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Dear colleague,

As usual, this bumper edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection. There is a plethora of public protection events taking place in the coming month; find details of these in the Events and Courses section below. 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 contact Michelle Brown at Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[A Scoping Review of Sexual Violence Events Perpetrated Against Older People](#)

Guided by environmental criminology perspectives, the authors undertook a scoping review to assess the extent to which sexual violence and abuse (SVA) events against older people have been empirically examined in order to gain an understanding of the immediate circumstances in which incidents occur and how this can inform early intervention and prevention.

[Veterans in Care Homes: An international scoping review to inform UK policy and practice](#)

In contrast to the mental and physical health needs of veterans, veterans' social care needs remain relatively neglected by policymakers and researchers. This study aimed to inform UK veterans policy and practice by drawing together the expectedly limited international research base on veterans in care homes.

[New Models of Health and Social Care for People in Later Life: Mapping of innovation in services in two regions of the United Kingdom using a mixed method approach](#)

Innovation for reforming health and social care is high on the policy agenda in the United Kingdom in response to the growing needs of an ageing population. However, information about new innovations of care being implemented is sparse. This study mapped innovations for people in later life in UK two regions, North East England and South East Scotland.

Carers

[How Do Care-Related Beliefs Contribute to Depression and Anxiety in Family Caregivers of People with Dementia? Testing a Cognitive Vulnerability-Stress Model](#)

Care-related beliefs are considered risk factors for decreased mental health in family caregivers of people with dementia. However, their exact role in the caregiver stress process remains unclear. This study tested a cognitive vulnerability-stress model of depression and anxiety in family caregivers of people with dementia.

Children, Young People & Education

[Child Protection Guidance Webpage](#)

The Scottish Government Child Protection Unit have brought together links to child protection publications on one webpage to make it easier to find related documents.

[Harmful Sexual Behaviour Practitioner Forum](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) and Lucy Faithfull Foundation Scotland are establishing a forum for practitioners working with children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour. This is suitable for any professional in Scotland undertaking assessment, intervention or prevention based work with children under the age of 18 who have displayed abusive or problematic sexual behaviours.

[#LookCloser Campaign - Child Exploitation](#)

The Children's Society has launched the Look Closer Campaign which provides information and resources relating to child exploitation. This includes a programme of learning for any professional working with or overseeing services

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for children and young people, including those in frontline roles up to strategic leads and commissioners.

[The Anti-Racist Framework for Decision-Making and Transitioning Children from Minoritised Racial and Ethnic Groups into Transracial Adoptive Families](#)

The University of Sussex and Adoption England have developed an Anti-racist Framework for Decision-making in Transitioning children from minoritised racial and ethnic groups into transracial adoptive families (AFDiT). It aims to provide a comprehensive framework that supports social workers in effectively understanding and addressing and protecting the identity needs of racialised and minoritised ethnic children who are moving into transracial adoptive families.

[Child Safeguarding Practice Review: Scarlett](#)

A safeguarding review that considers the effectiveness of services delivered to Scarlett, who along with another teenager Eddie, was convicted of the murder of Brianna Ghey. In the months leading up to the murder of Brianna, Scarlett had frequent contact with CAMHS.

[Pets Can Give Us Clues About What's Really Going on Behind Closed Doors](#)

In this article from Professional Social Work Magazine, social work lecturers Rebecca Stephens of the University of Sussex and Dr Mary Elizabeth Rauktis of the University of Pittsburgh, both of whom specialise in the emerging field of veterinary social work, urge social workers to include companion animals in assessments. They believe there is a clear link between child abuse, domestic violence, and animal cruelty. People will often delay leaving abusive relationships or return to them in fear of what might happen not only to themselves or their children, but also their pet. In addition, companion animals can be used as a tactic to coerce, control and silence family members.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Children \(Care and Justice\) \(Scotland\) Act Briefing Paper 1](#)

The sections of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 that will end the usage of Young Offenders Institutions (YOIs) for children in Scotland who have been remanded, committed, or sentenced by the court will be commenced as soon as possible and no later than the week beginning 2 September 2024. This briefing from Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) paper helps to explain the specific provisions of the Act that will enable this change, the rationale for these changes, the preparations being made to support implementation, and the practical steps that will be taken when these sections come into effect are outlined. The aim is to enhance the awareness and understanding of the organisations and practitioners responsible for implementing these provisions.

