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### Public Protection Bulletin



20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear colleague,

We are now at “level 0” and our most vulnerable citizens and front-line staff should have received their second vaccinations. However, there continues to be a real and significant threat from new, faster spreading variants of the virus so we all need to observe long standing advice and guidance on social distancing and, where appropriate, the wearing of masks.

Although there are real reasons for optimism, our member organisations and front-line workers continue to face significant ongoing and emerging challenges. As public protection leaders and managers we also need to focus on how we continue to support our staff and volunteers.

People tell us these bulletins continue to be 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.

In this edition you will see links to Significant Case Review Reports and to Thematic Reviews involving mental health. This demonstrates our ongoing commitment to regularly reviewing and auditing policy and practice. Any lessons learned from these reviews have been referred to the relevant Quality Assurance Subgroup to progress further work as necessary and for dissemination of learning to relevant groups and people. This represents a key component of our commitment to self-evaluation and continuous improvement.

Please stay safe and healthy,  
Best wishes,  
Colin

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

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### SIGNIFICANT CASE REVIEWS

#### [Glasgow Adult Support and Protection Committee Significant Case Review In Respect of Adult B](#)

Significant case reviews are important for those individuals, families and agencies involved in critical incidents and to promote learning across agencies. This case was referred to Glasgow City's Adult Support and Protection Committee following the death of Adult B.

#### [Glasgow Child Protection Committee Significant Case Review in Respect of Child D](#)

Following the tragic circumstances leading to the death of Child D, Glasgow Child Protection Committee took the decision to undertake a Significant Case Review (SCR) in accordance with the National Guidance for Child Protection Committees: Conducting Significant Case Reviews (Scottish Government, March 2015). The guidance specifies that an SCR is a multi-agency process for establishing the facts of and learning lessons from, a situation where a child under the age of 18 years has died or been significantly harmed.

### GLASGOW PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEES THEMATIC REVIEWS

#### [Glasgow ASPC Thematic Review: The increase in Mental Health Officer detentions during COVID-19 \(March – September 2020\)](#)

What can we learn from the increase in the number of Mental Health Officer detentions during the first six months of the COVID-19 pandemic to help inform future practice and service provision?

#### [The increase in the use of Parental Mental Health as a risk indicator for child protection registration during COVID-19 \(March – September 2020\)](#)

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### COVID – 19

#### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Children and Families Collective Leadership Group: action plan - outcomes](#)

The Scottish Government has published a factsheet on the main outcomes from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Children and Families Collective Leadership Group's action plan from February to April 2021.

#### [Call to keep supporting people who want to shield](#)

The Scottish government should continue to support people who are most at-risk of covid-19 and make a "personal choice" to start shielding again, the Director of Glasgow University's Institute of Health has said.

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### [Researchers: Time for action on long Covid](#)

A group of Scottish academics are calling for urgent government funding for the assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of people experiencing the long-term effects of covid-19 in Scotland. They warn that available services are not universally available, with many long Covid sufferers and healthcare professionals unaware of what is on offer.

### [Mental Health Services During the First Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Europe](#)

The findings from a survey of a large European sample of psychiatrists on their clinical experience of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the treatment of psychiatric patients during the month of April 2020.

### [Office for Statistics: Children and Young People Statistics in the pandemic](#)

ONS looked at a selection of the key published data available on children and young people during the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to explore the representation of children and young people in official statistics since March 2020. We sought to understand how visible children and young people have been in key statistics, if they have been given a voice, and if the experiences of the most vulnerable have been collected and analysed separately.

## **Children, Young People & Education**

### [Barnardo's Nightwatch Hotline](#)

Barnardo's have launched a child sexual exploitation awareness social media campaign on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn targeting the night-time economy and promoting their Nightwatch hotline (provided jointly with Crimestoppers). The campaign was launched on Monday 9th Aug and will run for 4 weeks. It will run Scotland wide but with specific targeting of the Aberdeen, Dundee, Fife, Edinburgh and Glasgow areas.

### [Help for New Mums - New Telephone Breastfeeding Support Service](#)

A new pilot telephone breastfeeding peer support service is being offered to support pregnant and new mums living in Glasgow City.

### [Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Policies, Programmes and Interventions That Improve Outcomes for Young People Leaving the Out-Of-Home Care System](#)

What Works Centre for Children's Social Care has published an analysis of the effectiveness of interventions designed to improve outcomes for young people transitioning into adult living arrangements. A review of 15 studies reported in 25 papers involving care leavers aged between 16 and 25 looking at outcomes including homelessness, health, education, economic status and exposure to violence found that while certain policies and programmes have promise, there is insufficient evidence to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of any particular approach.

### [Glasgow University: Using 'Machine Learning' to measure attachment](#)

Researchers led by the University of Glasgow have successfully used machine learning to measure attachment – the vital bond children develop as infants to their caregivers – for the

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first time, which they say has the potential to be used in large-scale public health monitoring.

