Asylum System: Evaluation of Scottish Refugee Council's Family Rights Service](#)

This report is the culmination of data collected through the evaluation of the Family Rights Service, which began in January 2022 with evaluation work beginning in August of that year. Data collection ended in June 2024.

[Experiences of Migrant Women Selling or Exchanging Sex in the UK](#)

in the UK, and in Scotland in particular, very little is known about migrant women's experiences of selling or exchanging sex and their interaction with services. In response to this gap, CSE Aware conducted a small scoping exercise to identify what is known and what is not known about migrant women and their involvement in the sex industry in Scotland. Whilst limited in its scope and findings, this report aims to be a conversation-starter and to demonstrate why migrant women must be at the centre of conversations around commercial sexual exploitation in Scotland.

[Hidden Hardships: The immigration system and child poverty](#)

A new report published by the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) in conjunction with the human rights organisation Praxis, which works with migrants and refugees, has found that children from migrant families are disproportionately impacted by poverty due to their parents being denied access to welfare payments and other public funding as a result of their immigration status.

Substance Use & Addiction

[NHSGGC Drugs Harm Briefing: Rapid onset overdoses](#)

A briefing from NHSGGC for people who provide services to people who use drugs and people who use drugs, their friends and family, following continued reports of rapid onset overdoses requiring treatment or resulting in hospital admission or death.

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[Alcohol-Specific and Alcohol-Related Deaths: What does it all mean?](#)

A short briefing from the Institute of Alcohol Studies that explains the difference between these two terms as used in data analysis and measurements of alcohol-related harm.