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## Public Protection Bulletin

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Dear colleague,

Nearly all public health protection measures have been removed but COVID-19 remains a risk, especially for vulnerable people. For the foreseeable future, our member organisations and front-line workers will continue to face significant challenges. As public protection leaders and managers have a responsibility to focus on how we continue to support our staff and volunteers.

As previously reported, our Adult Support and Protection and Child Protection Committees and subgroups have returned to the regular meeting schedules, albeit on video conferencing platforms. We review this on a regular basis to determine when we will be able to meet in person again.

People continue to tell us these bulletins are 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. We hope you find something of interest to you in the articles below.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

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

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### [Festive Directory 2022-23](#)

Every year we see inspiring third sector organisations across the city providing services around the festive period and, despite the challenges, this year is no different. Over 100 organisations are providing help and support such as gifts and toys for local children, food parcels, Christmas dinners, and helplines.

GCVS have compiled a [Festive Directory](#) of what's on.

Please note that details are subject to change so please check the charity's social media page, or contact them on the details provided, for the most up to date information.

If you know an organisation that should be added, or you want to change your information, please contact [everyoneschildren@gcvs.org.uk](mailto:everyoneschildren@gcvs.org.uk)

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

#### [Season's Greetings from everyone at CELCIS](#)

Every year CELCIS hold a competition for school-aged children and young people in Scotland with care experience to design the image for CELCIS's Christmas card. Click the link to see the fantastic entries received this year.

#### [Sandyford clinics for 13-17 year olds – update](#)

The team at Sandyford, NHS GG&C, need your help to make sure the young people you work with know what clinics are open and how to book.

We currently have the following clinics open for 13-17 year olds:

**Sandyford Central** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 4:30-7 pm

**Sandyford Clydebank** on Thursday 4:30-7pm

**Sandyford Govanhill** on Monday and Wednesdays 4:30-7pm

**Sandyford Paisley** on Thursdays between 4:30-7.00pm.

**Sandyford Parkhead** on Mondays and Wednesdays between 4:30-7pm

**iZone Port Glasgow** on Tuesdays between 4:30-7 pm\*

The services available at these clinics include: Asymptomatic sexual health screens, BBV testing, Oral and injectable contraception, Implant insertions and removals, Emergency contraception, Condom provision.

These clinics are not drop in, young people must book an appointment and can do this online or by phone 0141 211 8130.

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We know that the online booking system is not as slick as young people expect! If they can't find an appointment on their preferred date, they should check for availability on the following days.

If you need an appointment for a young person with complex support needs, please contact the Sandyford YP team [Sandyford.ypteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Sandyford.ypteam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

Please help us to promote the clinics by sharing this information with all your relevant networks.

### [A new approach to investigative interviews with children: what can we learn from the interviewers?](#)

Hannah Carr, Trainee Clinical Psychologist University of Glasgow, has published her research into the impact of the new National JII Training Programme on interviewers' perceptions, beliefs and experiences of conducting investigative interviews.

### [Disclosures of abuse to Childline in Scotland](#)

NSPCC Scotland have released statistics that show that over the past year Childline has delivered more than 600 counselling sessions for children in Scotland, where they have spoken about the abuse they have suffered or are experiencing, noting December and January are common months for children to confide in Childline about abuse for the first time.

### [Glasgow Celebrates its Care Experienced Young People on Open Day](#)

At the end of October, the HSCP celebrated National Care Experienced Week by hosting an annual 'Care Experienced Open Day'. The event is run by care experienced young people, and it's a day to celebrate their talents and achievements.

### [Short Film Shows the Importance of Early and Effective Intervention](#)

A short film has been launched to explain the work of the Early and Effective Intervention (EEI) Team that helps young people in Glasgow who have been involved in offending behaviour to get back on track.

### [Pilot programme to support pupils who have been missing from school](#)

A new pilot programme in Glasgow by charity Quarriers and Glasgow City Council aims to support children who have been missing from school for long periods since the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, by offering one-on-one support to pupils from primary and secondary schools, and looking at the underlying reasons for non-attendance.

### [It Is Not A Choice! report](#)

Youth support charity Includem has published a new report which highlights that poverty is still the biggest obstacle to implementing children's rights in Scotland.