### [Youth Advisory Group for National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group](#)

The NSPLG is launching a new Youth Advisory Group made up of young people (16–26) who have experience of suicide, self-harm or poor mental health. The group will help advise and support the delivery of Scotland's Suicide Prevention Action Plan. If this is of interest to your organisation, please email [jenny@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:jenny@cosla.gov.uk).

### [New Scottish Government guidance on supporting transgender pupils in schools](#)

Ministers said the guidance was designed to help schools and education authorities "make decisions effectively". It also recognises the importance of "privacy and safe spaces" for girls and boys within schools. The Scottish government said the advice was not prescriptive and did not promote transitioning.

## Mental Health

### [Pilot suicide bereavement support service launched in Scotland](#)

Scotland's National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group (NSPLG) has launched a pilot service to support families bereaved by suicide. Established by the Scottish Government, NSPLG brings together people with lived experience of suicide alongside, academic, third sector, and statutory partners to support the delivery of Scotland's Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters.

## Disability

### [National Disability Strategy](#)

This strategy sets out the actions the UK government will take to improve the everyday lives of all disabled people.

### [Eyes.Scot Launch](#)

A new Scottish Government website that brings together information on all aspects of visual impairment.

### [Learning disabilities and Scotland's labour market](#)

Very few people with learning disabilities in Scotland are in paid work despite many being willing and able to do so. The Fraser Allan Institute's recent webinar on the subject invited discussion of how Scotland's labour market can be made more inclusive for people with learning disabilities. In this article, Rob Watts and Emma Congreve summarise the key themes that emerged in these discussions.

## Older People & Dementia

### [New resources launched for carers of people with dementia](#)

This week a partnership between Edinburgh charity Hearts and Minds, Designed by Society, Wee Culture and Edel Roddy launched a new website with valuable resources for unpaid

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and professional carers of people with dementia and anyone who has an interest in care for people in the later stages of dementia.

### [Online resources to support people living with dementia](#)

Describes the digital platforms that staff can go to for information about different AHP services which support people living with dementia.

### [Self-Management of Dementia by Family Carers](#)

A scoping review that aimed to identify the key characteristics related to self-management of dementia by carers.

## Carers

### [Are You Looking After Someone? Your Support Your Way Glasgow](#)

Are you looking after someone who lives in Glasgow? If you are, then this website is here to guide you through services and supports that may be available for you. Alternatively, you can telephone the Carers Information Line on 0141 353 6504. The information line is open to unpaid carers, family, friends and professionals. It is now possible to complete an online carers self-referral form:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/carers> and click on the Self-Referral Form icon.

### [Scottish Young Carers Festival 2021](#)

As part of the virtual Scottish Young Carers Festival, over 40 free pre-recorded workshops on language learning, life skills and self-care are available on YouTube.

## Housing & Homelessness

### [Citizens Advice Scotland warns of impending crisis for private renters](#)

New data has been published which highlights an increase of renters in the private sector who have been struggling to make ends meet throughout the pandemic, with concerns that this could lead to more rent arrears and even evictions after Covid-linked support is withdrawn.

### [Outcomes Associated with Providing Secure, Stable, and Permanent Housing for People Who Have Been Homeless](#)

A scoping review that aimed to understand the value that providing secure, stable housing brings to the lives of people who are homeless and the broader community.

## Substance Use & Addictions

### [Drug-related death statistics 2020](#)

Annual figures show drug-related deaths have risen for the seventh year in a row, and remain at the highest rate in Europe.

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### [Report recommends that UK Government abandon strategy pursued for the last decade](#)

The UK Home Office has published Part Two of Dame Carol Black's Independent Review of Drugs. The report deals with prevention and treatment services and there are interesting parallels with recent developments in Scotland.

### [New national facility for families affected by drug use](#)

A new residential rehabilitation facility to support families affected by drug use is to be developed in North Ayrshire.

### [The role of deprivation and alcohol availability in shaping trends in violent crime, Dr Carly Lightowlers](#)

It is well known that both deprivation and alcohol availability are associated with violent crime. However, less is known about whether the former moderates the latter. Pioneering the linkage of novel alcohol availability measures derived from consumer data with police data and an index of deprivation, this article examines inequalities in violent crime across small-level geography (LSOAs) for the whole of England.

## **Inequality & Poverty**

### [Perfect storm for the most vulnerable as they face massive energy bill hike](#)

Struggling families will be hit hardest just as cold weather begins to bite. A price cap for domestic energy deals will be raised by 12% in October to cover suppliers' extra costs, regulator Ofgem has announced. This means that the typical gas and electricity customer is likely to see their bill go up by £139 to £1,277 a year.

### [A time of need: Exploring the changing poverty risk facing larger families in the UK](#)

A report from the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion that explores the changing poverty risk facing larger families in the UK.

## **Gender Based Violence**

### [Adapting Service Delivery during COVID-19: Experiences of Domestic Violence Practitioners](#)

COVID-19 rapidly altered patterns of domestic and family violence, increasing the complexity of women's needs, and presenting new barriers to service use. This article examines service responses in Australia, exploring practitioners' accounts of adapting service delivery models in the early months of the pandemic.

