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Dear colleague,

October is also National Black History Month which celebrates and reflects on the rich history of Black culture, innovation, and revolution. Find out more about the origins of Black History Month on the [Black History Month Scotland website](#). You can also find out more about [events being held in Glasgow](#).

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

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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

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Children, Young People & Families

[Data, Child Protection and Care: What's behind the declining numbers in Scotland?](#)

Webinar recording from CELCIS where Micky Anderson, CELCIS's Data Lead, and Dr Alex McTier, Evidence and Evaluation Specialist at CELCIS, presenting data from Scotland's child protection and 'looked after' children statistics, offering insights into national trends, raising key questions about where further understanding is needed.

[#LookCloser Resources](#)

A set of resources including posters and leaflets, social media assets, a programme of learning events on child exploitation, and explainers on various forms of child exploitation such as grooming, sexual exploitation, financial exploitation, criminal exploitation and more.

[Why Language Matters: Rethinking the Language of Suicide](#)

As part of its "Why Language Matters" series, NSPCC Learning has released a blog post examining the impact of the language used to discuss suicide on children and young people.

[Girls' Attitudes Survey 2024](#)

The survey from Girlguiding reveals the range of challenges girls are facing today – from appearance pressures to online harm – and how these are impacting their confidence and wellbeing.

[Child Sexual Abuse: Data Insights Hub](#)

This interactive dashboard from the Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has been designed to enable professionals, commissioners and researchers to find, understand and use official data on child sexual abuse.

[Growing Up in Kinship Care](#)

A study from CELCIS, The University of Strathclyde and Scottish Centre for Administrative Data Research which aims to analyse and summarise what is currently happening for children living in kinship care, where a formal decision has been made.

[Incorporating What Matters to Children into Practice with Kinship Care: Listen, Understand, Do](#)

This kinship care practice guidance from Coram BAAF has been developed by listening to children's views. It is intended primarily for those who support children and families in kinship care arrangements, but it also applies to other areas of child welfare practice.

[Non-Compulsory Care for Children and Young People in Scotland: Learning from Experiences of Section 25](#)

A study from CELCIS and the Nuffield Foundation explored the use of Section 25 arrangements in Scotland, to better understand how they are understood, used, and experienced. The study aimed to gain a full understanding of how these arrangements were experienced from the perspectives of children and young people, parents, and practitioners (social workers and solicitors, later expanding to include children's reporters and independent advocates) who were involved in their use.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

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[From Care to Corrections: A scoping review of pathways from child protection to adult criminal justice systems](#)

A scoping review of pathways from child protection to adult criminal justice systems.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[The Experiences of Autistic Adults who were Previously Diagnosed with Borderline or Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder](#)

A study that explored the experiences of autistic adults who have previously received a Borderline Personality Disorder/Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder diagnostic label, with the aim of improving understanding of this experience and the potential consequences of misdiagnosis.

[The Earlier the Better: Raising awareness of employment support for disabled people and people with health conditions](#)

This paper from Demos focuses on one key barrier that prevents people with disabilities or health conditions to start, stay and progress in work – a lack of awareness of the employment support schemes currently available to them. The report explores what measures the government can take to boost awareness to maximise uptake and boost the economy.

[UK Disability Statistics: Prevalence and Life Experiences](#)

This briefing from the House of Commons Library brings together disability data from a range of sources, providing information on the size and characteristics of the UK's disabled population, and highlighting disparities between the life experiences of disabled and non-disabled people.

Education

[Measuring Pupil Wellbeing](#)

Modular resources from Child Outcomes Research Consortium which were developed to support schools to design their own questionnaires and surveys to understand more about the wellbeing of their pupils. Each module collates tried and tested sets of questions covering different areas of wellbeing, grouped into these five broad areas: emotional health; emotional strengths and skills; relationships; school life; help and support.

[Online Safety in Schools: Urgent need for improvement amid technological advancements](#)

The latest report from the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) explores the online safety policies and practices of schools in England using the 360 Degree Safe tool.

[Young Carers Education Attainment Gap](#)

The Carers Trust has released a report focusing on the educational attainment and opportunities of young carers in England.

Equality & Poverty

[Heat or Eat: Exploring the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on single parents' mental wellbeing in the United Kingdom](#)

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A study that explored how financial burdens, mood fluctuations, sacrifices for children's needs, and intensified social isolation impact on single parents' mental health.

[Cost of Hunger and Hardship in Scotland](#)

A report from the Trussell Trust which explores hunger and hardship in Scotland and across the UK: the scale, the costs to society, and the solutions needed.

[Poverty in Scotland 2024 Report](#)

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's annual report finds that more than 1 in 5 Scots are currently living in poverty, struggling to survive on incomes that fall below what they need.

