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Public Protection Bulletin

25th November 2022

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,

Colin

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

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COVID – 19

[Broader Reach and Stronger Voice: Reflecting on the inclusivity of the COVID-19 vaccine programme and collaboration with the third sector](#)

In May 2022 Voluntary Health Scotland conducted a qualitative study asking member organisations and wider network about the inclusivity of the COVID-19 vaccine programme and collaboration with the third sector. This report lays out the findings from the survey and provides recommendations for future action.

Children, Young People & Education

[Research on health of children living in deprived areas in Scotland](#)

Research by the University of Glasgow's MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, working with Scottish research partners and an expert advisory group which CELCIS was part of, has found that children living in deprived areas of Scotland are twice as likely to have poor health.

[Bairns' Hoose - Scottish Barnahus: Vision, Values and Approach](#)

Scottish Government have published their vision of how Barnahus should be implemented in Scotland, the values which should underpin the model and its approach to its practical realisation.

[UK ranked 174th in global children's rights review](#)

The annual report of the KidsRights Index has ranked the UK at 174th globally in adherence to the UNCRC, and reveals no progress of children's standard of living worldwide in the last decade with climate change being the main global threat to children's lives.

[Talking Hope](#)

This web-based toolkit aims to help support staff working with young people considered 'high risk'. The aim is to foster hope and wellbeing amongst staff and young people, and the toolkit is divided into three themes to support development, participation and hope; transitions, change and hope; and hopeful leadership.

[The State of UK Boys](#)

A report, produced as part of the Global Boyhood Initiative, that aims to build understanding of boys, boyhoods and masculinities in the UK today using a literature review and key informant interviews.

[Ramping Up Detention of Young Serious Offenders: A Safer Future?](#)

A study that aimed to estimate recidivism rates in serious young offenders and elucidate the link between sentencing (in terms of custodial vs. non-custodial and length of imprisonment) and recidivism.

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[Child to Parent Abuse](#)

A report from HM Inspectorate of Probation that summarises research findings on child to parent abuse, covering its prevalence, contexts, and impacts.

[Logan Mwangi murder: Injuries seen as accident by doctor](#)

Hospital doctors failed to share with child protection services a list of "significant" injuries a five-year-old boy suffered 11 months before he was murdered, a case review has found.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: UK Implementation](#)

A House of Commons Library briefing paper.

[New documentary reveals that disabled domestic abuse victims often struggle to access support](#)

A new Channel 4 documentary has revealed that disabled people who are victims of domestic abuse often struggle to get the help and support they need from frontline services.

[Experiences of Interpersonal Trauma Among Parents With Intellectual Disabilities](#)

A study that explored how common experiences of interpersonal trauma are among parents with intellectual disabilities, and whether such experiences are related to caregiving-relevant outcomes and developmental problems among their children.

Mental Health

[Scots' mental wellbeing declined since pandemic](#)

The latest Scottish Health Survey shows mental wellbeing has declined significantly since before the pandemic and health inequalities between the most and least deprived are persisting.

[Commission publishes new local visit reports - 16 November 2022](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission publishes 15 new reports on NHS hospital wards and other facilities in Scotland.

[Detentions for mental health treatment in Scotland 2021-22 – new report](#)

A new report from the Mental Welfare Commission shows a 2.3% drop in numbers of times people were detained in hospital against their will for mental health treatment in Scotland in 2021-22 compared to the previous year.

[Guidance: Working definition of trauma-informed practice](#)

This Document from HMG seeks to address this gap by providing a working definition of trauma-informed practice for practitioners working in the health and care sector. The

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evidence base exploring the use of trauma-informed practice in different settings and sectors is still being developed.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[The Advocacy Project: Annual Report 2021 – 22](#)

The Advocacy Project is a human rights based organisation that supports people to have their voices heard and be empowered to be involved in decisions that affect their lives. Our issue-based advocacy services are free and confidential and we are independent of social work, NHS and other agencies.

[New care home guidance for people with learning disabilities who have dementia](#)

A new guidance document is available for care home operators and staff, and healthcare professionals, outlining a collaborative approach that supports the move of people with a learning disability and advancing dementia to a care home. The guide has been published by Healthcare Improvement Scotland, the Care Inspectorate and partners.

