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Dear colleague,

As you will know, the Public Protection Committees Team launched the new CPC/ASPC websites in April of this year. We hope that the website has been a useful way to keep updated on child protection and adult support and protection developments, the work of the committees and to support practice.

As part of the committees' commitment to self-evaluation and to ensure that the websites meet the needs of its users, the Committee Team has created a survey so that you can tell us what you think of the websites and how they can be improved. Your feedback is valuable, and we would very much appreciate if you could take time to complete the surveys. The CPC survey can be accessed at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CPC-website-survey/> and the ASPC survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/44FX2C/>

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that starts on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. This year, it marked the launch of Unite to End Violence Against Women campaign. Further information can be found on the [United Nations website](#). You can also download the toolkit and find out about local events at the [Improvement Service 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

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Adults, Older People and Dementia

[What Needs to Improve for Social Care to Better Support People with Dementia?](#)

This report from the Nuffield Trust sets out what the current challenges are with providing good social care for people with dementia and makes recommendations about what needs to change to improve social care for people with dementia. There is also a [summary document](#).

[Scotland's Redress Scheme: progress updates - November 2024](#)

Update from the Scottish Government on developments with Scotland's Redress Scheme.

[Supported Decision Making: Good practice guide](#)

This guidance from the Mental Welfare Commission sets out why supported decision-making is an important concept. It explains how adults with mental illness (including dementia), learning disabilities and other related conditions, who may have difficulty making decisions, can be supported to ensure that decisions made, by or about them, genuinely reflect their choices.

[Ageing and Frailty Standards](#)

Health Improvement Scotland has published standards for ageing and frailty in Scotland drawing on improvement work, lived experience, best practice and stakeholder recommendations.

[Meaningful Connection Factsheet: Visiting in adults and older people's care homes](#)

The Meaningful Connection, Visiting and Anne's Law Project has published a factsheet about visiting adult and older people's care homes. This covers expectations for visiting in both normal and exceptional circumstances, and will be useful for care home providers, managers and staff, people experiencing care, their families and friends, and other relevant people.

Carers

[Carers Urged to Check for Financial Help](#)

Unpaid carers are being urged to check their eligibility for financial support as thousands could be missing out.

[Unpaid Carers Save Scottish Economy NHS-scale Costs](#)

Unpaid labour carried out by Scotland's carers is estimated to have saved the Scottish economy £15.9bn in 2022/23 – four times more than the total government spend on adult social care services.

Children, Young People & Families

[Towards Modernising Adoption in Scotland: A focused mapping review](#)

A CELCIS focused mapping review of selected literature from the last five years on recent changes and approaches that have developed in adoption services and practice.

[One Punch: The Impact of Serious Youth Violence](#)

A video from the Youth Justice Board which explores restorative justice and serious violence and has been scripted, animated and co-produced with children. It uses animation to anonymise them, while still ensuring their voices and experiences are

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heard. The video allowed them to explore their feelings and reflect on their experiences of the youth justice service and what helped them.

[Children and Families Across Borders – Cultural Guide](#)

Children and Families Across Borders have published their newest cultural guide for professionals working with children and families of Nigerian heritage. The Cultural Family Life Library provides a range of resources covering families from a variety of cultures and religions.

[Progressing the Human Rights of Children in Scotland: Update report 2021-2024](#)

This report from the Scottish Government provides an update on the delivery of commitments outlined in our action plan 'Progressing the human rights of children in Scotland: action plan 2021 to 2024'.

[Criminal Exploitation Of Children Rises By 55 Per Cent In Two Years](#)

The Centre for Young Lives has found that children were identified by social services as victims of criminal or sexual exploitation or being involved in gangs almost 40,000 times over the last year.

[New Tech Enables Thousands of Additional Child Victims to be Counted in Sexual Abuse Images for the First Time](#)

More child sexual abuse victims can now be 'seen' and counted than ever before, thanks to new tech that allows the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), the UK's front line against child sexual abuse imagery online, to record all the children seen in sexual abuse images.

[The Impact of Financial Pressures on Young People](#)

NSPCC Helplines Insight Briefing shares young people's experiences of financial pressures. Key themes include material hardship and housing instability, impacts on family dynamics, barriers to accessing support, plus hopes and worries for the future.

[Supporting Adoption: A vision and priorities for Scotland](#)

This statement sets out the Scottish Government's vision for adoption in Scotland, the importance of support for the adoption community, and strategic priorities to achieve this. There is also a [summary version](#).

[Children's Realities in Europe: Progress & gaps](#)

This report from Eurochild examines how well children's rights are being respected, protected, and fulfilled across Europe, and assesses the effectiveness of policies and programmes designed to prevent child poverty and social exclusion.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews \(Scotland\) Bill - Call for Views](#)

The Scottish Government is consulting on proposed changes to legislation around domestic abuse. This includes consideration of the establishment of Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews. The Consultation is open until 10th January 2025.

[The Impact of the Crumbling Prison Estate on Prisoners](#)

A report from the Independent Monitoring Boards on the conditions and treatment of those detained in every prison in England and Wales, providing an overview of the impact of ageing buildings and delayed maintenance/repair on prisoners.

