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## Public Protection Bulletin 20th November 2024

Dear colleague,

November is another busy month for awareness raising.

21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 is Carers Rights Day. This year's theme is **Recognising your rights** and aims to help carers recognise and understand their rights, and to access the support available to them, whenever they need it. As a carer, knowing your rights empowers you with information about what you're entitled to. This helps you feel confident asking for what you need, as well as challenging things when your rights are not being met – whether that be in the workplace or education, in accessing health or social care, or when interacting with other professionals or at home. For further information, visit the [Carers UK website](#).

Crimestoppers has launched The Fearless Campaign, which is a campaign aimed at our young people to raise awareness of Sextortion and how to react if targeted or asked for advice by another young person. The campaign utilises the words of young people to talk to their peers and also provides advice to parents, carers and professionals and includes education material and links to support networks. For further information, visit the [Crimestoppers website](#). There is also a dedicated area for [young people](#) and [parents and carers](#).

Furthermore, Safer Aging Week took place from 11<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The annual campaign, launched by Hourglass, was entitled **Take Note** this year and related to economic abuse of older people. For further information, visit the [Hourglass website](#). You can also watch a short film, [Arthur's Story](#).

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](mailto:Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk)

Please stay safe and healthy.  
Best wishes

Colin Anderson,  
Independent Chair  
Adult Support & Protection Committee/Child Protection Committee

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### Adults, Older People and Dementia

#### [The Economics of Abuse](#)

A report from Hourglass highlighting the economic and social cost of the abuse of older people, and the need for specialist services funding.

#### [Economic Abuse by Numbers](#)

A report from Hourglass highlighting the hidden cost of economic abuse of older people in the UK.

#### [Policy, Practice and the Law: Improving protections against economic abuse](#)

This Hourglass policy briefing paper explores the perpetration, impact, and cost of economic abuse, and illustrates how older people comprehend its effects.

#### [Willie's Law Webinar](#)

In 2020, Perth farmer Willie Johnston signed over a substantial life insurance policy and documents to his business partner on his hospital bed, despite having no memory of doing so and not being assessed for capacity. This webinar from Hourglass hears from Willie's family who are trying to change the law in Scotland to protect vulnerable people from economic abuse.

#### [Free Personal and Nursing Care in Scotland 2023-24](#)

Statistics from the Scottish Government presenting data on the number of people aged 18 and over that benefit from Free Personal Care (FPC) and Free Nursing Care (FNC) in Scotland, and the amount that Local Authorities spend on personal care services.

### Carers

#### [Sandwich Carers in the UK: January 2021 to May 2023](#)

Sandwich carers have dual caring responsibilities for dependent children and adult relatives. They have additional caring responsibilities beyond those experienced by others who only provide care to another adult relative or who only provide care to dependent children. This bulletin from the Office of National Statistics looks at the profile of sandwich carers aged 16 to 64 years, their experiences, and make comparisons with all adults of the same age.

### Children, Young People & Families

#### [Scottish Journal of Residential Child Care Vol. 23 No. 2](#)

The autumn 2024 issue of the Scottish Journal of Residential Child Care. Articles discuss topics including learning from research on non compulsory care for children and young people, a revised approach on how services for children and young people are regulated and inspected, and reflections of engagement with autistic young people living in secure care.

#### [Respect for All: The national approach to anti-bullying for Scotland's children and young people](#)

This guidance from the Scottish Government sets out the national approach to anti-bullying for Scotland's children and young people. The guidance focuses specifically on bullying between children and young people and aims to ensure that all sectors are consistently contributing to a holistic approach to anti-bullying.

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### [Transitions for Care Experienced Young People: A thematic review](#)

The Scottish Government asked the Care Inspectorate to undertake a thematic review which would report on the experiences for young people in and leaving care in Scotland with a focus on how their rights were upheld. This report presents the findings.

### [Providing Better Support for Vulnerable Teenagers](#)

In this NSPCC podcast Anne Longfield, the Executive Chair of the Centre for Young Lives, speaks about what needs to be done to improve the safeguarding support available to teenagers in the UK.

