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Public Protection Bulletin

30th September 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,

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

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GLASGOW ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

Following on from the success of the Child Protection Committee Neglect Summit, the Adult Support and Protection Committee will hold its first conference on Wednesday 2 November. The event will be facilitated in person at Hampden Park, with an option for attendees to join remotely via a live link.

The programme will include presentations on themes from our recent Significant Case Reviews, neglect and self-neglect, advocacy services, and communicating with service users. We also intend to consider how the wider structural inequalities in society interplay with ASP. We will have a range of speakers on the day to ensure a good balance between academic research and policy in practice in Glasgow and wider UK context.

If you would like to book a place or request a link to the live streaming, please complete the [application](#) and return to [SW GlasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:SW_GlasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk), or contact the Committee Team for further details.

Challenge Poverty Week 2022, 3 – 9 October

Times are hard, and getting harder, for hundreds of thousands of people across the country. A rising flood of living costs is pulling more and more people towards poverty. But together, during the Poverty Alliance's #ChallengePoverty Week 2022, we can start to #TurnTheTide on the injustice of poverty in Scotland.

[Click](#) to register for a Get Involved meeting, for a one-to-one chat please email alyson.laird@povertyalliance.org and view the events calendar [here](#).

COVID – 19

[Covid-19 continues to drive fall in life expectancy in Scotland](#)

Life expectancy in Scotland has fallen for another year, with Covid deaths pushing the figure down, according to official data.

[Trauma & Poverty: Post COVID-19 challenges affecting vulnerable young people in Scotland](#)

Scottish Sports Futures is urging Scottish Government, Governing Bodies and Local Authorities to significantly invest more in access to physical activities and access to sports facilities for young vulnerable people following the findings of a new report highlighting the challenges facing young Scots living in poverty and the impact of Covid-19 lockdowns.

The charity commissioned Glasgow University to undertake a literature and data review, alongside interviews of young people to better understand the trends affecting young people in Scotland today; the role of physical activity; the impact Covid-19 and the lockdowns played in their lives; and what organisations can do to help navigate the trends.

Children, Young People & Education

[Understanding disguised non-compliance in social work](#)

Disguised non-compliance is not a well-defined or commonly understood term. In social work it "refers to uncooperative and hostile behaviours from parents, initially masked by a short period of cooperation that seeks to draw practitioners' attention away from any concerns."

This IRISS Insight, written by Neve Togher, examines what the research tells us about disguised non-compliance and what it means for children and families social work practice.

[Child-to-Parent Violence: Examining Cumulative Associations with Corporal Punishment and Physical Abuse](#)

A study that examined the differential and cumulative association of different types of physical force in childhood with rates of child-to-parent violence.

[Children's Care and Justice Bill - policy proposals: consultation analysis](#)

The Children's Care and Justice Bill consultation was published on 30 March 2022 seeking views and feedback on policy proposals to inform the development of the Bill. 106 responses were received from a broad range of stakeholders. This document provides full analysis of those responses.

[What Do We Know About Children from England and Wales in Secure Care in Scotland?](#)

A report that aims to provide a better understanding of the profile and experiences of children placed in Scottish secure care centres by English and Welsh local authorities.

[Researching Mental Health Support for Adolescents Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse](#)

A podcast that discusses the findings from a UK-wide study into supporting adolescent mental health and wellbeing after sexual abuse.

[Understanding Young People's Experiences of Sexual Harm](#)

A series of five animated videos and good practice resources to help children and young people, and professionals working with them, understand the impacts of sexual violence.

[Ambivalence in Child Protection Proceedings](#)

A Swiss study that explored parents' views on what they consider as hindering or enabling in their interactions with child protection services in order to be able to fully participate in child protection proceedings.

[23 leadership activities to support your development in early learning and childcare services](#)

SSSC have launched their new [23 Things Early Learning and Childcare Leadership](#) resource which is specifically for people working with children.

They want to make sure all children and young people get the best opportunities in life. The last few years has seen many challenges and changes within the early learning and childcare

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(ELC) sector, including the increased hours of ELC provision. This means more staff have been recruited into the sector and there are more opportunities for career moves into lead practitioner and manager roles.

23 Things Early Learning and Childcare Leadership is designed to help you engage in your own leadership development through bite-size pieces of learning and customise your learning experience according to your needs and interests.

[Thousands of children treated for malnutrition in Scotland](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde alone recorded 3,895 admissions of children under the age of 18 to an acute site for malnutrition from 2018 to 2022.

[I Am Me Alcohol & Substance Use Awareness Education Pack](#)

I Am Me Scotland have been developing a new Alcohol & Substance awareness education pack for use in schools across Scotland. Commissioned by Renfrewshire Children's Services, the pack has been developed with children, young people, partners (Police, Health and Social Care and NHS) and most importantly people who have lived and living experience of drugs, alcohol and addiction.

The innovative new learning materials include animation, videos and are narrated by children and young people.

The resources, which include addiction, stigma, naloxone and county lines, are available on the I Am Me Scotland Education Platform and are free for all schools and police officers in Scotland.

[Living without a Lifeline – a shocking snapshot of the crisis facing single parent families in Scotland](#)

Feedback from 260 single parents highlights their experiences and priorities, which includes cost of living, family finances, social security, childcare, employment, access to education, mental health and wellbeing, and the ongoing impact of Covid-19.