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### [ALLIANCE literature review – children and young people’s experiences of social care](#)

A literature review summarising what children and young people have shared with the ALLIANCE about social care.

### [Neglect: learning from case reviews](#)

NSPCC Learning has updated its briefing on learning from case reviews around neglect, to include learning from reviews published in 2021 and 2022. The briefing highlights the importance of professionals being able to: recognise all forms of neglect, understand its cumulative and long-term impact, and take timely action to safeguard children.

### [Triennial analysis of serious case reviews 2022 - learning for the future](#)

New resources aim to support professionals in social work, education, police, criminal justice and health in learning from the analysis of serious cases.

### [Report of a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People at Risk of Harm in Highland](#)

A report of an inspection carried out between April and September 2022 by the Care Inspectorate in partnership with Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and HMICS.

### [A Systematic Review of Measures of Child Neglect](#)

A systematic review that aimed to identify and evaluate evidence of tools or measures to better assess child neglect.

## **Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties**

### [New lived experience panel to advise government](#)

An opportunity has been created for neurodivergent people to help the Scottish government design an inclusive consultation for a Bill to better protect the rights of autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

### [Social work and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders \(FASD\)](#)

IRISS Insight examines how and why FASD is relevant to social work and the implications for practice.

### [Less people with learning disabilities receiving health checks compared to last year](#)

According to new statistics from NHS England, 71.8% of people with a learning disability received a health check in 2021/22, down from 75.2% in 2021/22.

## **Mental Health**

### [Towards new Mental Health Standards for Scotland](#)

Irene Oldfather reflects on the ALLIANCE's lived experience engagement as consultation opens for new Mental Health Standards in Scotland.

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### [Tackling Inequalities, Trauma and Adversity across the Lifespan: Mapping Cross-Cutting Agendas](#)

To help support a joined-up approach across different strategic priorities, the Improvement Service has published a short paper exploring links across key policy agendas working to tackle inequality, trauma and adversity.

### [Embedding a Trauma-Informed Approach: Case Studies](#)

The Improvement Service recently published a new set of case studies to showcase good practice in developing and embedding trauma-informed policy and practice across services, systems and workforces.

## Adults, Older People & Dementia

### [Noah Syndrome: A Review Regarding Animal Hoarding with Squalor](#)

A review that aimed to identify studies that investigated extreme forms of animal hoarding in an effort to define the concept of Noah syndrome, proposed as the animal variant of Diogenes syndrome (sometimes known as social breakdown syndrome, senile squalor syndrome, and self-neglect syndrome).

## Carers

### [Informal Carers' Support Needs, Facilitators and Barriers in the Transitional Care of Older Adults](#)

A study that aimed to understand informal carers' needs during the care transitions of older adults from inpatient care to the community.

## Housing & Homelessness

### [250 people died while homeless last year](#)

Of the 250 deaths amongst people who were homeless in Scotland in 2021, 51% due to drug overdose; 9% due to suicide and 7% alcohol

### [Social housing rent freeze not extended beyond March 2023](#)

The Scottish Government has decided not to extend rent controls for social housing providers beyond March 2023 with social landlord representatives bodies announcing their members' plans for below-inflation rent increases for the next financial year.

### [Radical Safeguarding - an anti-oppressive perspective on responding to homelessness](#)

Inspired by the work of Maslaha, practitioners with lived experience of homelessness, state violence and social care have started working on a Radical Safeguarding Toolkit for practitioners working with adults affected by homelessness. The hope is that the toolkit is a practical guide for people who want to embed anti-oppressive practice into their work.

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### Substance Use & Addictions

#### [Five things about women and addiction](#)

Two women who have recovered from addiction talk frankly about some of the challenges they faced - and how they managed to overcome them.

#### [Suspected drug deaths in Scotland: July to September 2022](#)

Police Scotland statistics show there were 210 fewer suspected drug deaths during the first nine months of 2022 than the same period last year.

### Equality & Poverty

#### [New Report: Public Debt and Arrears in Scotland](#)

The Robertson Trust has published new research showing that many low-income families are being pushed into debt and arrears by the public bodies meant to be helping them through the cost-of-living emergency.

