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## Public Protection Bulletin 21st January 2025

Dear colleague,

Glasgow's Adult Support and Protection Committee (ASPC) and Child Protection Committee (CPC) are hosting a one-day multi-agency public protection conference on 15th May 2025. The conference will explore themes and topics that cut across the child protection and adult support and protection domains.

There is still time to have your say about the themes and topics you'd like to hear at the Public Protection Conference in May. We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey to tell us your thoughts: [Public Protection Conference 2025 survey](#).

There is also still time to provide your feedback on the new websites for the Adult Support and Protection Committee (ASPC) and the Child Protection Committee (CPC). 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/>

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).

Best wishes

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## Adults, Older People and Dementia

### ['Not my mess'?: How do Supporters of Individuals with Hoarding Difficulties Rate the Quality of the Support they Offer?](#)

A study that used the perspective of those offering support to infer whether people with hoarding difficulties view their support differently, or if there is a gap in support quality compared with those with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

## Carers

### [Understanding Young Caring in the UK Pre- and Post-COVID-19: Prevalence, correlates, and insights from UK longitudinal surveys](#)

A study that examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the prevalence and characteristics of young carers.

## Children, Young People & Families

### [Statistics Briefing: Child sexual abuse](#)

An NSPCC briefing that looks at what data and statistics are available about child sexual abuse to help professionals, and the organisations they work for, make evidence-based decisions.

### [A Safer Society for Young People: Advancing a public health approach to violence prevention](#)

A policy briefing from the Open University that recommends a thorough-going commitment to a holistic public health approach to violence prevention.

### [Hierarchy of Needs for Care Experienced Young People](#)

A visual guide from the Children's Commissioner for England based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, to help professionals working with care experienced young people understand their needs and support them.

### [Guiding Principles for Addressing Technology-Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#)

A report that aims to bridge the gap between the complexities of defining and classifying technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and abuse, and effective and appropriate responses and protection measures.

### [Risk Outside of the Home \(ROTH\) Child Protection Pathways Phase 3 Learning Event](#)

A Risk-Outside-of-the-Home (ROTH) pathway provides a structure through which social workers can organise a child protection response/support plan when a young person is at risk of significant harm and the harm is principally or solely extra-familial. These slides are from a recent learning event webinar about the pathway.

### [Ygam - Evidence Led Education to Help Prevent Gaming and Gambling Harms](#)

Ygam is a charity which provides free resources and training to help prevent gaming and gambling harms to children and young people for parents and carers, teachers, youth workers and those working in health and social care.

### ['Moving On' from Care into Adulthood Consultation: Analysis of consultation responses](#)

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An analysis of views shared to a Scottish Government consultation - ['Moving on' from care into adulthood: consultation](#) - on the support available to young people as they leave care and enter adulthood.

### [State of Children's Rights in Scotland 2024](#)

An annual review, produced by Together (formerly the Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights), that looks at the extent to which children in Scotland are able to enjoy their rights as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. There is also a [child-friendly version](#) and a [easy read version](#).

### [Social Media - Its Use and Impact on Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Young People](#)

This review from Mental Health Improvement Team, Specialist Children's Services, and Library Services, NHSGGC sought to scope the literature regarding social media use in young people (12-18) and its impact on mental health and wellbeing. It provides an update on the state of knowledge about social media usage and shares insights into its potential for both harm and good. It specifically explores social media's impact on sleep, its impact on young people with experience of self-harm or suicidality, and the current limitations of the literature.

### [Community Catalyst: Children at risk of poor outcomes](#)

From undertaking a full scoping review and a stakeholder consultation, ADR UK have identified the most pressing gaps in the evidence in the area of children's social care, particularly focused on children at risk of poor outcomes. They are also holding a [webinar on 27<sup>th</sup> January from 11am-12 noon](#) to launch their findings.

## Crime, Justice & Prisons

### [Exploitation Risk Checker](#)

Developed in partnership with survivors of exploitation and modern slavery, Causeway have created the Exploitation Risk Checker which allows people to answer a series of questions to see if they may be experiencing, or at risk of, criminal or sexual exploitation.

### [Community and Police Officer Attitudes Towards Offenders with Mental Health Conditions](#)

Using a between-subjects design, the current study aimed to explore any differences in perceptions of offenders with mental health conditions in community members and police officers, and to examine if this was impacted upon by police officer experience and gender.

## Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

### ["People Talk About FASD Diagnosis But Barely Any Young People Are Asked About It": Diagnosis perspectives and disability identity in adolescents with FASD](#)

A study that explored adolescents' views about their self and disability identity, and knowledge and attitude towards a foetal alcohol spectrum disorder diagnosis.