Carers

[State of Caring in Scotland 2022](#)

This report explores the key findings from our latest State of Caring survey. The annual State of Caring has been carried out for over a decade and is the most comprehensive research into the lives of unpaid carers in Scotland.

[The Mental and Physical Health of Young Carers](#)

A systematic review of studies assessing the mental and physical health of young carers.

Housing & Homelessness

[Awaab Ishak: Mould in flat caused boy's death, coroner rules](#)

A two-year-old boy died as a result of a severe respiratory condition caused by prolonged exposure to mould in his home, a coroner has concluded.

[Scotland's Housing First Pathfinder Evaluation: Final Report](#)

Has been published, marking the culmination of the hard work of those who drove local Housing First partnerships in many different ways. And the strengths and successes of people now building and living their lives in their own home.

Substance Use & Addictions

[Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership Communications Strategy](#)

Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) are writing their new communications strategy and would like to understand how communications can be of best help to the vision and objectives of the ADP and its partners.

They'd appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to take part in their survey and share it with your networks.

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[E-learning Course Relaunch: 'Bacterial Infection and Drug Use'](#)

Scottish Drugs Forum have relaunched this e-learning course. It gives participants the opportunity to explore signs and symptoms of bacterial infections and raise awareness of harm reduction information relevant to bacterial infection. People will gain an overview of different bacterial infection outbreaks in Scotland.

[Scottish Drug Checking Project](#)

Crew is delighted to support and host the new Scottish Drug Checking Project Online Hub. Sharing the results of this research will raise awareness and understanding of the potential for drug checking to help Scotland respond better to emerging drug trends and prevent drug-related harms more effectively. It will also help provide evidence to ensure services and budgets are developed to meet changing needs.

[Analysis: drugs and alcohol in Scottish health survey](#)

the Scottish government's Chief Statistician published the [Scottish Health Survey for 2021](#), reporting on the health and wellbeing of Scotland's adults and children. The report makes a series of findings around drug and alcohol harm – by age, gender and the communities people live in.

Equality & Poverty

[Cost-of-living crisis increasing hardship for women living on low incomes in Scotland](#)

[A new report](#) has found shocking evidence that women in Scotland are suffering increasing hardship, destitution, and food insecurity due to lack of support during the cost-of-living crisis.

Gender Based Violence

[A Resilience Enhancing Trauma-Informed Program for Children and Mothers in Domestic Violence Shelters](#)

A qualitative study that explored the experiences of mothers, children and professionals with a program that aims to foster attachment and regulation skills, and which can also prepare for trauma treatment, and its perceived impact.

[Young People's Constructions of Gender Norms and Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women](#)

A critical review of qualitative empirical literature exploring how young people's attitudes towards, and understandings of, violence against women are intertwined with their constructions of gender.

[Children face greater risk of domestic abuse during World Cup](#)

The NSPCC has highlighted concerns around domestic abuse during the World Cup. Data from the NSPCC shows that, during the last World Cup in 2018, the number of contacts to the NSPCC helpline about domestic abuse was 33% higher than the monthly average for the year; whilst the number of Childline counselling sessions was 17% higher. Alcohol, betting on the games and tension during the tournament were highlighted as potential triggers.

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Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Inquiry calls for re-think of entire asylum support system](#)

An inquiry into how people seeking asylum were treated in Scotland during the pandemic has called for a complete overhaul of the asylum support system in the UK. The inquiry was commissioned by Refugees for Justice after a number of people lost their lives in asylum accommodation in Glasgow during the pandemic.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Fair health: Imprisonment effects on families' health](#)

There is a high level of health needs within Scotland's prisons, with people imprisoned more likely to experience physical and mental health conditions, but find it more difficult to access healthcare professionals and receive high quality treatment. Toni Groundwater from Families Inside, Scotland's only national charity working exclusively on behalf of families affected by imprisonment, looks at the hidden health and wellbeing impact on the loved ones of those in prison.

