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Dear colleague,

People continue to tell us these bulletins are a valuable source of information and we will continue to seek out the latest news, research, articles and events. In order to ensure that the bulletin meets the needs of our readers in Glasgow, we have included a link to a short survey so that you can tell us what you think of the bulletin and how it could be improved. We would very much appreciate it if you would take 5 minutes to complete it - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/6XEUMG/>

As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection. 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 get in touch with Michelle Brown at Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Children, Young People & Education

[Parental Inequalities in Likelihood of Children Taken Into Care](#)

A study recently published by researchers at CASCADE, Cardiff University, has highlighted inequalities between women and men in the likelihood of their children being taken into care.

[Childline Receives Nearly 40 Contacts Per Day from Children Who Feel Unhappy](#)

Over the past year, Childline has delivered over 14,000 counselling sessions about low mood or unhappiness to children and young people who have contacted the service. The NSPCC also provide [Childline posters](#) to promote the service to children and young people.

[Key Attributes and Experiences of Cyberbullying Among Children in the UK](#)

A report from The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), in partnership with City University and supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and the Diana Award, undertook qualitative research to explore the nature and impact of cyberbullying on children.

[Exploring What Young People in Together for Childhood Know, Think and Do About Child Abuse](#)

Together for Childhood is an evidence-informed place-based approach, bringing local partners and families together to make communities safer for children. As part of this, Together for Childhood works with children and young people to educate them about what child abuse is and where they can go for help and support if they need it. The research used surveys and focus groups with young people aged 12–14 from the four Together for Childhood sites in Grimsby, Glasgow, Plymouth and Stoke-on-Trent to find out what they know, think, and would do about child abuse. The aim was to hear what they had to say and to explore how that learning could be used to benefit other young people. You can also access the [Together in Childhood in Glasgow research brief](#).

[The Barriers and Facilitators to Abuse Disclosure and Psychosocial Support Needs in Children and Adolescents Around the Time of Disclosure](#)

Children who experience sexual or physical abuse often delay their disclosure. This study aimed to clarify the barriers and facilitators to abuse disclosure in a sample of children and adolescents participating in a police interview regarding alleged abuse.

[Independent Review for Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People](#)

Dr Hilary Cass has submitted her final report and recommendations to NHS England in her role as Chair of the Independent Review of gender identity services for children and young people. The Review was commissioned by NHS England to make recommendations on how to improve NHS gender identity services, and ensure that children and young people who are questioning their gender identity or experiencing gender dysphoria receive a high standard of care, that meets their needs, is safe, holistic and effective.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Conceptualising the Everyday Harm Experienced by People with Cognitive Disability](#)

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Many people with disability experience harm in everyday interactions that can leave them feeling insulted, degraded, silenced, or rejected. The term 'everyday harm' is adopted to describe this underexplored form of harm. The purpose of this scoping review was to assess how the literature on microaggression and emotional and psychological abuse contributes to an understanding of everyday harm and misrecognition.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Mental Welfare Commission \(MWC\) for Scotland: Report on Unannounced Visit to Iona House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital](#)

Iona House provides 20 continuing care beds for older men and women with complex care needs from the west sector of the health board catchment area; this includes West Dunbartonshire, Bearsden and Milngavie, and Knightswood and Drumchapel. The MWC last visited in October 2022; this visit focused on following up on previous recommendations and looked at communication with families and proxy decision makers.

[£30 Million Mental Health Funding](#)

Two funds to support projects aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing in adults, children and young people have been awarded a further £30 million. The Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults, and the Children and Young People's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports, have been awarded £15 million each for 2024-25.

[Evaluation of the Suicide Bereavement Support Service: Final Evaluation Report](#)

This report is the final evaluation of a suicide bereavement support pilot by the Scottish Government, that aimed to capture learning generated from the implementation and delivery of the pilot to inform any future rollout of the service, and to explore the experiences of people receiving support from the service and evidence any outcomes achieved.

[Mental Capacity Report - April 2024](#)

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

[Time Space Compassion in Suicide Prevention - Practice Stories - Volume 2](#)

This is the second collection of Time Space Compassion practice stories exploring the challenges, practices and impact of prioritising human connection in suicide prevention. This publication builds on the first set of practice stories published in March 2023. Time Space Compassion is about securing better outcomes for people affected by suicide, through a focus on relationships. The [introductory guide to Time Space Compassion](#) outlines shared principles, practices and underpinning values, to help people offer a response rooted in human connection and compassion.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Exploring the Impact of Care Home Environments and Culture on Supporting Residents to 'Wander' Safely](#)

Up to 60% of people with dementia living in care homes will 'wander' at some point, which has typically been seen by staff as a problematic behaviour. A range of non-pharmacological interventions have been tested to either support or prevent

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wandering. However, even recent innovative practice continues to maintain a focus on reducing or preventing wandering. This study aimed to identify care home staff perspectives on home level factors that facilitate or hinder them supporting residents to wander safely.

