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## Public Protection Bulletin

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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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### COVID – 19

#### [Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for Substance Misuse Services](#)

A study that aimed to help substance misuse services learn lessons and identify ways of optimising delivery and minimising harm in the event of any future lockdowns or global crises.

#### [Mental Health and Access to Information in Times of COVID-19: The Role of Social Work](#)

Exploratory research that aimed to establish which elements successfully facilitated access to online information for people with mental health problems during the pandemic.

#### [Children's social care 2022: recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

The UK Government has published new research and analysis, 'Children's social care 2022: recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic', which explores the specific pressures on the children's social care sector in England during the pandemic, including 'the damaging impact of staff shortages on children's social care'.

#### [Disabled children's, young people's, and carers' experiences of accessing healthcare services and supports during the pandemic](#)

The ALLIANCE's Children and Young People Programme commissioned Dr Liliana Arias-Urueña (University of Edinburgh) to conduct research exploring the experiences of disabled children's, young people's, and their carers' experiences of accessing health care, social care services, and social security during the COVID-19 pandemic. Carried out over the course of three months with five families across Scotland, the research uncovered some of the challenges that children and young people who are disabled or living with a long-term condition have faced when trying to access support.

### Children, Young People & Education

#### [Child Protection Learning and Development Consultant Recruitment](#)

CELCIS have advertised for the above post to support the implementation of the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (2021). The closing date for applications is 14/09/22. Informal enquiries can be made to [Ruth Sills](#), Protecting Children Programme Lead.

#### [Mental Health and Wellbeing Services for Young People in Glasgow](#)

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Health Improvement, in partnership with GCVS, recently held a series of information sessions, on a range of mental health and wellbeing services, available to young people in Glasgow.

For those who were unable to attend, or for a reminder and more details about the services, please visit the website, where you can find information, materials and visual recordings from each service represented during the session.

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### [Care Inspectorate Learning Reviews for Children National Overview Report](#)

This report offers initial reflections on the learning review processes based on the notifications the Care Inspectorate have received, and from the experiences of Child Protection Committees (CPCs) involved in the learning review process.

### [Child Q: Schoolgirl strip-search not isolated issue, police data suggests](#)

The strip-search of a black girl by police at school in east London was not an isolated case, England's children's commissioner has said.

### [Where does Scotland stand with the attainment gap?](#)

As pupils across Scotland receive their results, the BBC has looked at where the country's attainment gap stands - and how it has been affected by exams, the pandemic and government policy.

### [Bairns' Hoose \(Scottish Barnahus\) draft standards consultation](#)

Children and young people in Scotland have the chance to have their views heard on a new approach giving those who have experienced abuse a say in the support they receive. The draft standards for Bairns' Hoose, published by Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, outline a new concept in Scotland supporting a child-centred response to health and justice for victims and witnesses of serious crime and abuse. The standards also apply to those under the age of criminal responsibility whose behaviour may have caused harm to others.

Organisations who work with children and young people may be eligible for a small grant to reimburse sessional costs for undertaking participation work during the 12-week period.

If you would prefer to complete a word version of the form, or you are interested in a feedback session or focus group, please contact by email at [his.barnahusstandards@nhs.scot](mailto:his.barnahusstandards@nhs.scot)

Please note that the consultation closes at midnight on Friday 4 November 2022.

### [Your Right to Continuing Care](#)

An information resource from CELCIS to help inform care experienced young people in Scotland about continuing care.

The resource is also designed to help their carers, and the professionals responsible for their care, to understand their duties to provide continuing care, and are better able to support the children and young people they care for to understand their rights, what they are entitled to, and why it's important, so that they are aware of what the local authority who shares responsibility for looking after them needs to provide and consider for a young person's care until they are 21.

### [Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit 2022](#)

This toolkit has been developed to support frontline practitioners to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation.

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### **Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties**

#### [This is Me: Valuing the lives of people with learning disabilities](#)

Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory are collaborating with the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities, Down's Syndrome Scotland and Promoting a More Inclusive Society (PAMIS) on 'This is Me: Valuing the lives of people with learning disabilities'. This new campaign aims to increase public awareness of the experiences of people with learning disabilities.

#### [The patients locked in secure hospitals for decades](#)

Scots with learning disabilities and autism have been locked in secure hospitals and psychiatric wards for decades, a BBC investigation has found.

#### [UK disability statistics: Prevalence and life experiences](#)

This briefing brings together disability data from a range of sources, providing information on the size and characteristics of the UK's disabled population, and highlighting disparities between the life experiences of disabled and non-disabled people.

