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Dear colleague,

As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection. We hope that you find something of interest to you in the articles below.

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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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Hourglass: Introduction to Abuse of Older People](#)

Hourglass is the UK's only charity focused on stopping the abuse and neglect of older people. This presentation gives an overview of abuse against older people and the service that Hourglass provides.

Children, Young People & Education

[Babies in Care Proceedings: What Do We Know About Parents with Learning Disabilities or Difficulties?](#)

This report explores the prevalence, circumstances and experiences of parents with learning disabilities or difficulties involved in care proceedings concerning their babies. It sets out key findings from an examination of court bundles, children's social care records and interviews with parents, lawyers and social care professionals in England.

[Child Protection Plan and Register Statistics: Scotland 2019 - 2023](#)

The NSPCC has published a factsheet which sets out: the number of children who are the subject of a child protection plan or on a child protection register; the reasons children are the subject of a plan or on a register; the age and gender of children who are the subject of a plan or on a register. You can also access the [Child Protection Plan and Register Statistics: UK 2019 - 2023](#).

[Children's Participation in Child Welfare: A Systematic Review of Systematic Reviews](#)

A systematic review of systematic reviews related to Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as it relates to children and young people involved with child welfare agencies.

[Children \(Care and Justice\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024](#)

The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act received royal assent on 4 June. This two-part information sheet from Children and Young People's Centre for Justice contains a summary of some of the most relevant sections for practice.

[Preventing Sexually Harmful Behaviour of Young People – Introducing the 'Inform and the Shore' Initiative](#)

A webinar recording which was organised by ACAMH's Adverse Childhood Experiences Special Interest Group. The webinar had three objectives: to explore the harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) prevention work carried out by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation with children and young people; to gain a good understanding of two initiatives, the Inform Young People programme, a tailored psycho-educative programme for young people who have got into trouble online, and its accompanying website (Shore); to understand key findings from years one and two of the Foundation's action research project to manage HSB in schools.

[Education Reform Legislation Published](#)

Legislation to create a new national qualifications body and an independent inspectorate of schools and other educational providers has been published. The Education (Scotland) Bill includes provisions to replace the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) with a new national qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland.

[Bairns' Hoose Pathfinder Phase extended to March 2027](#)

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The Scottish Government has announced a two year extension to the Bairns' Hoose Pathfinder providing more time to embed the change for children and young people.

[Children in Scotland eLearning Hub](#)

Children in Scotland has announced a new live e-learning module on Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) which explores how the policy helps to ensure that children and young people get the right help, at the right time, from the right people. There are a number of other courses on the learning hub, including participating with children and young people, children's rights and building good relationships with children. Further information can be found on the website.

[Parenting Evidence Review Scotland](#)

Parenting Across Scotland has released its Parenting Evidence Review for Scotland which highlighted three priority policy areas: financial support and housing services; physical and mental health; and education and childcare – the report emphasises the need for interconnected policy solutions to address needs and challenges experienced by families in Scotland.

[How Creative Life Story Work Puts Care Experienced Children in Control](#)

Community Care has published a feature story looking at the impact of creative, high-quality life story work for care experienced child.

[Solving the Post-Pandemic School Attendance Crisis](#)

This whitepaper from Bromcom discusses the issues that have impacted school attendance in recent years, how they have evolved, and the current and potential impact on teaching and learning. It also explores how technology can further support this critical issue.

[Understanding Early Pregnancy Support: Together for Childhood Glasgow \(Govan\)](#)

Between April and November 2023, 13 new and expectant parents and carers from the Govan community were interviewed by Together for Children researchers. Parents and carers were asked about: their knowledge of pregnancy services and support available; the barriers or facilitators to accessing pregnancy support services; the types of support that would have been helpful for them to access during early pregnancy. The report summarises key issues shared by participants including the gaps in early pregnancy services and support, and the structural inequalities families are navigating. It outlines parents' recommendations for change, and how they link to current policies and practice frameworks in Scotland.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Prevalence of Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Adult Prisoners](#)

This study aimed to review the prevalence of ADHD, assessed by robust diagnostic methods, in unselected samples of adult prisoners.