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Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Self-Injury in Children with Intellectual Disability](#)

A guide to help parents and carers of children with intellectual disability to understand what self-injury is, what can cause self-injury and which interventions may help to reduce self-injury.

[How Will the New 'Assisted Dying' Bill Affect Disabled People?](#)

An article from Learning Disability Today exploring the impact of the Bill on people with disabilities.

[Supporting People with Learning Disabilities at the Edges of Social Care in Social Housing and the Private Rented Sector](#)

A resource set from a project conducted by Housing LIN that aimed to understand the ways that people with learning disabilities who are on the edges of social care can be better supported to access and enjoy living in their own tenancies in the community, when this is their choice.

Education

[How Schools Can Respond to Pupils who Self-Harm: A qualitative study with young people and school staff](#)

A study that explored the expectations of young people and the needs of staff when responding to self-harm.

Equality & Poverty

[Measuring Poverty 2024](#)

The Social Metric Commission's fifth annual report on the levels and nature of poverty in the UK.

[Elderpark Housing Reopens Community Greengrocer](#)

A community-led greengrocer closed for over a year has re-opened once again in Govan to the delight of shoppers.

[Energy Price Cap to Increase By 1.2% in January](#)

Ofgem has confirmed that the energy price cap is due to increase by 1.2% in January.

[Evidence Review: Non-Binary People's Experiences in Scotland](#)

An evidence review into the experiences of non-binary people in Scotland, particularly around evidence that evidence suggests they face discrimination in multiple sectors of society such as education, communities, work, benefits and housing.

[Improving Outcomes for People and Communities Affected by Poverty, Inequality, Trauma and Adversity: Joining the dots across key policy agendas](#)

A briefing from the Improvement Service which highlights the links across key policy agendas and explores opportunities for re-framing them as opportunities to work together across departmental, service and organisational boundaries around the

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common goal of improving outcomes for people and communities affected by poverty, inequality, trauma and adversity. There is also an [infographic](#).

[Cash First Approaches: Reducing the need for foodbanks in Glasgow](#)

To tie in with the Challenge Poverty Week theme of food, Glasgow Centre for Population Health organised a webinar to raise awareness of Cash First approaches, how they are being used to address food insecurity, and what this means for community food organisations. You can watch the recording of the webinar.

[Get Britain Working White Paper](#)

This White Paper sets out the UK Government's plans to reform employment, health and skills support to tackle rising economic inactivity levels, support people into good work, and create an inclusive labour market in which everybody can participate and progress in work.

[Universal Heating Payment Reinstated for Pensioners](#)

Charities have welcomed the Scottish Government's decision to reinstate an energy support payment for all pensioners, describing the move as a "huge relief" for older people.

Events & Courses

[CELCIS Emerging Insights: Reforming Children's Services: The role of data in transformational change - 02/12/24 - 10.30pm-12 noon - Online](#)

Join CELCIS for this free, online webinar where the study's researchers Micky Anderson and Dr Alex McTier will take you through the findings from the [Children's Services Reform Research study's Concluding Report](#) and explore these questions as they look at how services and decision-makers are, and can, use and apply information to drive the improvements in outcomes for children and their families.

[Growing Up in Kinship Care webinar- 04/12/24 - 1pm-2.30pm - MS Teams](#)

To better understand the experiences of children and young people who have spent time living with kinship carers, CELCIS and the Scottish Centre for Administrative Data Research (SCADR) brought together, for the first time, a body of data about these children's lives – including information on their care experiences, education and early childhood development. During this webinar, you will hear more about the Growing up in Kinship Care study.

[DigiFest 2024](#)

DigiFest is Scotland's annual Digital Health and Care knowledge exchange event, organised by the Scottish Government's Digital Health and Care Division and their Steering Group partners and continues to be an anchor event for the Scottish digital health and care ecosystem. DigiFest24 combines a programme of free-to-attend, virtual and in-person satellite sessions, from October 2024 onwards and a virtual conference, featuring panel discussions and sharing good practice on 4-5 December 2024.

[Risk Outside The Home \(ROTH\) Pathway Learning Event - 10/12/24 - 10am-2pm - MS Teams](#)

At this event Professor Carlene Firmin and other members of the Contextual Safeguarding research team will share learning from Phase 3 of the ROTH project, in partnership with representatives from the four pilot sites. We will also consult attendees on the planned programme of work for Phase 4 of the project which will

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commence in 2025 to scale key points of learning into other areas interested in ROTH pathways, as well as sustain the progress made by the original pilot sites.

[Using Child Sexual Abuse Resources in Children and Family Social Work Webinar - 16/12/24 - 1pm-2pm](#)

This webinar will look at free resources developed by Lucy Faithfull Foundation and Stop It Now that can be used in supporting families where there are significant risk factors and low protective factors. This will include use of family safety plans.