### [The New Face of Digital Abuse: Children's experiences of nude deep fakes](#)

New report by Internet Matters urges the new Government to crack down on AI-generated sexual imagery 'epidemic' after survey reveals 13% of teenagers have had an experience with nude deepfakes.

### [Safer Sleep for Babies 2024: A guide for parents and carers](#)

Updated Scottish Government and NHS Safer Sleep for Babies resources developed in partnership with the Lullaby Trust, UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative and BASIS, Baby Sleep Information Source based at Durham University. Includes strengthened messaging on bed sharing and smoking, alcohol and drug use. There is also a [guide for professionals](#) and [quick reference cards](#).

### [Sexual Health Good Practice Guidance Hub for Care Experienced Children and Young People](#)

A good practice guidance hub from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde on relationships and sexual health is for carers and staff supporting care experienced children and young people. There is also a [5 minute briefing](#).

### [Youth Services in the UK](#)

This briefing provides an overview of youth services; the statutory duties and policy in different parts of the UK as well as a summary of some of research into the impacts of youth work.

### [Think B4 You Type: Campaign toolkit for use by schools and local authorities](#)

An anti-bullying campaign toolkit for staff from respectme and the NSPCC.

### [Child Exploitation and Abuse: An appropriate language guide](#)

Guidance from The Children's Society that aims to influence the direct practice of professionals as well as the wider culture of child safeguarding.

### [Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation 2024](#)

A focused mapping review from CELCIS that provides an overview of what is known currently about child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation and identify key messages from research and practice.

### [Kinship Care: Assessment Framework 2024](#)

The Kinship Care Assessment Framework 2024 is designed to assist social work practitioners to undertake a comprehensive assessment of a kinship carer within Scotland. It is intended to support practitioners as an accessible assessment tool to assess kinship carers, assess their individual needs and assist them in planning for the future. In addition to the framework, an accompanying document [The Kinship](#)

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[Care Assessment Framework 2024 - Practice Notes for Assessor](#) has been developed to assist practitioners when using this framework.

## Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

### [Making Benefits Work: Improving support for disabled people](#)

This report from SCOPE and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation explores the experiences of disabled people using the benefits system. It highlights the challenges disabled people face and sets out what disabled people have said needs to change.

### [Disability Benefits Evaluation: Child Disability Payment to Adult Disability Payment](#)

A report that details the findings of the evaluation of individuals' transitions from Child Disability Payment to Adult Disability Payment.

## Education

### [Banter & Bullying Toolkit](#)

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has launched a toolkit, created in collaboration with Nottingham Trent University, to support those who work in education and practitioners working with children and young people.

### [Delivering on Pledges to Children with Additional Support Needs](#)

A new report sets out the progress made to improve the educational experiences of children and young people with additional support needs (ASN) in schools across Scotland, with more than 40 actions completed thus far.

### [Physical Intervention in Schools: Guidance](#)

Guidance on 'Included, engaged and involved part 3: A relationships and rights-based approach to physical intervention in schools'. This guidance is for education authorities grant-aided and independent schools in Scotland on the use of physical intervention.

## Equality & Poverty

### [Unsung Britain: The changing economic circumstances of the poorer half of Britain](#)

This report from the Resolution Foundation marks the launch of *Unsung Britain*, a one-year research programme designed to understand the economic circumstances of today's low-to-middle income families and how these have changed in recent decades.

### [Poverty at the End of Life in the UK in 2023](#)

This report from the Centre of Research in Social Policy provides an update to work first published in 2022 to estimate the risk of prevalent poverty in the last year of life among people across the UK.

### [Child Poverty in Glasgow Report 2024](#)

Each year, the Centre for Civic Innovation reports Glasgow's progress meeting the Scottish Government's child poverty targets. Unlike previous editions, it effectively incorporates stories from health visitors and other professionals, offering compelling personal insights into community challenges. The reflection sections highlight

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examples of good practice, emphasise the importance of empowering communities, and present actionable solutions.