### [Scottish Annual Health Checks for People 16+ with Learning Disabilities](#)

Statistical information from the Scottish Government on the number of eligible people identified for an annual health check, along with the number of health checks offered and completed.

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### [Human Rights for Young Autistic People and Young People with a Learning Disability Aged 14-25: A practitioners' guide](#)

A new guide from The British Institute of Human Rights has been published to help practitioners consider how human rights can be used to support decision-making and enable positive outcomes for young autistic people and young people with a learning disability.

### [Autistica Tips Hub](#)

The Autistica Tips Hub is a free app to help you find reliable autism tips and evidence-based resources. Created by and for the autistic community, it offers practical tips and high-quality resources to make everyday life easier.

## Education

### [Early Learning and Childcare \(ELC\) Improvement Programme: Programme evaluation](#)

A report from the Care Inspectorate which details the work of the ELC Improvement Programme which intends to improve the quality of ELC and meet the National Standards. This review looks at the work undertaken by the programme team during 2024-2025 and provides recommendations to the Scottish Government to inform future funding decisions about the value and future potential of the programme.

## Equality & Poverty

### [Social Capital 2025: The Hidden Wealth of Nations](#)

This report from Demos makes the case for a greater focus on social capital in policy and practice. The series examines social capital and the contribution that strengthening it makes to improving economic and social outcomes, including for children, improving health and wellbeing and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour.

### [Over 456,000 to Receive Winter Payment from Scottish Government](#)

More than 456,000 people are due to receive inter Heating Payments totalling £26.8 million this winter.

## Events & Courses

### [Care Inspectorate Digital Social Care Webinar - 21/01/25 - 10am-11am](#)

The Care Inspectorate is hosting a webinar on digital social care with speakers from The Mhor Collective, NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Government.

### [Carer Harm: A Challenge for Practitioners, Services and Research Webinar - 05/02/24 - 2pm-4pm - Zoom](#)

This webinar from the European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA) considers how carer harm is understood, surfaced and responded to in contemporary policy, practice and research. The intention is that in mapping this landscape, promising linkages between areas of practice and research are identified and attention is drawn to the common obstacles that inhibit effective, sensitive responses to carer harm.

### [Understanding and Contextualising the Social Harms Facing Care Experienced Young People in Scotland and Wales webinar - 12/02/25 - 2pm-3.30pm MS Teams](#)

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A webinar from Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) offering new insights into care for young people across Wales and Scotland, exposing social harms affecting the young people, identifying what participants considered to be effective practice and considering the types of changes which are still needed in this critical area of policy.

### [Sibling sexual abuse: The implications for practice of research conducted since 1980 webinar - 25/02/25 - 12 noon-1pm MS Teams](#)

In this webinar from CYCJ, Dr Peter Yates will provide an overview of some of the main findings and key recommendations for practice from a comprehensive review of forty years of research on sibling sexual abuse. This review was published in the [Child Abuse and Neglect Journal](#) in 2024.

### [How to Support a Person with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder webinar - 26/02/24 - 1pm-2pm](#)

Webinar from Learning Disability Today aimed at parents, carers and professionals working in health and social care. The webinar includes presentations from Brian Roberts, Director of Education & Wellbeing, National Organisation for FASD and Georgia Roberts, Self-advocate who will discuss innovative approaches to help support those living with the condition.

### [Keeping Antibiotics Working is Everybody's Business Webinar - 26/02/24 - 2pm-3.30pm MS Teams](#)

Staff working in adult social care are invited to register for the Care Inspectorate's webinar on keeping antibiotics working and what this means in practice. The aims of the webinar are to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship across adult social care, including care home and care at home staff groups and provide an opportunity to explore what antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship means in practice through a question and answer session.

### [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.

### **Hate Crime Awareness Online Training**

This multi-agency session is aimed at staff with a particular interest and/or who work with people within the protected characteristic groups. This opportunity forms part of a multi-agency approach to tackle hate crime in the city and within the context of wider Public Protection aims to support staff increase awareness of the subject. This course is delivered by Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership learning and development section, Health Improvement and Police Scotland.