The webinar is free. To book a place email scotland@lucyfaithfull.org.uk

[Child Protection Lead Online Training - 05/03/25 - 10am-3pm](#)

Children In Scotland are offering training on the role of child protection leads within organisations. This interactive training course will provide learners with the skills and knowledge required to carry out the role and responsibilities of the Child Protection Lead. The themes of the day include a focus on legislation and guidance, referral procedures and supporting and responding to staff & volunteers thereby developing confidence in the role and promoting best practice in safeguarding children and young people. Please note that there is a cost to attend this training.

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.

Dates are as follows:

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

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;

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- 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:

[11th December 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

Gender Based Violence

[Domestic Abuse in Scotland, 2023-24](#)

This bulletin from the Scottish Government presents statistics on domestic abuse, including characteristics of victims and perpetrators, based on details of incidents and crimes recorded by Police Scotland in 2023 to 2024.

Health and Social Care

[Lonely Nation: Part 3](#)

This report from the Centre for Social Justice demonstrates the importance of the built environment for tackling loneliness and argues for government to prioritise development with design features that contribute to social connection and wellbeing.

[Pandemic Ready: Safeguarding our future through preparedness](#)

Final report of the Standing Committee on Pandemic Preparedness. This responds to the commission by the former First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, for the Standing Committee on Pandemic Preparedness to provide advice to the Scottish Government on preparedness for future pandemics.

Housing and Homelessness

[Glasgow City Mission's Winter Project to Open for 2024](#)

Glasgow City Mission Winter Project is due to relaunch on 2nd December 2024. With rough sleeping numbers low in Glasgow, the organisation is focusing on people stranded in emergency accommodation by increasing their Housing Settlement Officer team.

[Spending on Temporary Accommodation: Is it Value for Money?](#)

A paper from the Centre for Homelessness Impact that provides an analysis of available data to help further understand the trends that appear to be occurring in spending on temporary accommodation and its use.

[Homeless Deaths 2023](#)

Statistical report from the National Records of Scotland providing estimates of the number of homeless deaths registered in Scotland during 2023.

Mental Health & Trauma

[National Specification for the Care and Treatment of Eating Disorders in Scotland](#)

National specifications for the care and treatment of eating disorders in Scotland, developed in response to the National Review of Eating Disorder Services.

[Mental Health Inpatient Settings: Out of area placements](#)

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This investigation from Health Services Safety Investigation Body explored the patient safety risks associated with inappropriate out of area placements, including those for adults, older people and children and young people. The report is intended for healthcare policy makers and those who work in and engage with mental health inpatient settings, such as integrated care boards and local authorities.

[Innovative Local Authority Public Health Interventions to Support the Mental Health of Children and Young People](#)

A paper that aims to identify the benefits, barriers and facilitators of local authority public health interventions for the mental health of children and young people.

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

[Anti-Racism in Social Work: A statement of intent by the Social Work Anti-racism Oversight Group](#)

A statement of intent from the Scottish Government outlining the vision for anti-racism in social work, including top priorities to address systemic racism in the sector.

[Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee: Learning Review - Child 3](#)

A learning review carried out following the death of a four-year-old boy and his father. Due to the father's history of mental ill health, Child 3 and his father were both in receipt of a multi-agency package of support from child protection and adult support services.

[Imatter Health & Social Care Staff Experience Survey 2024](#)

An independent report providing detailed information and analysis of staff experience in health and social care across Scotland.

[Self Evaluation Tool: Use of restricted practices](#)

The Promise stated that Scotland must strive to become a nation that does not restrain its children and robust self-evaluation of restrictive practices plays a key role in this journey. The Care Inspectorate, as a member of Restraint Reduction Scotland, has therefore worked collaboratively with the Scottish Physical Restraint Action Group (SPRAG) to review and update our restrictive practices self-evaluation tool.

[Joint Inspection of Adult Services: Integration and outcomes - focus on people living with mental illness - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership](#)

The Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland's joint inspections seek to address the following question: "How effectively is the partnership working together, strategically and operationally, to deliver seamless services that achieve good health and wellbeing outcomes for adults?" The inspection in the

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Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership was the fifth in the series of inspections, and the second to consider the inspection question through the lens of people living with mental illness.

[Scotland's Local Government Workforce Report 2024](#)

Scotland's Local Government Workforce Report 2024 has been published by the Society of Personnel and Development Scotland, Solace Scotland and the Improvement Service.

[Building Bridges Resources](#)

Building Bridges is a set of resources developed to support staff in any type of service to feel more confident in responding to women's disclosures of selling sex. Created with input from women with lived experience and support services, our resource pack includes an animation, guidance and training presentation.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Working with Refugees and Asylum Seekers Experiencing Food Insecurity](#)

This webinar recording from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health includes a summary of the difference between migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; the rights and entitlements for these groups (including people with no recourse to public funds-NRPF); what claiming asylum involves and why people claiming asylum are particularly vulnerable to experiencing food insecurity and likely to present at foodbanks for emergency food aid.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Residential Rehabilitation Bed Capacity in Scotland: September 2024](#)

A report from the Scottish Government detailing the findings from a survey of residential rehabilitation facilities in Scotland to provide updated data on residential rehabilitation bed capacity