## Events & Courses

### [Fostering Equality: Addressing bias in Scottish Child Protection practices webinar- 01/11/24 & 21/11/24](#)

Senior decision-makers & managers from across Scotland's Care System are invited to join Project Esperanza for a day of dialogue and learning from the Lived Experience of Black Children & Families. Project Esperanza is a Womanist initiative dedicated to bringing race and faith sensitive specialist services & culturally appropriate support to women of African heritage in Edinburgh & beyond. This is a free event.

### [CELCIS Education Forum: Tackling financial barriers to education for children and young people - 26/11/24 - 9.30am-11.30am - MS Teams](#)

In this CELCIS Education Forum meeting, Child Poverty Action Group will share learning from ongoing Cost of the School Day work with schools, local authorities and children and young people. They will focus in particular on practical actions to reduce cost pressures and stigma, increase family incomes and support children's participation, learning and wellbeing. This is a free event.

### [Protecting Children from Domestic Abuse webinar - 26/11/24 - 10am-12 noon - MS Teams](#)

NSPCC's Development and Implementation Team are hosting a free online event on 26th November during the 16 Days of Activism. The event will explore some of the ways the NSPCC is working to protect children from domestic abuse and how professionals can play their part in doing the same.

### [Delivering Healthy School Meals in Glasgow - 26/11/24 - 11.30am-12.30pm - Zoom](#)

School meals play an important role in children and young people's mental and physical wellbeing, along with academic attainment. If you have ever wondered about the work that goes into delivering nutritious school meals, come and hear about the latest developments from Glasgow City Council's school catering team and Soil Association's Food for Life Served Here team. This webinar coincides with the National School Food Week 11th-15th November.

### [Imagine a Scotland Where We are Equally Safe: A Focus on public protection and violence against women and girls - 27/11/24 - 9.30am-11.30pm - webinar](#)

Hosted by the Scottish Government and COSLA, with support from Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service, this 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence National Event will bring together key partners across the public protection system, with an opportunity to engage and focus on the deliverable with the [Equally Safe Delivery Plan](#) deliverable 11. Due to limited spaces, you are asked to register your interest and will be notified if you are allocated a place.

### [Data Linkage - What Is It and What Can It Tell Us About Children's Lives and Experiences - 27/11/24 - 1.30pm-2.30pm - MS Teams](#)

Join CELCIS for an insightful session exploring the power of data linkage and how it can enhance our understanding of children's lives. By combining information from diverse sources, data linkage offers a richer, more nuanced perspective on key social issues affecting children and families. This is a free event.

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### [Women with Learning Disabilities Involved in Selling or Exchanging Sex Webinar - 28/11/24 - 11am-12.45pm](#)

A free event from CSE Aware which will shed light on women with learning disabilities and their involvement in selling or exchanging sex in Scotland. The event will bring together experts who will share case studies and good practice examples.

### [ASPIre \(Adult Support and Protection Innovation and Reflection Event\) on Self-Evaluation webinar- 28/11/24 - 9.30am-12.30pm](#)

The session will give a good opportunity for participants to reflect on their own practice, learn from peers and hear examples of self evaluation activity. During the session the Joint Inspection Team will also discuss the launch of the ASP Quality Improvement framework and lead discussion on how the tool can be used.

### [Rethinking Trauma: A social perspective webinar - 28/11/24 - 1pm-2pm](#)

Building on previous work on this topic, this webinar from Iriss will interrogate the concept of trauma as the default lens through which we consider social suffering.

### [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.

### [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 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.

### [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:

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- 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;
- 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](#)

### **Health and Social Care**

#### [Scottish Health Survey Results Published](#)

The Scottish Health Survey 2023 results provide information on the health, and factors relating to health, of adults and children in Scotland.

#### [Is the Period of Austerity in the UK Associated with Increased Rates of Adverse Birth Outcomes?](#)

New research shows that UK Government 'austerity' policies since 2010 are associated with striking increases in rates of preterm and low birthweight babies, particularly among those living in the poorest neighbourhoods.

#### [Women's Health Plan 2021-2024 Final Report](#)

[The Women's Health Plan 2021 to 2024](#) was published with the aim to improve health outcomes and services for all women and girls in Scotland. The Plan focused on creating the conditions that can change culture, support women's health and tackle the inequalities that have affected women's health for generations. Now that this phase of the plan has come to its end, the Scottish Government has published a report summarising progress made towards delivering the actions contained within it.