[Four Factors Linked to Higher Infant Mortality Rates in Deprived Areas](#)

Researchers have identified four key factors which together account for more than one third of inequalities in infant mortality, when comparing the most and least deprived areas of England.

Events & Courses

[Rosemount Learning Digibite Programme - Wednesdays - 3.30pm-5pm Glasgow](#)

Rosemount Lifelong Learning are leading in combatting digital exclusion and promoting digital literacy. This programme is for families with children over 8 years old, who want to find out more about Digital technology as a family and have some fun and bite to eat at the same time! They have a wide range of digital technology: VR headsets, 3D printers, a smart board, video cameras, laptops, tablets, digital editing software. Every Wednesday 3:30 pm - 5 pm. All sessions are free and include pizza, snacks + drinks. No need to book a place; just drop in.

[Keeping Trauma In Mind Webinars – Sessions for Education Staff - Various Dates September/October - 4pm - 5.30pm](#)

The 'keeping trauma in mind' programme from Education Scotland has four sessions. These provide educators from all sectors with an opportunity to understand the impact of trauma. Sessions will help you to develop trauma responsive strategies to support children and young people affected by psychological trauma.

[Sharing, Influencing and Living in a Digital Scotland - A DigiFest event supported by the ALLIANCE Digital Citizen Panel \(DCP\) - 29/10/24 - 9am - 5pm - Glasgow](#)

Part of DigiFest 2024 - Digital Healthcare Scotland – bringing you together with key people in the fields of digital health, inclusion and rights in Scotland. There is an option to join remotely from 12 noon to 1.30pm. This is a free event.

[Public Health Information Network for Scotland \(PHINS\) Online Seminar 2024 - 29/10/24 - 9.30am-1.15pm](#)

The seminar will discuss and publicise current public health-related developments and research. Presenters from the University of Glasgow, the Poverty Alliance, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the University of Strathclyde, and Public Health Scotland have been confirmed. The talks will cover public health topics with relevance to Scotland such as mental health and wellbeing, social security, greenspace, and social support. This year's seminar is being run as an online event. The event is free of charge.

[Acquired Brain Injury in the Justice System Webinar - 30/10/24 - 1.00pm - 2.00pm](#)

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The National Police and Prison Care Networks are delighted to host a webinar on Acquired Brain Injury in the Justice System. There will be a presentation from Tom McMillan MApp Sci PhD FBPsS, Professor Emeritus, School of Health & Wellbeing, University of Glasgow. This is a free event.

[Learning About Neglect Webinar: A strengths-based approach to working with children and families in Glasgow City - 31/10/24 - 1.30pm-3pm](#)

In this webinar will hear from Mike Burns, Programme Director, Child Poverty and Early Intervention, and Karen Dyball, Assistant Chief Officer for Children's Services from Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership, who will look at innovative work that has been undertaken on a transformational basis within Glasgow City. The work, which is informed by an evidence base and policy drivers including GIRFEC, The National Child Protection Guidance for Scotland and The Promise, is part of Glasgow's long-term strategic approach to working with families. It involves seeing all challenges, for any family, through a lens of a strengths-based, trauma-informed, and, if possible, trauma-enhanced approach, with a strong antipoverty public health narrative embedded throughout.

[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.

[Digital Inclusion Open Space - 12/11/24 - 9.30am-12.30pm - Glasgow](#)

GCVS, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life are hosting an event to consider how partners in the city can work together to help everyone be digitally included. This event is open to anyone who has an interest in the area. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[Jumping Barriers, Riding Challenges: Getting the transition to adult social care right webinar - 13/11/24 - 1pm-2.30pm - Online](#)

This webinar, hosted by Dimensions and Learning Disability Today, will discuss how professionals can assist young people at significant risk of entering institutional care to make the right decisions to transition successfully to adulthood. You will hear from professionals, families, and those with lived experience of the transitions process about how, with the right support, many of these adults are now learning invaluable life skills and behaviours and leading far more independent lives.

[An introduction to working with refugees and asylum seekers experiencing food insecurity webinar - 19/11/24 - 11am-12 noon](#)

This webinar will include a summary of the difference between migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; the rights and entitlements for these groups (including people with no recourse to public funds-NRPF); what claiming asylum involves and why people claiming asylum are particularly vulnerable to experiencing food insecurity and likely to present at foodbanks for emergency food aid. The session will be delivered by Susi Latham, Training Officer, Scottish Refugee Council and is for anyone working in a community food organisation that has an interest in learning more about refugees and asylum seekers and their rights.

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[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.

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 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:

[Tuesday 10 December 2024](#)

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:

[6th November 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

[11th December 2024: 10am - 12 noon](#)

Gender-Based Violence

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[Forced Marriage Statutory Guidance](#)

Statutory guidance from the Scottish Government describes the responsibilities of chief executives, directors and senior managers in agencies that handle cases of forced marriage. Supporting documents include forced marriage public awareness posters and factsheets.