### [Court Ordered Child Contact in Scotland guidance booklet](#)

Glasgow Women's Aid have co-produced this guidance with with survivors of domestic abuse. The booklet helps to explain the Court Ordered Child Contact process within the family court system to survivors of domestic abuse - giving helpful and supportive guidance directly from women experienced in this process.

## Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Immigration

### [Effectiveness of Self-Help Plus in Preventing Mental Disorders in Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Western Europe](#)

A study that aimed to assess the effectiveness of a group-based psychological intervention in preventing mental disorders in refugees and asylum seekers in Western Europe.

## Crime, Justice & Prisons

### [Supporting good practice with care experienced children in custody](#)

In collaboration with the Scottish Child Law Centre, the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) has produced 'Representing care experienced children & young people in police custody: A good practice guide', a new resource to support Scottish solicitors and practitioners with Good Practice Principles when representing care experienced children in police custody, to ensure their rights are upheld.

### [Fifty-two prisoners in close supervision units 'that may amount to torture'](#)

Fifty-two people are being held in prison units in England and Wales in conditions that a UN human rights expert has said may amount to torture, the Guardian has learned.

## Cyber & Financial Harm

### [Monitoring apps - A guide for parents](#)

Monitoring apps have been built to try and support parents with managing children's devices on a technical level. They usually aim to set boundaries within technology and look to give more control to parents. Despite this, they are designed to complement conversations and boundaries already in the home. This blog looks at what these apps can offer to families, along with some considerations around using apps such as these.

## Social Care & Practice

### [National Care Service consultation open](#)

Scottish Government has launched its public consultation to seek views ahead of the creation of a National Care Service. It sets out some of the options for delivering social care that empowers people to thrive. It recognises that significant cultural and system change will need to be supported by new laws and new ways of working.

At a minimum, the new National Care Service will cover adult social care. However, the consultation also asks whether its scope should be extended to other groups such as children and young people, community justice, alcohol and drug services, and social work.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in the consultation, which includes the consultation survey and a series of online consultation events in August September and October, before the consultation closes on 18 October.

### [COSLA Response to Consultation on a National Care Service](#)

The Consultation on the National Care Service which was launched today cuts straight through the heart of the way Scotland is governed, said COSLA President Councillor Alison Evison.



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### [HSCP Demographics Profile 2021](#)

Glasgow HSCP's Demographics Profile for 2021 is now available. The profile is used as a reference tool to help plan and deliver services. It includes information on Glasgow City's current and projected population by age, gender and ethnicity at locality and city levels. It also includes information on life expectancy, mortality and physical and mental health, as well as factors that impact health and wellbeing including lifestyle and behaviours, education and poverty and deprivation. Information on social care needs and provision within the city is also included.

### [SSSC Communications Strategy 2021-2023](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council lays out their new communications strategy, with a focus on influence, involvement, value and connection in their work with social work, social care and early years sector.

### [Research Project: Developing a Care Home App](#)

Researchers from Strathclyde University look to develop an app to enhance person-centred care within care homes, and are looking to engage with people who have experience working within this setting to aid in its design.

## Events

### [PHINS webinar series - September/October 2021](#)

As with last year, in 2021 we are hosting three online webinars in place of the annual PHINS seminar. These will run from the end of September to mid-October.

The webinars focus on three important topics:

- the continuing impact, and legacy, of COVID-19 in terms of homelessness and mental health: **10am Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**
- the commercial determinants of health: **10am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**
- approaches to addressing post-COVID societal inequalities: community wealth-building; and addressing climate change: **10am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Each webinar will last one hour, comprising two 20-minute presentations, and 15 minutes of questions and discussion.

### [Adult Support and Protection and Safeguarding Five Nations Conference Series Event 6: It's a Lifestyle Choice? Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12.30](#)

The seminar will explore the notion of respect for autonomy, and the challenge of understanding ability and inability to safeguard and protect as distinct from mental in/capacity, and the implications for professional judgement and decision-making.

Those who haven't already subscribed to receive all Five Nations communications can do so [here](#) or, if the link does not work for you, please copy and paste the url <http://eepurl.com/hvMCd5> into your web browser address bar.

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### [Peers are Partners: expanding naloxone provision across Scotland; 27/08/21, 1:00 - 3:15](#)

Scottish Drugs Forum received funding from the Drug Deaths Taskforce to maximise peer to peer naloxone supply with a coordinated and supported approach by delivering high quality training, providing ongoing support and developing a national peer network to enhance the delivery of naloxone provision. Importantly, this includes paying peers as sessional workers. In this webinar SDF will hear about the progress of these funded projects, and other projects from across the country, from the peers and other staff involved in their delivery.

### [Barnahus Symposium, 14/09/21, 9.45 – 12.45](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is hosting a free virtual Barnahus Symposium on 14 September from 9:45am-12:45pm to explore the foundations on which Scotland will build its own 'Bairns' Hoose', a child-friendly, multi-professional and multi-agency centre for child victims and witnesses of violence or abuse