[Fear and Masculinity as Motivational Narratives for Knife-Related Crime](#)

A systematic review that aimed to consolidate and synthesise the available research on fear and masculinity as explanations for knife-related crime.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Neurodiversity and Alcohol](#)

There has been a huge amount of debate and discussion in recent years about neurodiversity. Here, Alcohol Change explores what it is and why it matters when we are thinking about how to reduce alcohol harm.

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[Supports Provided to People with Intellectual Disability and Dysphagia to Assist with Participation in Eating and Drinking](#)

A study that aimed to identify the nature of supports provided to people with intellectual disability and dysphagia when eating and drinking in different environments.

[Adapting Communication with Autistic Service Users: Co-produced adaptations for medical services, employers, and the third sector](#)

Autistic people have a greater need to access services (e.g., health and social care, welfare, justice, etc.), yet face significant disadvantages when doing so, often due to poor two-way communication between service providers and service users. This study aimed to co-develop practical, evidence-based adaptations to facilitate communication between service providers and autistic people.

[Digital Financial Inclusion: In a cashless society](#)

Quarriers commissioned the RIX Centre Inclusive Research team to carry out an evaluation study to explore how people with learning disabilities manage and use their money, what works and what is difficult.

Equality & Poverty

[Scottish Child Payment: The gaps](#)

The cases gathered in this briefing illustrate the wide variety of circumstances which result in families missing out on Scottish child payment. Some families are not receiving Scottish child payment despite being eligible, some are excluded from entitlement entirely, while other parents and carers are on the margins of entitlement and facing gaps in their entitlement or vulnerable to minor changes in circumstances bringing their qualifying benefit entitlement, and therefore Scottish child payment, to an end altogether.

Events & Courses

[Family Wellbeing Hub 2024 - 29/08/24 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm Glasgow City Chambers](#)

The Family Wellbeing Hub is a one-stop destination to discover the array of support available to families in Glasgow. In light of the challenges posed by the past few years, including the impact of COVID-19, the Cost of Living Crisis, school disruptions, and mental health struggles, this event aims to reassure families that help is available and accessible. Hosted by the Glasgow City Parents Group, this in-person event will showcase a wide range of family services from across Glasgow and beyond. This is a free event.

[Learning About Neglect Webinar: Exploring the complexities & challenges of dental neglect for children & young people - 03/09/24 - 9.30am - 11am - MS Teams](#)

CPC Scotland, with support from CELCIS and the Scottish Government, continues to deliver the 'Learning About Neglect' webinar series. In this webinar, they focus on the complexities and challenges of dental neglect for children and young people, and the role of child protection leaders and practitioners in addressing this. During the event, they will explore the professional dilemmas that may occur, preventative and new trauma informed approaches to facilitating access to treatment and interventions and will also discuss the impact of dental neglect in the context of wider concerns that services and practitioners may have regarding the neglect of a child. This is a free event.

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

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.

[Embedding Trauma-informed and Responsive Organisations, Systems and Workforces: National learning event - 11/09/24 - 10am - 12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

The National Trauma Transformation Programme is hosting an online national learning event on embedding trauma-informed and responsive organisations, systems and workforces. This is a free event.

[Good Practices in Social Services for Preventing and Addressing Violence Against Children Webinar- 11/09/24 - 10am - 12 Noon \(CET\)](#)

The webinar “Good Practices in Social Services for Preventing and Addressing Violence Against Children” is organised by the European Social Network within the framework of the European-funded Side by Side project. The webinar's goal is to disseminate the findings of the four national study visits, which were carried out as one of the main activities throughout the project.