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### [Research Shows Effect that Minimum Pricing Policies Could Have on Reducing Smoking Rates in Scotland](#)

New research commissioned by Public Health Scotland (PHS) has assessed the potential effectiveness of minimum pricing policies for tobacco that could help reduce smoking rates and improve health in Scotland.

### [First Annual Vaccination and Immunisation Report 2023](#)

Public Health Scotland has published its first annual vaccination and immunisation report. It provides an overview of Scotland's Vaccination and Immunisation programme for 2023 and the role it is playing to protect the population of Scotland from a range of infectious diseases. This programme is Scotland's largest coordinated public health intervention.

### [2023 Tuberculosis Annual Report for Scotland](#)

The Tuberculosis (TB) Annual Report, published by Public Health Scotland (PHS), shows that the number of TB cases reported during 2023 increased by 40.8% compared to the previous year (from 201 cases in 2022, to 283 cases in 2023). This is an increase in incidence from 3.7 to 5.2 per 100,000 people.

## Housing and Homelessness

### [Glasgow Credit Union Provides £2.4m Investment to Homes for Good](#)

Social enterprise lettings agency Homes for Good and Glasgow Credit Union have entered a partnership aimed at providing sustainable, high-quality housing for low-income individuals and families in Glasgow and neighbouring areas.

### [Child Poverty and the Housing Emergency](#)

Aberlour Children's Charity and Shelter Scotland have jointly produced this report examining the evidence linking child poverty and the housing emergency. 'Child Poverty and the Housing Emergency' highlights that delivering social homes as a key intervention to ending child poverty in Scotland.

### [Wheatley Group Pledges to Provide an Additional 1000 Homes to Local Authorities Across Scotland](#)

Having previously committed to providing 10,000 properties to homeless people by 2026, Wheatley Group has announced today that it will increase this target by 10% to help local authorities and support agencies struggling to deal with the housing emergency.

### [Glasgow Unveils Five Year Strategic Housing Investment Programme](#)

The Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP), which will now be submitted to the Scottish Government, include the council working with Registered Social Landlords to deliver up to 7,200 additional affordable homes, the majority of which will be new-build properties for social rent.

### [Ending Homelessness Together: Annual Report 2024](#)

An annual report from the Scottish Government sets out the progress made by national government, local government and third sector partners towards ending homelessness in Scotland.

## Mental Health & Trauma

### [Forensic Network and School of Forensic Mental Health Annual Report for 2023/24](#)

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Annual report from the Forensic Network and School of Forensic Mental Health. The report includes updates on the development of guidance for the care of Transgender patients in forensic mental health services, enhanced pathways and guidance for prison-to-mental-health service transfers, insights from their research and training initiatives, and future plans for addressing the needs of vulnerable populations and implementing recommendations from the Independent Review into Forensic Mental Health Services.

### [The Big Mental Health Report](#)

A report which brings together the latest evidence on the current state of England's mental health and its mental health services, alongside insights from people with lived experience of mental health difficulties.

### [Mapping the Mental Health of the UK's Young People: Key findings](#)

This map tool from Centre for Mental Health draws from the latest data to show prevalence of mental health difficulties across the UK, including rates of eating disorders and self-harm, hospital admissions and secondary care referrals, and wider factors such as loneliness, school absence and bullying.

### [Young People Transitioning From Child and Adolescent to Adult Mental Health Services](#)

This review aimed to critically synthesise the literature on the lived experience of young adults about their transition to adult mental health services including the perspectives of key people in their world: parents, carers and clinicians.

### [Children and Young People Monitoring Report 2023-24](#)

The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 places a legal obligation on health boards to provide appropriate services and accommodation for young people admitted to hospital for treatment of their mental ill health. This report describes admissions of young people under the age of 18 to non-specialist wards in Scotland. There is also an [easy read version](#).