[What's Porn Got to Do with It? The Link Between Viewing Adult Pornography and Online Sexual Offending Against Children](#)

A paper from the Lucy Faithful Foundation that explores the link between viewing adult pornography and online sexual offending against children. They have drawn their findings from working with individuals who anonymously access their support, hearing how adult pornography, despite it being legal, has contributed to problems in their lives, most significantly contributing to them viewing sexual images of children.

[What is Glasgow's Alcohol Court and how does it work?](#)

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Glasgow Times details how the Glasgow Alcohol Court provides individuals who have committed an offence related to their alcohol use with an opportunity for support and treatment.

[Children and the Scottish Criminal Justice System](#)

Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) have published a briefing which looks at how the Scottish criminal justice system treats and interacts with children in conflict with the law. The subject profile is one of six covering various aspects of the criminal justice system.

[Children and Young People in Conflict with the Law: Policy, Practice and Legislation](#)

Every year the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice produces this practice guide. The guide is aimed at practitioners and managers who work with children and young people who are at risk of, or come into conflict with, the law. It is also valuable for academics, policymakers, educators, students and anyone else with an interest in youth and criminal justice.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Understanding Eating Behaviour in Autistic People](#)

This webinar from Autistica brought together researchers and experts by experience with the aim of providing a deeper understanding of eating patterns in autistic people of all ages. They discuss how eating patterns vary, how autistic people experience eating disorders, and how Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) is different from both autistic eating and anorexia nervosa.

[The Inequity of Education, Health and Care Plan Provision for Children and Young People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#)

A study that aimed to investigate the equity of education, health and care plan provision to a cohort of children and young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of known genetic aetiology.

Equality & Poverty

[Local Indicators of Child Poverty after Housing Costs, 2022/23](#)

This report summarises findings for the latest update to the Local Indicators of Child Poverty After Housing Costs statistics produced by the Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University, for the End Child Poverty Coalition. The data builds upon the Children in Low Income Families data produced by the Department for Work and Pensions, which show the rate of child poverty before housing costs in local areas. Using local administrative data and analysis of the household survey Understanding Society, modelled estimates that account for housing costs have been produced, thereby providing a more accurate picture of how disposable incomes vary in different geographical areas.

[Glasgow Communities Fund: Third Sector Workshops and Online Survey Results](#)

Following the implementation of Phase 2 of the Glasgow Communities Fund, a series of engagement sessions and an online survey were conducted to gather feedback from stakeholders. This report and action plan detail the findings from workshops and an online survey.

[The Child Poverty Practice Accelerator Fund \(CPAF\) Open for New Applications](#)

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The fund has opened for a second round of application and will provide up to £80,000 per grant towards local projects that test and evaluate new approaches which target at least one of the three drivers of child poverty reduction: improving income from employment, supporting people with the cost of living, and increasing awareness and uptake of social security benefits.

[Child Poverty Delivery Plan Progress 2023-2024](#)

In preparing its [annual child poverty progress report](#) the Scottish Government must consult the Poverty and Inequality Commission on the progress that has been made towards meeting the child poverty targets and what more is needed. This report sets out the Commission's analysis and views on these issues.

[Child Poverty Across the UK](#)

Loughborough University has released a briefing for the End Child Poverty Coalition which revealed that three in 10 UK children are in poverty, with the two-child limit for families reliant on benefits being a factor in high poverty rates, as such the Coalition are emphasising that child poverty must be a central general election issue.

Events & Courses

[A CELCIS Emerging Insight Series Webinar: Protecting Children and the Risk of Online Sexual Abuse: What do we Need to Know? - 21/06/24 10.00am - 11.45am](#)

The potential impact of online harm in the lives of children and young people across Scotland and the world is ever present. Concerns are widely shared and no more so than by those who have a responsibility to care for children and protect them. The increasing risk of online sexual abuse is a particular focus of calls for new legislation and action, so what do we need to know to prevent harm and support children and young people? Speakers include Carron McKellar, Police Scotland; Chris Hughes, The Internet Watch Foundation; Stuart Allardyce, The Lucy Faithful Foundation. You can also access the recordings of [previous Emerging Insight Series webinars](#).