[Newly Qualified Social Worker Conference 2024 - 12/09/24 - 10am - 4pm - University of Dundee](#)

The 2024 national conference for Newly Qualified Social Workers will take place on Thursday 12th September 2024. The conference is open to all newly qualified social workers in Scotland (up to two years since graduation) and all final year social work students (undergraduate, masters, PhD or equivalent). This conference is free to attend and is being hosted by the University of Dundee.

[Glasgow Wellbeing Fund Information Session - 12/09/24 - 10am - Zoom](#)

The Glasgow Wellbeing Fund provides small grants of up to £10,000 for projects that improve the mental health and wellbeing of adults in the city. Funded by the Scottish Government, it aims to support small to medium-sized community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises to improve adult wellbeing outcomes. GCVS manages the fund for Glasgow, and they are holding an information session for third sector organisations in the city before the new funding round opens on 16th September 2024.

[Suicide Thoughts and Behaviour in Later Life Webinar- 13/09/24 - 1pm - 2pm](#)

This webinar from IRISS will help practitioners working in the field improve recognition of suicidal thought and behaviour in older people, share how we can improve responsiveness and access to support based on the evidence. It will also give voice to older people themselves and an opportunity for you to ask questions. This is a free event.

['Five Nations' Adult Support, Protection and Safeguarding Seminar Series: Financial harm webinar - 13/09/24 - 10.30am - 12.30pm](#)

September speakers: Professor Keith Brown – ‘Scams : The power of persuasive language and the role of the MCA’; Colin Scott (Hourglass) – ‘Stopping economic abuse of older people’ ; Annmarie O’Connor (Programme Manager, Safeguarding Ireland) – ‘Developing a good practice response to Financial Abuse’.

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[THRE West of Scotland: Human Rights and Equalities Workshop - 17/09/24 - 10am - 2pm - Paisley](#)

THRE in collaboration with Engage Renfrewshire are hosting an in-person workshop session on human rights and equalities for third sector organisations in the West of Scotland. This is an in-person event featuring expert guest speakers to explore how we can apply a Human Rights and Equalities First approach to the sector's work. The workshop will take place at The FYF Charity Hub, St James House, 25 Saint James' Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA3 2HQ. This is a free event.

[Jumping Barriers, Riding Challenges: Getting the transition to adult social care right webinar- 23/09/24 - 1pm - 2pm](#)

Join Dimensions and Learning Disability Today in learning how to navigate the challenges and barriers that often present themselves in a child's transition to adult social care. You will hear from professionals within the transitions process and the sector, including home managers, families, and those with lived experience. This is a free event.

[Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System: It's Time for Reform - 25/10/24 - 9am - 4.30pm - Stirling](#)

An event hosted by the British Academy of Forensic Sciences & The Forensic Network. The relationship between mental health and criminality is complex and multifaceted, with various factors contributing to how mental health issues intersect with criminal behaviour. Key speakers include Professor Peter Watson, Strathclyde University; Professor Andrew Forrester, Cardiff University; Sir Harry Burns, Strathclyde University; David Kennedy, Police Scotland Federation. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

[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.

[NHS Health Improvement - Early Protective Messages \(EPM\)](#)

Early Protective Messages (EPM) is a programme for adults involved in the lives of children under 5 to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence around a set of key themes in order that they can proactively support children to understand and assert their rights and keep them safe. Early Protective Messages (EPM) operates across the early years estate NHS boardwide.

The link gives a brief overview of Early Protective Messages (EPM) and directs colleagues to a portal at earlyprotectivemessages.scot. Glasgow City Health Improvement needs to build capacity within appropriate staff groups and invite relevant and interested staff to participate in a 2 day training for trainers programme in order that they can then deliver EPM sessions across Glasgow City early years estate.

There are a series of online briefing sessions for any colleagues interested in hearing more about these training for trainer sessions and working with Glasgow City Health Improvement to deliver future training across Glasgow City. The following

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briefing sessions can be booked by contacting Elaine McCormack, Health Improvement Lead - Sexual Health at elaine.mccormack@nhs.scot :

Tuesday 17th September 10 - 11am

Tuesday 17th September 2 - 3pm

Tuesday 24th September 10 – 11am

Additionally, the team can provide colleagues or teams within Children's Services further information about Early Protective Messages and how these key messages can be implemented in their own practice. Further information and scoping for dates is available by contacting Elaine at elaine.mccormack@nhs.scot.