#### [Fuel Insecurity Fund extended to help fuel poor households](#)

Thousands of vulnerable households will be supported by the continuation of the Scottish Government's updated £20 million Fuel Insecurity Fund.

### Gender Based Violence

#### ['Honour'-Based Abuse: A Descriptive Study of Survivor, Perpetrator, and Abuse Characteristics](#)

A study that aimed to provide base rate information on key characteristics of survivors, perpetrators and abuse in incidents of 'honour'-based abuse.

#### [Government publishes principles on which prostitution strategy will be based](#)

Prostitution defined as a form of violence against women and girls

### Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

#### [The birthing charity for new Glaswegians](#)

Maree Aldam, CEO of Amma – a Glasgow charity that provides care, information and advocacy to those who face barriers to support during pregnancy, birth and early parenthood – has spoken with healthandcare.scot about the growing need for specialist ante and pre-natal care and her growing charity's hopes for the future.

### Crime, Justice & Prisons

#### [Prisoner Training Programme Helping To Tackle Drug Issues In Scotland](#)

A training programme helping prisoners tackle drug issues has been recognised by Public Health awards.

#### [People in prison awaiting trial at 'crisis' point](#)

The number of people in Scotland's prisons awaiting trial has hit "crisis point", according to the chairman of the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC).

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### [Improving Victims' Experiences of the Justice System: Consultation Analysis](#)

An analysis of the responses to a Scottish Government consultation that sought views on potential reforms to empower and protect victims of crime, with particular reference to sexual offences.

## **Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters**

### [Experiences and perspectives on working in social work in Scotland](#)

Social Work Scotland has published 'Setting the Bar 2', a follow up report which further develops the lines of inquiry from the June 2022 'Setting the Bar' report on members' experiences and perspectives on working in social work in Scotland.

### [Significant case review: Angus Improvement Plan](#)

This commission was made by the Scottish Government in relation to a Significant Case Review (referred to as P19) undertaken in Angus and, more specifically, the subsequent improvement plan. This report outlines our key findings.

### [Inspection Report: South Lanarkshire partnership](#)

Joint inspection of adult support and protection in the South Lanarkshire partnership.

### [Inspection Report: North Lanarkshire partnership](#)

Joint inspection of adult support and protection in the North Lanarkshire partnership.

### [What is a Strengths-Based Approach?](#)

A short video that summarises the processes and the key elements to consider in relation to using a strengths-based approach.

## **Online & Financial Harm**

### ['Self-generated' online child sexual abuse material](#)

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has published a snapshot study on 'self-generated' online child sexual abuse material.

### [CyberScotland Bulletin - December 2022](#)

The December CyberScotland Bulletin is now available. This month's topics include scams to watch out for this holiday season and information on the NCSC Cyber Aware campaign aims to help keep online shoppers more secure.

### [Trading Standards Scotland Bulletin 15 Dec](#)

Latest edition of the Scam Share bulletin.

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### Events

#### [Transitional Safeguarding Online Workshop, 19/01/23, 2.00 – 4.30](#)

Will cover the latest guidance, research, case studies and practical insights on how to improve outcomes for young people at risk as they enter adulthood. Please note there is a cost to attend this event.

#### [Improving policy and practice on bruising in premobile infants, Webinar, 23/01/23, 4.00 – 5.30pm](#)

Understand the evidence base on bruising in pre-mobile infants, the experience of families, & how policy & practice can be improved. Please note there is a cost to attend this event.

#### [So what now? Exploring the findings from the Health Foundation's review of health inequalities in Scotland, 26/01/23, 10 – 11.15, Zoom](#)

Over 2022, the Health Foundation, along with our research partners in Scotland, carried out an independent review to build a better understanding of health and health inequalities in Scotland over the past 20 years, why they persist despite policy intent and what we need to do to tackle them.

This webinar will explore the review's findings and discuss the 'so what now?' for tackling health inequalities in Scotland.

#### [Upcoming SDF training opportunities for people working in Glasgow](#)

The training sessions are free and delivered online via Microsoft Teams and Zoom. This [link](#) takes you straight to our training website where you can book a course that suits you. Booking opens a month in advance.

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