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## Public Protection Bulletin 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear colleague,

Thanks to our new team, we are now back on our regular two weekly cycle. As usual, this edition carries a full range of research, articles, activities, and events covering the full spectrum of public protection.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 was Power of Attorney Day and Carers Rights Day. We have included links within this edition of the bulletin to raise awareness and encourage conversations about Power of Attorney and Carers Rights.

Having a Power of Attorney in place means that you can nominate someone you trust to make the important decisions about your future if ill health means you're unable to do it. Your next-of-kin, family or other people close to you do not have the legal right to make decisions for you if you lose the ability to do so yourself. By granting a Power of Attorney to a person you trust, for example, a family member or friend you are keeping control of making decisions about your welfare within your family or friendship group, instead of these decisions being made by the local authority on your behalf in situations where a decision needs to be made.

Each year Carers Rights Day provides an invaluable opportunity for both organisations and individuals to raise awareness of unpaid carers and caring. It is also a day for raising awareness of the importance of identifying unpaid carers so they can be supported and directed to the information, advice and support they need to carry on caring while living a fulfilled life.

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](mailto:Michelle.Brown2@glasgow.gov.uk)

Please stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes

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## Children, Young People & Education

### [Chickenpox Vaccination to Become Part of Routine Immunisations](#)

Following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), Public Health Scotland (PHS) will work with Scottish Government and colleagues across NHS Boards to make plans for the introduction of a varicella (chickenpox) vaccination as part of the routine childhood schedule.

### [Re-examining Child Neglect in the Changing Policy Landscape](#)

IRISS Insights article exploring the evidence on child neglect in the context of the refreshed Scottish definition of neglect published in the National Guidance for Child Protection drawing on messages from research and practice and Significant Case Reviews.

### [Podcast: Supporting New Parents Through Adversity](#)

This two-part podcast episode looks at how early intervention services can support families through adversity. It focuses on For Baby's Sake, a service which provides therapeutic and trauma-informed support to expectant parents who have experienced domestic abuse.

### [UK School Pupils 'Using AI to Create Indecent Imagery of Other Children'](#)

Article from The Guardian highlighting concerns about school pupils creating indecent images using artificial intelligence.

## Disability

### [Disabled People Face Mandatory Work Experience](#)

Disabled people claiming benefits will face mandatory work experience if they do not find a job within 18 months as part of the biggest shake-up to the welfare system in a decade.

### [Child Disability Payment: High Level Statistics to 30 September 2023](#)

Publication from the Scottish Government providing information on applications and payments for Child Disability Payment from 26 July 2021 to 30 September 2023. It includes figures for approximately two years and two months of applications and payments.

## Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

### [National Autistic Society Scotland Launches Friendship Programme for Young People with Autism](#)

A new confidence-building programme for young autistic people has been launched by the National Autistic Society Scotland to help encourage the development of peer friendships. The Empower Up programme is for people aged of 12 and 19 who are living in Glasgow (and surrounding areas). Participants in the programme will benefit

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from structured support to build and develop social navigation strategies and confidence.

## Mental Health & Trauma

### [Associations Between Unintended Fatherhood and Paternal Mental Health Problems](#)

Unintended pregnancies are linked to adverse parental mental health, yet little attention has been given to this relationship in fathers specifically. This study aimed to meta-analyse associations between unintended pregnancies and mental health problems in fathers with children aged under months.

### [Addressing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion as Part of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Training](#)

It is widely documented that Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities experience poorer mental health and have a poorer experience of mental health services. This study explores the challenges faced by BAME communities in accessing equitable mental health services and ways in which professionals can develop cultural competence.

### [Young People Monitoring Report 2022-2023](#)

Report from the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland reporting on the admission of young people under the age of 18 in non-specialist wards in Scotland between 2022 and 2023.

### [An Investigation Into the Care and Treatment of Mr D](#)

An investigation into the care and treatment of Mr D prior to his death: a death that occurred whilst a person was subject to mental health detention in Scotland; carried out by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

## Adults, Older People & Dementia

### [Power of Attorney Day 23/11/23](#)

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 was Power of Attorney (PoA) Day. My Power of Attorney have created a short information leaflet which can be printed and given to people you support to read through in their own time or when you're talking with them about PoA. Further information can be found at [My Power of Attorney website](#).

### [Safeguarding Adults Week 2023](#)

Safeguarding Adults Week 2023 ran from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Ann Craft Trust has published information on key themes from the week and associated resources.