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:

[Thursday 19 September 2024](#)

[Monday 7 October 2024](#)

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

Gender Based Violence

[Equally Safe Delivery Plan Summer 2024 – Spring 2026](#)

The Scottish Government has published the latest version of the Equally Safe delivery plan, which aims to eradicate violence against women and girls. This includes specific steps to tackle honour-based abuse. This should be read in conjunction with [Equally Safe 2023 - Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls: strategy](#).

[Minoritised Ethnic Women's Experiences of Domestic Abuse and Barriers to Help-Seeking: A summary of the evidence](#)

A report from the Scottish Government which provides a summary of UK evidence on minoritised ethnic women's experiences of domestic abuse, the barriers to help-seeking and reporting abuse, and the social and structural factors that influence women's experiences.

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[A Realist Evaluation of a 'Whole Health' Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse in the UK](#)

A study which drew upon interviews with health professionals and victim-survivors to evaluate a multilevel system change intervention initiated to transform the health response to domestic violence and abuse in eight sites in England.

Housing & Homelessness

[Rent Control: Does it work?](#)

A comprehensive global overview of the empirical evidence on rent control policies has found that they produce significantly more negative consequences than benefits.

[Glasgow Signs up to International Mayors Council on Homelessness](#)

Glasgow has signed up to the International Mayors Council on Homelessness - a newly formed forum for mayors and other elected members from cities spanning three continents - to commit to ending homelessness and call for global action on the issue.

[Recovery Housing in Scotland: Mapping and capacity survey of providers 2022/23](#)

The principle aim of this research from the Scottish Government is to better understand the provision and capacity of recovery housing facilities for drug and alcohol use in Scotland. Specifically, the objectives of this report are to identify the key characteristics of the services that operate and identify as recovery houses in Scotland, and to better understand access and current capacity of these services.

Mental Health & Trauma

[A Call for Change: Tackling inequalities in access to mental health support for children with social work involvement and those living in poverty](#)

Studies have shown an increase in mental health distress, such as self-harm and suicide, for children with more social work involvement, and nearly half of children in care are thought to have mental health difficulties. Evidence from various studies has revealed that children with social work involvement have distinct needs that cut across diagnostic divisions and service boundaries. This report from the National Children's Bureau presents findings based on an analysis of over 71,000 records and from a large mental health service in London.

[Continuity of Mental Health Care from Childhood to Adulthood for Youths with ADHD: Who, how and when?](#)

Many youths with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) experience significant long-term impairment and may develop concurrent mental and somatic health difficulties as adults. This review provides an overview on current transition practices, highlighting the gaps in knowledge and the barriers to effective service transitioning, while considering the large geographical variation in available guidelines and service provision.

[Suicide Prevention Scotland Delivery of Creating Hope Together Year 1 - Annual Report 2023-2024](#)

Annual report from Suicide Prevention Scotland, covering progress on the first year of delivery of Scotland's Suicide Prevention Strategy, Creating Hope Together. The report is set out in two sections, the first provides a narrative on the work undertaken

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in 2023-2024. The second section provides a more detailed progress update against the year one delivery plan.

[National Suicide Prevention Advisory Group Annual Report 2023/2024](#)

An annual report from the National Suicide Prevention Advisory Group which sets out the context and progress of the implementation of Scotland's suicide prevention strategy.

[Probable Suicides 2023](#)

This statistical report from the National Records of Scotland presents information on the numbers of deaths which were known to be, or are thought likely to be, the result of intentional self-harm for 2023 and previous years.

[Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: New reports - August 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 - Cuthbertson Ward](#)
- [Leverndale Hospital - West of Scotland Mother and Baby Unit](#)
- [Royal Hospital for Children - Ward 4 National Child Inpatient Unit](#)
- [Stobhill Hospital - Elgin Ward](#)

[An Integrated Family Approach in the Practice of Adult and Child Mental Health Care](#)

This paper describes the practice of an integrated family approach to treatment in mental health care, in which the focus is on the whole family, and treatment is done by professionals of adult and child mental health services together. It is presented as an example of a best practice in finding a way to overcome barriers in implementing an integrated family approach in treatment for the benefit of families with a variety of interrelated problems.