[Healthcare Improvement Scotland: Aging and Frailty Standards Consultation](#)

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is developing standards for the care of older people living with frailty and has issued draft standards for consultation. The ageing and frailty standards will be complemented by the national healthcare standards, which are currently under development. The consultation on the draft standards closes on 18 June 2024.

Carers

[Uncovering the Hidden Role of Carers in Scotland](#)

A new collaborative research project between academic and third sector groups is seeking to 'shine a light' on the work and challenges facing unpaid carers across Scotland.

[Caring for Older People As a Social Determinant of Health](#)

Unpaid care is a critical source of support for people with health and social care needs. Unpaid carers are a group facing increasing demands and are at risk of adverse outcomes. This study aimed to assess the breadth of evidence on older carers/carers of older people in UK cohort studies.

[Persistent Absence Rate for Young Carers is Nearly Twice as High as for their Peers](#)

Carers Trust reacts to figures showing persistent absence rate for young carers is nearly twice as high as for their peers.

Housing & Homelessness

[Holyrood Committees Launch Joint Consultation on New Housing Bill](#)

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee have today jointly launched a new public consultation on the Scottish Government's Housing (Scotland) Bill with a focus on homelessness and tenants' rights.

[STUC Makes Housing Emergency Declaration](#)

The Scottish Trade Union Congress (STUC) has become the latest organisation to make a housing emergency declaration.

[Hauntology: The Emotional Costs of Social Policy for Mothers Experiencing Homelessness](#)

The article is concerned with the emotional effects of homelessness on women who are mothers. It develops a multi-disciplinary conceptualisation of "haunting" to bring understanding to the ongoing grief and trauma associated with losing a home and children. It explores how women's embodied and affective experiences are not just responses to deeply distressing events, but inextricably intertwined with the unfurling of housing and child protection policies, sometimes long after a policy decision (eviction, child removal).

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[‘There’s No Hope for Any Kind of Decent Life’: A Qualitative Study to Explore the Perspectives of People Experiencing Homelessness with a Recent Non-Fatal Overdose in Scotland](#)

The past ten years has seen a marked increase in the numbers of people experiencing homelessness globally and an associated public health epidemic of drug-related deaths. Drawing from qualitative interviews as part of a wider pilot randomised controlled trial conducted in Glasgow with NHS pharmacists and third sector homeless outreach caseworkers, this paper presents insights from those with living experience of both homelessness and a recent non-fatal drug overdose. Twenty people experiencing homelessness with at least one drug overdose in the past six months were interviewed in person, in a homelessness drop in centre or in emergency accommodation.

[April 2024 – Glasgow Rough Sleeping Count](#)

A blog report by The Simon Community Scotland Service Lead, Elaine Barrett, on their latest through the night rough sleeping count.

Substance Use & Addictions

[Alcohol-Specific Deaths in the UK: Registered in 2022](#)

An annual report from the Office of National Statistics, which presents data on deaths caused by diseases known to be a direct consequence of alcohol, by age, sex, and region. The bulletin uses the National Statistics definition of alcohol-specific deaths; it includes those health conditions where each death is a direct consequence of alcohol misuse (that is, wholly attributable deaths).

Equality & Poverty

[New Disability Benefit for Pensioners](#)

Pensioners in five Scottish local authorities will be the first in the country eligible for a new disability benefit, subject to parliamentary approval of regulations.

[Universal Credit Must Change to Tackle Long-term Sickness](#)

Universal credit (UC) will need to change to meet the challenges of an older and sicker population, a new report suggests. The number of benefit claimants who are out of work due to ill health has almost doubled since 2013, says the Resolution Foundation.

[Move to Child Disability Payment Complete for All Kids](#)

All disabled children and young people in Scotland who receive disability benefits will now be paid directly from Social Security Scotland.

Gender Based Violence

[Young Women's Silence and Voice in the Context of Male-Perpetrated Violence](#)

It has been suggested that the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements have allowed women to break the(ir) silence and use their voices more publicly. But what remains unclear are the contexts in which young women who have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) choose to silence themselves in relationships and under what conditions they choose to speak out. Thus, this study explored young women's

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silencing and speaking out in intimate relationships with men who have perpetrated IPV against them.

[Understanding Domestic Abuse Interventions for Women Experiencing Multiple Disadvantage](#)

This report from the UK Government Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, presents the findings of a rapid review of evidence on effective interventions that help women experiencing multiple disadvantage to get support that addresses the risks and effects of domestic abuse.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Mapping Innovation](#)

The Centre for Justice Innovation has published a range of case studies using a Map of Innovation, showcasing services within criminal and family justice systems across the UK.

[“Your world, everything just implodes, it really is a life-changing experience”: how do relatives of Child Sexual Abuse Material \(CSAM\) offenders navigate life following discovery of the offence?](#)

There is a gap in understanding how family members of sexual offenders, and specific to the present study, families of those who download child sexual abuse material (CSAM), navigate their life experiences after the point of discovery of the offence. Their psychological experiences are a direct result of their association with a family member's sexual crime and yet, they themselves are innocent. This study used a qualitative approach with fifteen female partners, ex-partners and mothers of CSAM offenders to examine how they experienced life following the discovery of the crime.