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- define hate crime
- name the current forms of prejudice covered under Scottish Legislation
- locate and complete the online Hate Crime Form

Course dates – click on a date below to book

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[Thursday, 30 January 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

[Wednesday, 23 April 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday, 5 August 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

[Tuesday, 7 October 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

### **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:

[29th January 2025 - 10am - 12.20pm \(MS Teams\)](#)

[20th February 2025 - 10am - 12.30pm \(MS Teams\)](#)

[18th March 2025 - 10am - 12.30pm \(MS Teams\)](#)

### **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:

[12th February 2025](#)

[12th March 2025](#)

[9th April 2025](#)

[6th May 2025](#)

[4th June 2025](#)

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## Gender Based Violence

### [Impacts From Delivering a Whole Health Response Strategy to Domestic Violence and Abuse: An evaluation from the UK](#)

An evaluation of Health Pathfinder, a 'whole health response' to domestic violence and abuse in the United Kingdom.

## Health and Social Care

### [ALISS – A Local Information System for Scotland](#)

ALISS is a national digital programme enabling people and professionals to find and share information on health and wellbeing resources, services, groups, and support in their local communities and online.

## Housing and Homelessness

### [What Do the Public Think About Homelessness?](#)

A report from the Centre for Homelessness Impact which presents the findings from a collaboration between the Centre for Homeless Impact and IPSOS which asked the nation what they think about homelessness.

### [Glasgow Clothing Shop Offers 'New for Old' Jacket Scheme with Homeless Project Scotland](#)

A Glasgow-based fashion brand has teamed up with Homeless Project Scotland to launch a new scheme to help support people experiencing homelessness this winter.

## Mental Health & Trauma

### [Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: New reports – January 2025](#)

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:

- [Armadale and Broadford Ward - Stobhill Hospital](#)

### [Suicide Statistics](#)

A briefing from the House of Commons which provides a summary of statistics on suicide in the UK from 1981 to 2023. Includes trends by gender, age, English region, and deprivation.

### [Mental Health in Primary and Community Care: Report – December 2024](#)

A report from the Scottish Government which outlines actions to improve access to support, assessment and treatment in primary care mental health and wellbeing services. This includes support from general practice, digital provision, NHS 24, workforce education and out of hours.

### [Resources for Mental Health Unscheduled care services](#)

This Mental Health Unscheduled Care (MHUC) resource from the Scottish Government has been developed for staff working in Unscheduled Care or Out of Hours settings. The resource brings together a range of national resources and tools to support and improve people's mental health and wellbeing.

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### [Resources for Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services](#)

A resource from the Scottish Government which is designed to support staff working in general practice. It is intended to help all staff contribute to the link worker function within the services, by providing a directory of additional sources of help and support, that people can be connected in with.

## 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

### [Scottish Social Services Council - Scottish Requirements for Social Work Education](#)

The Scottish Requirements for Social Work Education form part of the Framework for Social Work Education. The requirements are organised into two sections outlining the entry requirements under which applicants will be accepted onto a qualifying social work programme, and the teaching, learning and assessment requirements which govern the structure of the qualification.

### [Assisted Dying Safeguards Needed for Nurses](#)

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Scotland is calling for additional safeguards to be introduced for nurses in Scotland's assisted dying legislation to ensure they are well supported. If the legislation is passed by MSPs, it will introduce a key role for nurses in the assisted dying process and RCN Scotland Director, Colin Poolman outlines why further protections are needed for nurses.

### [Lessons From Two Decades Analysing Serious Case Reviews](#)

An article from Community Care where Professor Marian Brandon reflects on the lessons from her analyses of serious case reviews in England and Wales and on the complexity of neglect in child protection practice.

### [Binaries and Blurred Lines: The Ethical Stress of Child Protection Social Work in the Grey of Extra Familial Harm](#)

Social care responses to extra-familial harm require social workers to work across the binaries of welfare and justice, victim and perpetrator, parent and professional, risk and protection. This paper examines the ethical consequences of working in this manner.

### [Quality Improvement and Involvement Strategy 2022-2025](#)

The Care Inspectorate supports quality improvement (QI) across social care, social work, local health and social care partnerships and early learning and childcare. Their Quality Improvement and Involvement three year strategy 2022- 2025 focusses on the four pillars of quality improvement and involvement support from this strategy.

## Substance Use & Addiction

### [UK's First Safer Drug Consumption Unit Opened in Glasgow](#)

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Glasgow HSCP and NHSGGC opened a pilot Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, the first in the UK. SDCFs are supervised healthcare settings where people can inject drugs, obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health and social care professionals in clean, hygienic environments.

### [Alcohol Related Hospital Statistics Scotland 2023/24](#)

Statistical information on alcohol-related inpatient and day case activity within general acute and psychiatric hospitals in Scotland.