[Do Forensic Mental Health Services Have an Ethical Duty Towards Victims of Mentally Disordered Offenders?](#)

Despite important changes in the rights of victims of crime and their role in influencing public policy across most jurisdictions, victims of mentally disordered offenders are often neglected in public discourse. This review sets out to understand what has been written about the ethical obligations of forensic practitioners towards victims.

[Institutional Child Abuse: The role of disclosure, risk, and protective factors in understanding trauma responses](#)

This research explored the lived experience perspectives of institutional child abuse victims, conducted a Rapid Evidence Assessment of institutional child abuse case reviews, and compared experiences of child abuse in different settings.

[Quality Prescribing for Antidepressants: A Guide for Improvement 2024-2027](#)

Antidepressant prescribing continues to increase in Scotland with one in five adults receiving one or more antidepressant prescriptions in a year. This Scottish Government guide aims to further improve the care of individuals receiving antidepressant medication and promote a holistic approach to person-centred care.

Online & Financial Harm

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[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

[Your Voice Matters](#)

Young People's Voices are a group of young people who are fighting for their rights and the rights of other unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people living in Scotland. Conducted by young people with lived experience of seeking asylum, the report highlights the unique challenges faced by themselves and their peers and presents recommendations for improvement.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[National Care Service: Governance and representation – seldom heard voices co-design work](#)

The Scottish Government has been working with organisations who support people from groups and communities who often have barriers to engaging with government. This report details the findings from this work relating to the Governance and representation co-design theme.

[Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care](#)

A guide to the required standards of practice in the management of data, information and records for those who work within or under contract to NHS organisations in Scotland.

[Redress For Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: statutory guidance – evidential requirements and determinations by Redress Scotland - Updated August 2024](#)

Statutory guidance for Scotland's Redress Scheme. This guidance provides further information on the evidential requirements for the scheme.

[Grief and Loss: Supporting Foster Carer Families Through Placement Terminations](#)

This article reports on findings from research that aimed to understand current carer experiences of grief and loss, their coping strategies, their support needs, and the implications for a foster care agency's duty of care towards its workforce.

[Learning Reviews for Children in Scotland Data report 2024: Data for period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024](#)

The Care Inspectorate became the central collation point for all significant case reviews (SCRs) in 2012 and initial case reviews (ICRs) in 2017. This role continued with the introduction of the National guidance for child protection committees undertaking learning reviews (September 2021) (the learning review guidance). The Care Inspectorate now receives all learning review notifications and completed reports. In 2022, they published an overview report, covering the transition from ICRs and SCRs to learning reviews. In 2023, they published their first annual data report for learning reviews.

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[Integration Joint Boards Finance and Performance 2024](#)

In 2022 and 2023 the Audit Scotland published a bulletin setting out the financial position of the 30 Scottish Integration Joint Boards (IJBs). This year's report expands on this and provides a high-level independent analysis of IJBs.

[The Reality of, and Potential for, Digitally Enabled Care in the Community](#)

This long read shares the findings of research into the current reality of digital technology use in community services, and what the future could – and should – hold.

[Social Care Guidance on Safe Staffing](#)

This social care specific guidance on the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 aims to help organisations understand the roles and responsibilities for safe staffing. This guidance should be used in conjunction with the [Health and Care \(Staffing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019: statutory guidance](#) and [Care Inspectorate Safe staffing programme](#).

Substance Use & Addiction

[Increase in Drug Deaths](#)

National Records for Scotland indicate that the number of drug-related deaths in Scotland has risen by 12% over the past year.

[Evaluation of Web-Based Digital Intervention to Change Individual's Drinking Behaviours](#)

This study sought to investigate the impact of an online programme focused on supporting participants looking to change their drinking behaviours on outcomes of self-reported happiness with drinking and other well-being outcomes.