[Keeping the Promise for Infants - 24/06/24 - 9.30am - 1.00pm The Studio, Glasgow](#)

The next phase of Promise implementation offers a unique opportunity to set out a vision that places early child development at the top of economic and political agendas. While the early years must be the priority, there remain pressing demands for older children and their families. More creativity is required to connect and coordinate support for marginalised families. This event, organised by NSPCC Scotland, provides an opportunity for key stakeholders to think together about how we 'reimagine' public services to enable the deployment of valuable resources more equitably so that local systems can identify concern early and intervene to prevent problems escalating.

[Understanding Public Attitudes to Child Poverty Online Event - 25/06/24 - 11.00am - 12.15pm](#)

Throughout 2024, Save the Children and Joseph Rowntree Foundation are working with the Diffley Partnership to find out what people in Scotland think about the causes and solutions to child poverty. At this event, you will have the chance to: hear directly from the Diffley Partnership about new data from a national survey on public attitudes to child poverty; discuss what the findings mean and how they can be used to influence change; connect with a growing 'community of practice' who are interested in shaping public narratives to end child poverty.

[Missing People webinar - 02/07/24 - 11.00am - 2.00pm](#)

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Missing People is hosting a free, online information session which will focus on trauma informed responses when working with the families of missing people. You will hear from their team of experts about how they address existing mental models of missing with a new approach to challenge existing practice, leading to reduced repeat missing and harm. This is a free event.

[Online Safety Clinic: Understanding and Preventing Sextortion Webinar - 03/07/24 - 2.00 pm- 3.45pm](#)

The UK Safer Internet Centre are hosting an expert-led session to gain crucial insights into the alarming rise of sextortion crimes, as recently highlighted by the National Crime Agency. This educational clinic is designed to empower participants by deepening their understanding of sextortion, recognizing the signs of exploitation, and learning preventive strategies to safeguard themselves and others in the digital world. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

[Rethinking Domestic Abuse and Child Protection \(RDAC\): Messages for Policy webinar - 09/07/24 - 10am - 1pm](#)

Research in Practice is hosting an open access event will focus on the implications of the Rethinking Domestic Abuse and Child Protection (RDAC) project findings for policy. RDAC was funded by the Nuffield Foundation and brought together researchers from the Universities of Sheffield, Huddersfield, Kingston, as well as Research in Practice, SafeLives and FutureMen. This mixed methods study aimed to enhance the national response to domestic abuse and child protection generating novel findings involving practitioners and families.

[The Invisible Principles of Child Development Online Event- 10/07/24 - 10am - 1pm](#)

Children in Scotland are hosting an online event on the invisible principles of child development. In this half-day session led by Nicola McAllister, the seven key principles of child development that are frequently overlooked but essential for a child to thrive in the home, early years, and school settings will be examined. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

[Safeguarding Children in Custody: Relationships, Advocacy and Power Webinar - 07/08/24 10am - 11.30am](#)

A practice-focused webinar delving into how social workers, youth justice workers and Independent Reviewing Officers can play a positive safeguarding role in the lives of the children in custody they are responsible for. You will gain a deeper understanding of the types of harm a child in custody might come to, how you can determine if they have come to harm and how to ensure that any concerns you have are appropriately addressed. This is a free event.

[Safeguarding Network: Safeguarding and Mental Health Conference 2024 - 10/07/24 - Manchester](#)

Safeguarding Network, in partnership with Anna Freud, are hosting their first conference on the interplay between mental health concerns for young people and the duties on education settings to keep them safe. Keynote speakers include, Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England; Dr Lesley French, Head of Clinical Help in Schools and Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Anna Freud; David Trickey, Co-Director of UK Trauma Council and Consultant Clinical Psychologist. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

[NOTA Scotland Conference - 09/09/24 - 10/09/24 - Stirling](#)

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NOTA is the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse. This two day conference will bring together keynote addresses and give delegates the opportunity to take part in a series of workshops aimed at supporting professionals to prevent sexual abuse. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar

A multi-agency webinar delivered by Learning and Development, Glasgow HSCP 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:

[Monday 12 August 2024](#)

[Thursday 19 September 2024](#)

[Monday 7 October 2024](#)

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

Gender Based Violence

[Bereaved by Intimate Partner Homicide: Consequences and Experiences of Support](#)

The aim of this qualitative study is to present the experiences of family members bereaved by intimate partner homicide (IPH). The focus is on immediate and long-term consequences of the killing, and on the participants' experiences of subsequently offered information and support. This includes interactions with healthcare, social services, the criminal justice system, and the media.