### [Lifelink Wellbeing Classes](#)

Each 90-minute class is delivered via video to the group by experienced Lifelink facilitators. They cover life skills aimed at helping you to lead a fulfilling and productive life. Participants can attend as many classes as they like, and they are open to everyone with a Glasgow postcode. Lifelink runs a range of classes for adults and young people.

### [Mental Capacity Report - November 2024](#)

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

### [Safe Spaces Scoping Report: 'Right Care, Right Place, Right Time'](#)

This paper from the Scottish Government explores the feasibility of implementing an additional safe space as an alternative to taking people in crisis to an Emergency Department (ED) and for the use of ED as a legal place of safety. It also considers whether safe spaces can act as a non-clinical community resource to support people in distress and prevent escalation.

### [Mental Welfare Commission - Report on Announced Visit to McNair Ward Gartnavel Hospital](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission has published a new local visit report for the McNair Ward at Gartnavel Hospital.

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### 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](mailto:integrity@glasgow.gov.uk) as soon as possible. [Sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin.](#)

### Practice, Organisation & Workforce Matters

#### [Future of National Care Service in Doubt](#)

The Scottish government is to delay scrutiny of its flagship legislation to create a National Care Service for Scotland in a move which may lead to the plans having to be abandoned.

#### [Scottish Social Services Council Learning Zone](#)

A Learning Zone from the SSSC which contains resources from the SSSC and trusted partners to support continuous professional learning.

#### [Leading Chronology Improvement: Reflection and self-assessment tool](#)

This tool is designed to help leaders to improve chronology practice. The scope of the tool acknowledges that chronologies are essential across the lifespan, and enhancing chronology practice requires a holistic approach. Consequently, this tool is designed for leaders working with children, young people, and adults across Social Work, Social Care, Education, Police, Justice, and Health sectors.

#### [Social Worker Filled Posts and Vacancies Six-Monthly Survey: Analysis of the data collected as at 14 June 2024](#)

This report from the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) presents data on the whole time equivalent (WTE) number of social workers and social work vacancies in local authority social work services in June 2024. The report presents data from 31 local authorities. One local authority didn't provide data and two others didn't provide data on the number of social work vacancies.

#### [Potential Implications of the UK Employment Rights Bill's on Social Care in Scotland](#)

This briefing aims to guide Scottish Care members and stakeholders on the potential effects of the UK Employment Rights Bill on Scotland's social care sector. Introduced on 10 October, the Bill aims to strengthen employee rights across the UK, but Scotland's care sector may face unique challenges, especially in balancing flexible, person-centred care with new worker protections.

#### [Using Supervision and Team Meetings to Improve Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#)

This guide from CSA Centre aims to help professionals start discussions about child sexual abuse within their teams in a supportive space, reflect on the experiences of children and families they are working with, explore their team's and their own welfare, and consider how the evidence might inform and develop their practice.

#### [The Scottish Social Services Council Register: 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024](#)

This report from Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC) provides an insight into the social work, social care and children and young people workforce. The report

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highlights the data SSSC holds about the registered workforce in its role as regulator.

## Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

### [Not Safe Here: The systemic failures to protect women and children from sexual violence and abuse in asylum accommodation](#)

A report from Rape Crisis England & Wales and Imkaan which seeks to give voice to the stories of refugee and asylum-seeking women who have been subjected to sexual violence and abuse, prior to, during and since seeking safety in the UK. The main aim is to shine a light on the experiences of these often-silenced women, whilst also examining the political context and policy landscape within which their stories played out.

## Substance Use & Addiction

### [Scottish Drug Forum Free Courses for Professionals in Glasgow City](#)

The Scottish Drug Forum run courses for professionals working in communities with children, young people and adults. Courses are held online and run between 9.15am-12.30pm on various dates in November and December.

### [Alcohol and Drug Partnerships in Scotland: Annual Survey 2023/24](#)

This publication from the Scottish Government reports on responses to the annual survey of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) in Scotland for 2023/24. Its main aim is to evidence progress of the National Mission by providing information on the activity undertaken by ADPs.

### [Alcohol and Drug Services](#)

A report from Audit Scotland that looks at how effectively Scotland's alcohol and drug services are delivering the Scottish Government's strategies.