### [Adult Support and Protection: Everyone's Business](#)

IRISS report raising awareness of Adult Support and Protection and its important role and contribution in keeping 'adults at risk' safe.

### [The Adult Support and Protection National Large Scale Investigation Framework](#)

The framework document offers a set of processes and principles that will be helpful to those conducting and/or participating in Large Scale Investigations. To help think through how these processes and principles can be realised, the framework also contains practice steps that can be considered as hallmarks of good practice. It complements the Revised Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 Code of Practice and builds on the good practice already happening around Scotland.

### [Chronologies in Adult Support and Protection: Moving from Current to Best](#)

This report describes scoping research undertaken by IRISS, commissioned by the Scottish Government in 2022, in support of the implementation of key elements of the Adult Support and Protection (ASP) National Improvement Plan (Scottish Government, 2019), in relation to the areas of 'data and evidence' and 'practice improvement.' A key focus is chronologies which are consistently identified across inspection reports and numerous other reviews of adult Support and Protection activity (including Significant Case Reviews) as an area of improvement.

## **Carers**

### [Carers Rights Day - 23/11/23](#)

November 23<sup>rd</sup> was Carers Rights Day. Each year Carers UK promotes Carers Rights Day where they're joined by hundreds of organisations and thousands of individuals raising awareness of caring, helping to identify carers and signposting them to information, advice and support.

### [Reducing Barriers and Improving Support for Young Carers](#)

A recent study conducted by researchers from the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science and the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Health and Social Care Workforce at King's College London, Sheffield Young Carers and an advisory group of young carers, aimed at understanding more about what support is helpful, valued, and needed, as well as identifying the barriers facing young carers, and how these can be overcome. This short animation summarises their experiences.

## **Housing & Homelessness**

### [Local Housing Allowance Increased in Short Term Measure](#)

Housing benefit is to be uprated for the first time in three years following yesterday's Autumn Statement, but concerns have been raised that the move is not enough to address homelessness in Scotland.

### [Glasgow City Mission Launches 'A Home for Christmas' Appeal](#)

This year for Christmas, Glasgow City Mission is focusing on its work with those at risk of rough sleeping in response to issues relating to a lack of housing, the cost of living crisis and the asylum system. They have launched the appeal for support to continue to help its guests find routes out of rough sleeping into homes of their own.

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### [Glasgow City Mission Overnight Centre Re-Opens](#)

Glasgow City Mission is opening its Overnight Welcome Centre (OWC) on Friday, 1 December 2023. The mission is now ready to open its doors to those who are in danger of sleeping rough in Glasgow this winter.

### [Glasgow Site Disposals to Create Homes for Vulnerable and Homeless People](#)

Glasgow City Council has approved the disposal of a site in Shakespeare Street, and the beginning of negotiation for the disposal of another, in Seamill Street - that will allow housing associations to create supported accommodation for vulnerable people and housing for homeless families.

### [244 People Died While Homeless in 2022](#)

An estimated 244 people died while homeless in Scotland in 2022, according to new figures from National Records of Scotland.

## Substance Use & Addictions

### [Policy Briefing: Alcohol](#)

The briefing from Public Health Scotland sets out the range of evidence-based actions that could be taken to prevent and reduce harm from alcohol, building on the progress that has been made through minimum unit pricing. It is expected that these actions, taken together, could reverse current trends in terms of harm from alcohol, and would reduce the burden that alcohol-related conditions place on our health and social care services.

### [Exploring Communities of Belonging Around Drink](#)

Research from Sheffield Hallam University, ARC Research, and Leeds, Hull, Doncaster, North Lincolnshire local authorities exploring the complex role that communities play in alcohol harm and recovery by focusing on communities in each area that reflected national and locally identified need and knowledge gaps.

### [Factors Associated with Drug Use in Prison](#)

About a third of people use drugs during their imprisonment, which is associated with multiple adverse health and criminal justice outcomes. Many studies have examined factors associated with in-prison drug use, but this evidence has not yet been systematically reviewed. This systematic review aimed to synthesise the evidence on factors related to drug use in prison.

## Equality & Poverty

### [Energy Price Cap to Increase by 5% in January 2024](#)

The price of energy for a typical household that uses gas and electricity and pay by Direct Debit will go up by £94 after Ofgem announced it will increase the price cap by 5% on the previous quarter from 1 January 2024.