Health and Social Care

[Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care 2024](#)

This report, the eleventh MBRRACE-UK annual report of the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths and Morbidity, includes surveillance data on women who died during or up to one year after pregnancy between 2020 and 2022 in the UK.

[Palliative Care Matters for All](#)

The Scottish Government's draft strategy on working together to improve life, health, and care for people of all ages living with serious illnesses and health conditions or dying in Scotland.

Housing & Homelessness

[New Tenants Facing Survival Battle Without Basic Items](#)

Community-based housing associations are finding it increasingly challenging to support new tenants, some of whom are waiting months for basic items due to extreme pressures on the Scottish Welfare Fund, the Glasgow, and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations (GWSF) has found.

[Dying Homeless Project: Findings 2023](#)

The Museum of Homelessness, a group that monitors deaths among homeless people in the UK, has warned of a "national emergency" after research found a 12% increase in fatalities over 12 months.

Mental Health & Trauma

[A Framework for Achieving Excellence in Mental Health Discharge](#)

The ADASS mental health network has long recognised the key role of mental health social workers in achieving excellence in person centred discharge. This practical guidance draws on extensive engagement with front line teams, statutory guidance and mental health discharge operational models that are working well across the country.

[What Makes A Good Mental Health Assessment?](#)

A resource from the Centre for Mental Health that sets out the key factors for producing an impactful needs assessment.

[Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: New reports – October 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:

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- [HMP Dumfries](#)
- [HMP Edinburgh](#)
- [Stobhill Hospital - Portree Ward](#)

[Emergency Services Unite with NHS to Enhance Mental Health Support](#)

A partnership between NHS 24, Police Scotland, and the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) is streamlining how patients receive mental health support in Scotland. The Mental Health Pathway is a collaboration between the three services which ensures that people seeking urgent mental health support are directed to the most appropriate service for their needs.

[Mosaic Toolkit to End Stigma and Discrimination in Mental Health](#)

This toolkit from World Health Organisation (WHO) offers practical guidance on how to reduce stigma and discrimination around mental health, based on three core evidence-based principles: leadership or co-leadership by people with lived experience, social contact, and inclusive partnerships.

[Mental Capacity Report - October 2024](#)

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

[Tackling Inequalities Faced by Minority Groups in Mental Health Through the Personalised Care Programme](#)

A report from the Association of Mental Health Providers and Race Equality Foundation aims to provide solutions to address these disparities providing key learnings from the Personalised Care Programme to tackle the inequalities many face.

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.](#)

Practice, Organisation & Workforce Matters

[Voices in Sport](#)

These safeguarding resources from NWG which have been built in collaboration with survivors, Lived Experience people of abuse in Sport, sports representatives, volunteers and parents.

[The Progress We've Seen: A social work and social care retrospective](#)

A report from IRISS examining the many changes and attempts at change for the better in social work and social care in Scotland over the last 16 years.

[Setting the Table Guidance](#)

Nutritional Standards and Practical Guidance for Early Learning and Childcare Providers in Scotland from the Scottish Government. Childcare services providing food and/or drinks to children 0-5 years, and are registered with Care Inspectorate, will be responsible for the implementation of this guidance.

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Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[The Asylum Mental Health and Wellbeing Team: Workstreams, Tools and case studies](#)

An overview of the workstreams, resources and case studies developed or endorsed by the Home Office Asylum Mental Health and Wellbeing team.

[Good Decision-Making in Age Assessments](#)

When young people arrive in the UK to seek safety, their age may be questioned, especially in the absence of formal identification. They may be interviewed and assessed by different professionals trying to decide how old they are. The outcome of these decisions have fundamental impacts on the young person's life in the UK. This research aimed to examine in detail precisely how age is being determined by local authorities.

[Doctors Say UK's Immigration System Risks 'Re-traumatising' Asylum Seekers](#)

Top doctors have identified Britain's immigration system as a "public mental health concern" that inflicts harm on asylum seekers, and risks "re-traumatising" those already affected by psychological distress.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Citizens' Panel to Help Drugs Crisis Response](#)

A group of randomly chosen Scots will help MSPs come up with creative solutions to tackle drug deaths, Holyrood has announced – launching the people's panel on drug harms.

[The Costs of Alcohol to Society](#)

This briefing from the Institute of Alcohol Studies outlines the different types of cost of alcohol, and estimates of the cost of alcohol, both individually and also to society.

[The National Drug-Related Deaths Database \(Scotland\) Report: Analysis of deaths registered in 2019 and 2020](#)

This report from Public Health Scotland presents information from the National Drug-Related Deaths Database (NDRDD) on Drug-Related Deaths (DRDs) registered in Scotland in 2019 and 2020, with trend data from 2012. The report narrative and main points focus on DRDs registered in the most recently reported year, 2020. There is also a [summary report](#).