[Young Advocates for Youth Justice](#)

The Young Advocates project is led by children and young people aged 13–21 who have lived experience of the youth justice system and want to be part of a movement to drive positive change. This second report from the project presents findings from engagement with 90 children and young people across England and Wales, and focuses on the three priority topics of criminalisation, policing, and intervention and diversion. The aim was to explore the routes into the justice system for young people, as compared to pathways out and away from it. In response to the findings, the report provides a series of recommendations for decision-makers to address these challenges.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Listen Up, Speak Up: 10 Minute Digital Training](#)

Listen up, Speak up is an NSPCC campaign that empowers the public and those who work or volunteer with children and young people to take action if they're worried about a child or family. They're offering free, bite-size training, with advice on the signs a child might be at risk, steps you can take to help, and support available. Find out about 10-minute digital training on their website.

[Building a Mental Health Workforce for the Future](#)

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Successfully expanding and improving mental health care provision is contingent on building a workforce for the future. Decisions made now will affect the type and volume of support people will get in a decade's time. The NHS's Long Term Workforce Plan sets a big ambition about the numbers of people who will need to be trained and employed within NHS mental health services over the coming years. This briefing note provides reflections from a roundtable co-hosted by Centre for Mental Health, Mind and the NHS Confederation's Mental Health Network that explored how to build the mental health workforce we need for the future, using the Workforce Plan as its starting point.

[Occupational Gender Segregation and Mental Health Among Professionals: Women's Risk Exposure in Five Micro Classes](#)

This study explores the intricate interplay between gender, occupation, and mental health using data from the 2020 EU-LFS ad hoc module on 38,066 female professionals in Western Europe. Researchers examined their exposure to work-related risks impacting mental health, focusing on variables such as work overload, violence, and challenging client interactions. The study's primary objective is to discern how various occupations contribute to distinct experiences of work-induced strains.

[Transparency in Health and Social Care Guidance](#)

The UK's data protection regulator, the Information Commissioner's Office, has today published new guidance reminding health and care providers of best practice and their legal requirements around keeping people informed about how they use the personal information they hold on patients and clients.

[Statistics Briefing: Physical Abuse](#)

This briefing from NSPCC collates information from a number of different sources and looks at what data and statistics are available about physical abuse to help professionals make evidence-based decisions in their role and organisation. The paper also provides data from services which work with children and research into children's and adults' self-reported experiences, which help build up a picture of the scale of physical abuse.

[Social Work with No Recourse to Public Fund Migrants: Obstacles and Strategies](#)

A study that explored the types of problems that social workers encounter whilst working with No Recourse to Public Fund migrants, and what strategies they use to attempt to overcome those obstacles.

[Safer Employment](#)

A guide from Skills for Care that aims to support employers to think about safer employment processes, from recruitment to retention to managing leavers. There is also a guide about [using social media for care recruitment](#).

[New Scottish Social Services Council \(SSSC\) Codes of Practice Come Into Effect from 1st May](#)

The SSSC are launching their new Codes of Practice for registrants and employers on 1st May 2024. You can view them on their website.

[HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland \(HMICS\) Frontline Focus – Wellbeing](#)

A report from HMICS detailing the findings of an inspection into the wellbeing and safety of Police Scotland employees. In developing HMICS's scrutiny plan in 2022,

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HMICS committed to engaging with those working on the frontline to better understand the experience of officers and staff who directly provide service to our communities. This was intended to be a short, sharp focus where the voice of the frontline could be heard directly; a 'frontline focus.' This intention formed the basis of their inspection design and focused on engaging with those on the frontline across different geographical and business areas, who deliver services to the public, 24/7, 365 days a year.

[Statistics Briefing: Child Deaths Due to Abuse or Neglect](#)

This briefing, from the NSPCC, looks at what data and statistics are available about child deaths due to abuse or neglect in the UK.

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 as soon as possible. [Sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin.](#)

Events & Courses

[No Wrong Door Update Online Session - 14.05.24 10am - 11.30am](#)

The Child Poverty Pathfinder team are working on a No Wrong Door approach to address fragmented service provision and improve access to support. Learn more about the city's cross-sector approach to tackling child poverty in an information event and consider joining the No Wrong Door network. To attend this online session on Thursday, 14 May, 10am-11.30am - please contact Kathleen.Caskie@gcvs.org.uk.

[Children in Scotland's Annual Conference - 29.05.24 9am - 30.05.24 4pm - Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh](#)

Children in Scotland are hosting their annual conference at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. Further details about the two-day programme can be found at the [Children in Scotland website](#). Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Sessions

A multi-agency webinar which 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. Course delivery partners will include Police Scotland, The Advocacy Project and staff from Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership. 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.

Click on the relevant date to sign up:

[Wednesday, 29 May 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)

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Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar

A multi-agency webinar delivered by Learning and Development, Glasgow HSCP 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:

[23/05/2024](#)

[18/06/2024](#)

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