### **Mental Health**

#### [Substance Use Disorder and Suicide-Related Behaviour Around Dates of Parental Death and its Anniversaries](#)

A study that examined whether the risk of substance use disorder and suicide-related behaviour increases around the date of parental death and subsequent anniversaries.

#### [The Efficacy of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Patients with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#)

A review that investigated experimental evidence for cognitive-behavioural therapy as an effective treatment for PTSD.

### **Adults, Older People & Dementia**

#### [Risks and Risk Mitigation in Homecare for People with Dementia—A Two-Sided Matter](#)

A study that examined risk and safety issues for people with dementia and their homecare workers, and risk mitigation practices adopted by homecare workers to address identified risks.

#### [A Qualitative Systematic Review of the Role of Families in Supporting Communication in People with Dementia](#)

A systematic review that aimed to identify and examine research exploring communication and interaction within families living with dementia.

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### Carers

#### [Informal Supporters of Elder Abuse Victims: Who Are They and What Is Their Experience Seeking Help?](#)

This study examined the characteristics and experiences of informal supporters of elder abuse victims, including family members, friends, and neighbours.

### Housing & Homelessness

#### [A Systematic Review of the Effect of Stigma on the Health of People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

A systematic review that aimed to synthesise the evidence about stigma related to homelessness and the impact on the health of people experiencing homelessness.

#### [Podcast: Evictions and the Coronavirus Recovery and Reform Act](#)

From 1 October, the Act abolishes mandatory grounds for repossession and the First Tier Tribunal will only evict where the members believe it to be reasonable in the circumstances.

Given these significant changes, Scottish Housing News editor Kieran Findlay interviewed Daryl McIntosh from PropertyMark, while co-host Jimmy Black spoke to Labour MSP for the North East, Mercedes Villalba, and Alison Bavidge from the Scottish Association of Social Work. Kieran and Jimmy then catch up to discuss those interviews and the impact of the new legislation. Jimmy Black has written a [blog](#) to accompany the episode.

### Substance Use & Addictions

#### [Alcohol deaths at highest level since 2008](#)

The number of people in Scotland whose death was caused by alcohol has risen again and remains at the highest level since 2008. The latest figures from [National Records of Scotland](#) show that 1,245 people died from conditions caused by alcohol in 2021. This was 55 more than the previous year.

### Equality & Poverty

#### [Going without: deepening poverty in the UK](#)

The Joseph Roundtree Foundation has published a new report, which looks at the changing face of very deep poverty, the risk of going without the essentials, and the deprivation that some families are facing following the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

#### [Almost half of UK adults fear falling into fuel poverty before the year ends](#)

Almost half (47%) of UK adults are not confident in their ability to pay energy bills throughout 2022 without falling into debt or arrears, according to a new survey commissioned by ZIPZERO.

### Gender Based Violence

#### [Intimate Risks: Examining Online and Offline Abuse, Homicide Flags, and Femicide](#)

A study that examined 100 cases of intimate partner femicide to determine the frequency of technology-facilitated intimate partner violence.

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### [Domestic Abuse Strategic Plan 2023-2026 Consultation](#)

Glasgow HSCP are now seeking views and comments from Health and Social Work staff on our [Draft Domestic Abuse Strategic Plan](#).

The Strategic Plan pledges to improve 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 consultation is open until Friday 14 October.

### [The Experiences of People Who Sell or Exchange Sex and Their Interaction with Support Services: Lived Experience Engagement](#)

This research aims to inform Scottish Government's commitment to develop a model for Scotland which tackles and challenges men's demand for prostitution. It seeks to map service provision in Scotland, and gathers lived experience input on service experiences.

## Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

### [More than 10,000 Ukrainians assisted by Scottish sponsor scheme](#)

The Scottish Government's Super Sponsor Scheme has now offered sanctuary to 10,056 displaced people from Ukraine to travel to safety in Scotland, the [latest published data](#) has revealed.

### [Homes for Ukraine: Quarter of refugee sponsors do not want to carry on](#)

A quarter of sponsors of Ukrainians as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme do not want to continue the arrangement beyond six months, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has found.

### [Scottish Refugee Council and Social Enterprise Academy launch new leadership programme for New Scots](#)

For six months starting this October up to 16 people with lived experience of the asylum system in Scotland will start the exciting New Scots Leadership Programme. Over the course of six months, successful applicants will develop existing leadership skills, enhance understanding of community development, build networks and learn from each other's personal experience and practice. [Applications](#) can be made here.