### [Emergency food parcel distribution in Scotland April - September 2023](#)

A factsheet from the Trussell Trust reporting on the number of emergency food parcels distributed by their foodbanks between April and September 2023.

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### [Foodbanks 'Dreading the Winter' as Demand Rises](#)

BBC News article reporting on increased demand and reduced donations at foodbanks.

### [Health Improvement Annual Report 2022-23](#)

Annual Health Improvement report from Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership provides an insight into the progress made by Health Improvement around improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities during 2022 to 2023, including poverty, mental health and inequality.

### [SPIRU Tackling Poverty Locally Directory](#)

The Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit at Glasgow Caledonian University launched the Tackling Poverty Locally Directory, which aims to become the go-to place to learn about local action to tackle poverty. The Directory is an online resource which is free for all to access. The Directory includes case studies from local authorities, community organisations, charities that cover large areas, local NHS Boards, social enterprises/community Trusts, schools and local partnerships.

## Gender Based Violence

### ['Substantial' Impact of Domestic Abuse on Brain](#)

Glasgow researchers have uncovered the 'substantial' impacts of domestic abuse on brain health by looking at the autopsies of women part of this marginalised and highly vulnerable population with experience of intimate partner violence.

### [Domestic Abuse: Awareness and Action Needed on Chemical Control](#)

This policy report from the University of Bristol demonstrates the need for increased awareness and understanding of the changing tactics used within coercive controlling domestic abuse. The report focuses on 'chemical control' which is defined here as the diverse, non-consenting use of prescribed and non-prescribed medication (including vaccines), and/or other substances by domestic abuse perpetrators to coerce or control victims-survivors.

## Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

### [Scots Health Chiefs Warning on Social Unrest Over Refugee Homes Crisis](#)

Health and social care chiefs have warned of social unrest in Scotland over moves to accelerate the clearance of a backlog of asylum claims by the Home Office.

## Crime, Justice & Prisons

### [Hate Crime Strategy for Scotland Delivery Plan](#)

The Hate Crime Strategy for Scotland, published in March 2023, sets out a vision for a Scotland where everyone lives free from hatred and prejudice for November 2023 to April 2026.

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## Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

### [Raising Concerns in the Workplace](#)

A joint statement from the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and the Care Inspectorate reminding people working in services and employers of the guidance on how to raise concerns in the workplace and the importance of speaking up. There is also a link to the guidance.

### [Why Professional Boundaries Are So Important](#)

Article from the SSSC on the importance of maintaining professional boundaries in practice.

### [Newly Qualified Social Worker Supported Year Expanding to More Areas](#)

The SSSC announces funding for ten more areas to help implement the Newly Qualified Social Worker (NQSW) Supported Year, including Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership.

### [New Partnership Looks to Build Digital-savvy Workforce](#)

NHS Education Scotland (NES) and the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI) have forged a new strategic partnership which they say will bring new opportunities to build a more skilled, capable and resilient health and social care workforce.

### [Scotland's Children's Services Landscape: The Views and Experiences of the Children's Services Workforce](#)

The Children's Services Reform Research study is a Scotland-based research study being undertaken by CELCIS, the Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection. As part of the study, this report explores the views and experiences of the workforce asking, "What is needed to ensure that children, young people and families get the help they need, when they need it?". There is also a [summary report](#) and [supplementary report](#).

### [Public Sector Workforce Will Have to Shrink](#)

Scotland's public sector workforce will have to shrink due to funding pressure the finance secretary has said.

### [IRISS Large Scale Investigation Online Course](#)

An online learning resource explaining the role of large scale investigations (LSIs) within the context of adult support and protection (ASP) practices in Scotland. The resource primarily consists of a series of video interviews with experts and professionals who share their knowledge and experience on a number of aspects around large scale investigations, and allows learners to record their own reflections on a number of suggested learning points.

### [Improvement Service Annual Report](#)

The Improvement Service has published its annual report for 2023, highlighting their activities, key achievements and performance over the last year. The publication takes a look programme by programme at how they have supported councils in Scotland to deliver better public services and looks ahead to the future of local government under the Verity House Agreement and their transformation programme with Solace Scotland.

## 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](mailto:integrity@glasgow.gov.uk) as soon as possible. [Sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin.](#)

### [Cost of Living Payment Scams](#)

Article highlighting current scams around Cost of Living Payments where people are being asked to fill out application forms for payments.