["I put her in the baby stroller and left": The Escape Route From Violence to a Domestic Violence Shelter for Mothers and Children](#)

Little is known about mothers' and children's escape from violence and its aftermath when living in secure accommodation, especially with regard to children. The aim of this study was to investigate mothers' experiences of their escape, and their considerations regarding the wellbeing of their young children before or during their escape.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Mental Capacity Report - June 2024](#)

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

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[Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Visits: New Reports - June 2024](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland has published new reports. The reports highlight positive and negative findings from the Commission's visits. They make recommendations for change where necessary. The Commission expects a response to each of its recommendations within three months of the reports being published. The reports include:

- [Gartnavel Royal Hospital - Henderson Ward](#)
- [The Liliac Centre Community Custody Centre](#)
- [Stobhill Hospital - Skye Ward](#)

[Understanding Childhood Trauma](#)

This webinar recording presents an interview with Helen Minnis, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Glasgow. Professor Minnis' research mainly focuses on young people's mental health, such as examining the relationship between child maltreatment, neurodevelopment and mental illness across the lifespan. In this webinar she discusses the impact of services for children's mental health, supporting families before children are neglected and abused, and how diversity can create more opportunities in research.

[Mental Health and Capacity Reform: Delivery Plan October 2023 to April 2025](#)

In June 2023, the Scottish Government published its response to the recommendations of the Scottish Mental Health Law Review (SMHLR) and committed to establish a Mental Health and Capacity Reform Programme, to bring changes that give people greater control over their lives, care and treatment. This delivery plan describes the Government's approach to this work, sets out the actions it will take and the initial milestones that it has started to implement from October 2023 and new work until April 2025. There is also an [easy read version](#).

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](#).

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Care for Every Child: Unaccompanied Children Accommodated by the Home Office](#)

In recent years, unaccompanied children arriving in the UK, traumatised, having faced abuse or mistreatment in their country of origin or during their journey to the UK, were placed in Home Office hotels outside of the care of children's services. This briefing reviews the Legal judgements and remaining challenges regarding the care of unaccompanied children in the UK.

[Breaking Barriers: Supporting Young Victims of Human Trafficking Transitioning to Adulthood](#)

Children identified as potential victims of human trafficking and modern slavery are referred into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to formally determine whether they are victims. Child victims turning 18 who consent to remain in the NRM are

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eligible for support through the Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract (MSVCC). Despite this eligibility, young people transitioning into adulthood continue to experience significant barriers to access it during their transition into adulthood. There is no publicly available data on the outcomes for children turning 18 in the NRM. This briefing provides newly obtained data from a Freedom of Information request which highlights the key findings on the barriers to support.

[World Refugee Day- Thursday 20th June 2024](#)

The Scottish Refugee Council has published a blog about World Refugee Day and is urging people to take action to show their support.

[Threefold Increase in Lone Child Asylum Seekers in UK](#)

The number of unaccompanied children making dangerous journeys across the Channel to seek asylum in the last three years has increased threefold.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Children's Care Workers Secure £12 an Hour Minimum Pay](#)

Staff working across children's social care services will see their pay increase to at least £12 an hour. The pay rise is to be backdated for all hours work from April 2024 and will uplift the wages of those working in a direct care role in the voluntary, private and independent children's care services to the same level of their adult social care counterparts.

[National Guidance for Child Protection Committees Undertaking Learning Reviews - 2024](#)

The Scottish Government has published an updated version of the guidance for learning reviews relating to children and young people.

[Joined Up Data, Joined Up Care: Research on the Use of Data in Integrated Care Systems](#)

This research was commissioned to better understand how Integrated Care Systems in England currently use and share patient data, and how data can be better used to improve health services for local populations.

[What Makes a Good Assessment?](#)

NSPCC has pulled together common themes from case reviews and research into ten practice points, designed to help social workers reflect on what makes a good quality assessment.