[Homicide in Scotland 2021-22](#)

Annual statistical bulletin on crimes of homicide recorded by the police in Scotland in 2021-2022.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[The NHS Education for Scotland \(NES\) Child Protection and Adult Support and Protection eLearning modules](#)

There are four new eLearning modules about child protection and adult support and protection available for the health workforce. Practice level 1 (informed) modules are intended for the entire health workforce. Practice level 2 (skilled) modules are designed for those with more direct and/or substantial contact. The resources should support everyone working in NHS Scotland to understand their child and adult protection roles and responsibilities. The NES modules are accessible on the Turas Public Protection Learning Site. You require to be signed into Turas to access the modules. Anyone with an email address can register for a [Turas Learn](#) account.

[Inspection Report: Fife partnership](#)

Joint inspection of adult support and protection in the Fife partnership.

[New Insights on Motives for Choosing Social Work as a Career: Answers from Students and Newly Qualified Social Workers](#)

This study examines the motives behind the choice of social work as a career, and using the vocabulary of motives and folk logic as supporting theoretical concepts looks at how these motives can be understood. The study draws on data collected in Sweden through a questionnaire administered to 583 newly qualified social workers and from written descriptions by 295 first-term social work students.

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Online & Financial Harm

[Police to text 70,000 victims in UK's biggest anti-fraud operation](#)

Police will text 70,000 people to warn them they have been victims of a banking scam in the UK's biggest anti-fraud operation.

[CyberScotland Bulletin -November 2022](#)

The November CyberScotland Bulletin is now available. This month the bulletin promotes CyberScotland Week, Scotland's annual week-long festival of events on cyber awareness, cyber careers and innovation in cyber security.

[Educational Resources](#)

UK Safer Internet Centre has released a set of online safety educational resources to support professionals working with or for children and young people. The resources are tailored to 3– to 18-year-olds and include lesson plans, assemblies, games and other activities for children.

Events

[Kilbrandon Lecture 'Children of the beloved country - lives and legacies from Kilbrandon to Mandela', 08/12/22, 5:30pm, University of Strathclyde's Technology and Innovation Centre \(TIC\).](#)

Delivered by Professor Ann Skelton, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria where she holds the UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa. Event is in person.

[Fundamentals of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders for Health and Social Care Practitioners, 12/12/22, 12.00 – 1.30pm, Online](#)

The Fetal Alcohol Advisory Support & Training Team (FAAST) provides and facilitates training, consultation and research in order to enhance the capacity, knowledge and confidence of Scotland's health and social care workforce in their work with those affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

[Webinar: Increasing knowledge to improve the uptake of Power of Attorney, 13/12/22, 12 – 1.30pm, Online](#)

Sign up for this free webinar intended to help frailty and dementia practitioners in Scotland understand and encourage earlier update of Power of Attorney.

16 Days of Action 2022 Spotlight Events

COSLA is working with the Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland to offer a range of 'Spotlight' learning events to colleagues across local government and the broader public sector, highlighting key areas and actions requiring collaborative focus across the public sector.

- Monday 28th November 2.00pm - 4.00pm : Children and Young People Experiencing Violence Against Women and Girls

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[16 Days Spotlight Workshop: Children and Young People Experiencing VAWG \(office.com\)](#)

- Tuesday 29th November 1.30pm – 4.00pm : Embedding Safe & Together in Scotland
- Creating Domestic Abuse Informed Systems, Service and Workforces

[16 Days Spotlight Workshop: Embedding Safe & Together in Scotland \(office.com\)](#)

- Wednesday 30th November 9.30am – 11:30am : Violence Against Women and Girls
and Mental Health

[16 Days Spotlight Workshop: Violence Against Women and Girls \(VAWG\) and Mental Health \(office.com\)](#)

- Thursday 1st December 10.00am – 12.00pm : Violence Against Women and Girl and
Community Safety

[16 Days Spotlight Workshop: Community Safety and VAWG \(office.com\)](#)

- Tuesday 6th December 10.00am – 12.00pm : Commercial Sexual Exploitation

[16 Days Spotlight Workshop: Commercial Sexual Exploitation \(office.com\)](#)