### [Trading Standards Scotland Latest Scams](#)

Trading Standards have listed some of the most common email, phone, text and cyber scams reported by Scottish consumers

## Events

### [Dementia: Issues and Implications for Social Housing Providers Online Course - 13/12/23 9.30am - 12.30pm](#)

An online course from Share introducing and discussing the nature of dementia, the various forms of it, and what the implications of this diagnosis are both for those living with it and caring for them. The course will also introduce the Chartered Institute of Housing's Housing and Dementia Framework; and discuss how this can be used to guide social landlord's response to meeting the needs of those both with dementia and those caring for them. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

### [Reform of Mental Health and Capacity Law in Scotland: where are we at? Webinar - 13/12/23 9.00am-11.00am](#)

In September 2022, the Scottish Mental Health Law Review (Scott Review) published its final report and the Scottish Government published its response to this report in June 2023 announcing a programme of reform. The webinar will discuss the reform programme, how the Scott Review recommendations might be reflected in it and compare this with other jurisdictions. This is a free event, though registration is required.

### [Social Work Policy Online Panel 12/12/23 12.30pm-1.30pm](#)

The next Social Work Policy Panel will discuss Does the practice of self-directed support (SDS) support social work autonomy? Registration is required.

### [The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse \(IICSA\) One Year On: Victim Care and Mandatory Reporting on the Frontline Webinar - 30/11/23 1.00pm-3.00pm](#)

The IICSA final report (England & Wales) was a watershed moment for the awareness of the national and global crisis of child sexual abuse. If you recognise the necessity of the IICSA and its recommendations but have questions around how they might work practically, how the IICSA is already leading to important changes in

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work with victims and survivors, and how you can support these changes, this webinar is for you.

### [Inspiring Change: Scottish Public Health Conference - 01/05/24](#)

On 1 May 2024, Public Health Scotland, the Faculty of Public Health, and the Scottish Directors of Public Health Group will join together to host a major public health Conference in Glasgow. The event will provide an opportunity for the entire public health community in Scotland to come together, face-to-face, to share knowledge and drive forward work to protect and improve health for the people of Scotland. The theme is 'Inspiring Change'. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

### [Empowerment Through Partnership: Asylum Seekers and Refugees Webinar Event - 30/11/23 10.00am - 12 Noon](#)

An event hosted by Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) aiming to bring together individuals working with asylum seekers and refugees, featuring speakers from various organisations with different areas of expertise to share their work, experiences, and resources. Their goal is to create an environment in Glasgow City where all partners are well informed about each other's activities to ensure holistic support for refugees and asylum seekers. This is a free event, though registration is required.

### [What Does the Online Safety Act Mean for Children Webinar - 04/12/23 2.00pm-3.30pm](#)

Webinar from 5Rights Foundation hosting expert speakers and a panel discussion focusing on how the Online Safety Act aims to deliver on the government's promise to make the UK "the safest place in the world to be online". It will include a presentation on what the new legal landscape will look like, with an expert panel discussion on what we can be doing to translate the policy into practice and work to make the internet a safer space for our children and young people. This is a free event, though registration is required.

### [Introducing the Tackling Poverty Locally Directory: Listen and Learn Event - 11/12/23 12.00 noon - 2.00pm](#)

Event hosted by Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit (SPIRU), who launched the Tackling Poverty Locally Directory. The Directory aims to become the go-to place to learn about local action to tackle poverty locally in Scotland, and across the whole of the UK. The event will introduce the Directory and explain the thinking behind the resources. There will also be an opportunity to hear from users and contributors – past, present, and future – to understand what you want from the Directory. This is a hybrid event; it can be attended in person or online. This is a free event, though registration is required.

### [Five Nations Conference Series: Thinking About Suicide Webinar - 08/12/23 10.30am - 12.30pm](#)

Adult Support and Protection and Safeguarding Five Nations Conference Series present a webinar on suicide. The mix of motivations shaping suicidal behaviour underline the challenges inherent in advocating such preventive strategies as the identification of risk factors, high-risk individuals, psychological and pharmacological treatments. The webinar will include an input from Margaret Flynn, the commissioning editor of the Journal of Adult Protection, the Chair of the National Mental Capacity Forum, a Director of All Wales People First and the trustee of a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities. She was the inaugural Chair of the

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National Independent Safeguarding Board in Wales having undertaken reviews for many years in England and Wales. This is a free event. [Further details can be found on this flyer.](#)

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