## Crime, Justice & Prisons

### [Twenty years on, is MAPPA achieving its objectives?](#)

This joint inspection examined the work of prisons, police, and probation in delivering MAPPA. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of the inspection work was completed remotely, with interviews and focus groups conducted via online platforms. In total, 107 cases were inspected jointly by HM Inspectorate of Probation and HMICFRS, selected from six MAPPA areas.

## Social Care & Practice

### [Putting Professional Curiosity Into Practice](#)

This report focuses on the concept of professional curiosity, its application within probation, and the implications for good-quality practice. It is noted that there is some evidence –

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albeit limited – that professional curiosity can be a useful tool to assess and manage risk and support people to change. However, it is highlighted that there are structural, relational and emotional barriers to its enactment, and that more needs to be done to ensure that it can fulfil its potential.

This report is part of a series from HMIP. The others in the series can be accessed [here](#).

[Getting Things Changed: Successful professional practice when working with parents with learning difficulties](#)

This paper from the University of Bristol explores ‘what works’ when working with parents with learning difficulties, where there are concerns regarding neglect, in order to support the development of effective, fair and positive practices. Guiding questions were:

- What are successful practices when working with parents with learning difficulties?
- How is success defined by professionals, parents with learning difficulties and children?
- What facilitates successful practices?

### Online & Financial Harm

[Cost of living scams you should watch out for as criminals prey on struggling households](#)

Fraudsters are using emails, texts and social media to prey on people. Criminals are piling misery on the vulnerable by targeting them with cost-of-living scams.

[TikTok launch new screen time tools](#)

If you think that the app is especially popular with your pupils, or that your child is spending more time on the app, talking to them about TikTok’s new safety features would be a great way to spark a conversation about online safety.

### Events

[The Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland - Project Report Launch, 05/09/22, 2.00 – 3.00pm,](#)

The Mental Health Act established the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (MHTS) as the forum to authorise and review compulsory psychiatric measures and safeguard the rights of individuals facing non-consensual care and treatment.

This Nuffield Foundation funded project, led by Professor Jill Stavert of Edinburgh Napier University with Co-Investigator Professor Michael Brown of Queen's University Belfast, sought to find out experiences of how well the MHTS is operating in safeguarding patients’ rights when facing or subject to compulsory measures by seeking the views of a wide range of stakeholders. This event will launch the project's report and will discuss the study and its findings and recommendations.

[The adolescent neglect conundrum: How can we respond better? 08/09/22, 09:30 – 11.00, Teams](#)

Join CELCIS for the fourth and final, free webinar in our Learning About Neglect event series for child protection leaders and practitioners across Scotland.

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Research, policy, and practice continue to struggle with the challenges presented by adolescent neglect. Despite growing awareness of its prevalence and links to many of the problems and harms that young people experience, adolescent neglect is poorly conceptualised and understood, and work to address this form of child maltreatment remains limited in scope and effectiveness.

The webinar will focus on adolescent neglect, providing an opportunity for attendees to:

- Reflect on what we know about adolescent neglect – including findings from research that took innovative approaches to measuring neglect.
- Consider some of the gaps in understanding of this complex issue.
- Look at learning from currently available research and evaluation on how to respond.
- Consider the findings from studies on wider topics that can inform improvements in safeguarding.

[Glasgow Alcohol-Related Brain Damage Conference \(ARBD\), 08/09/22, 09:30 – 16:30, Teams](#)

During the event, Professor Ken Wilson will be presenting on Assessment of Capacity and ARBD, and Yvonne Bennett (Mental Welfare Commission) on Best Practice in ARBD and Adults with Incapacity and Guardianship, and there will be other presentations on the day.

Numbers for this session are limited, therefore you must register your interest in advance by emailing [GlasgowARBDConference@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:GlasgowARBDConference@glasgow.gov.uk) and providing details of your role and interest in ARBD.

If you have any questions or require further details about the event, please contact: [grant.brand@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:grant.brand@glasgow.gov.uk)

[Child Welfare Inequalities Network Seminar, 22/09/22, 12 – 1.00pm, Zoom](#)

The Child Welfare Inequalities Network comprises researchers from a range of countries who are engaged in understanding how child welfare systems and practices operate to reproduce, mitigate, or transform intersecting inequalities in the lives of children and families. This seminar is the first in a series being organised.

Prof Amanda Sacker - The lifelong health and wellbeing trajectories of people who have been in care

Davara Bennett - Child poverty and children entering care in England, 2015-20: a longitudinal ecological study at the local area level.

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