[New study on Improving Legal Support For Children And Young People In Conflict With The Law](#)

There is a significant gap between what children and young people want, and need, from their lawyers, and what they usually experience, according to a new study from Clan Childlaw. The study also found that lack of access to legal advice has major and often long-term repercussions for many children and young people in conflict with the law.

[What Does Child Protective Services Investigate as Neglect? A Population-Based Study](#)

Most child protective services (CPS) investigations involve allegations of neglect. Broad and vague definitions have led to concerns that CPS-investigated neglect is driven by poverty-based material hardship. In a representative sample of 295 neglect investigations in California in 2017, structured data and narrative text fields were used to characterize the

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types of neglect and concurrent parental risk factors investigated by CPS and to assess the rate and nature of investigated physical neglect.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Personal and Sexual Boundaries: The Experiences of People with Intellectual Disabilities](#)

A study that explored the perceptions, experiences and knowledge of people with intellectual disabilities regarding personal and sexual boundaries in order to map factors that can help prevent sexual abuse

Mental Health

['Toxic culture' of abuse at mental health hospital revealed by BBC secret filming](#)

Humiliated, abused and isolated for weeks - patients were put at risk due to a "toxic culture" at one of the UK's biggest mental health hospitals, BBC Panorama can reveal.

An undercover reporter at the Edenfield Centre filmed staff using restraint inappropriately and patients enduring long seclusions in small, bare rooms.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Dignity in Bodily Care at the End of Life in a Nursing Home](#)

A study that explored aspects of dignity in older persons' everyday lives in a nursing home, with a particular focus on end-of-life care.

[Economic Costs of Dementia in 11 Countries in Europe](#)

A study that set out to estimate the direct out-of-pocket costs and informal costs attributable to both persons living with dementia and persons who died with dementia.

Carers

[Carers likely to see long-term effects on mental health following the pandemic](#)

Relatives of people with a learning disability are likely to see long-term effects on their mental health following the pandemic and should receive adequate and accessible professional support, according to [new research](#).

Surveys were administered to three samples of relatives in the Netherlands in 2019 (N = 105) and during the first waves of Covid-19 in June (N = 207) and October 2020 (N = 332). Associations between quality of life and care burden, care competence, social support, and resilience, and changes over time were analysed using (logistic) regressions.

Housing & Homelessness

[Premature Mortality in People Affected by Co-Occurring Homelessness, Justice Involvement, Opioid Dependence, and Psychosis](#)

A study that investigated premature mortality among a population cohort in Glasgow exposed to homelessness, justice involvement, opioid dependence, and psychosis, with a particular focus on mortality from potentially avoidable causes, mortality from non-communicable diseases, and years of potential life lost.

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Substance Use & Addictions

[Lifestyle Interventions in the Management of Substance Use Disorder](#)

An article that explores the evidence regarding lifestyle interventions as either primary interventions or adjuncts to existing treatments for individuals with substance use disorder

Equality & Poverty

[The hidden part of the cost-of-living crisis](#)

Gillian Fyfe, Citizens Advice Scotland Strategic policy lead reflects on how the ongoing crisis can impact internet accessibility.

Gender Based Violence

[The Use of Children as a Tactic of Intimate Partner Violence and its Relationship to Survivors' Mental Health](#)

A study that explored how an abuser's use of children (UOC) as a form of intimate partner violence related to other types of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, and stalking) and the extent of a relationship between UOC as an abuse tactic and survivor mental health.

[Men Choosing Change Program: Findings of a Long-Term Evaluation](#)

A video that presents the findings from Men Choosing Change, a 16-week psychoeducational behaviour change program for male perpetrators of domestic and family violence in Queensland, Australia.

[Gendered Discourses of Responsibility and Domestic Abuse Victim-Blame in the English Children's Social Care System](#)

This paper reports on data from a survivor-led study on domestic violence and/or abuse (DVA), involving women victim-survivors and domestic abuse practitioners. It aimed to understand how dominant discourses governing child protection work with families in which there is a perpetrator of DVA, might be revised to shift a tendency to hold mothers (solely) responsible for the protection of children as well as for their partners' abuse.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Agency in Waiting? Everyday Tactics of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Glasgow](#)

An article that examines how asylum seekers and refugees living in Glasgow use various tactics to survive and navigate everyday challenges within the restrictive UK immigration system.

['I was trafficked, raped, and left for my abusers to find'](#)

Two years ago, Isobel, a British woman in her early 20s, went to the police and told them how a gang of men had sexually exploited her.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[The Pains of Police Custody for Children: A Recipe for Injustice and Exclusion?](#)

An article that article utilises the sociology of punishment to develop an understanding of the particular pains of police custody for children.

[‘She Was Just Like a Lassie’](#)

An analysis of the views of cis-women in custody about their experiences of living with transgender women in the Scottish prison estate.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[CPD recording, registration and regulation](#)

Research in Practice learning resources support you to use evidence and to develop in your role. If you have a Research in Practice account you can easily keep a record of your continuing professional development (CPD). Refers primarily to Social Work England requirements, but some resources will be transferrable.

Online & Financial Harm

[CyberScotland Bulletin September 2022](#)

The CyberScotland Bulletin will provide you with information about the latest threats, scams, news and updates covering cyber security and cyber resilience topics.

[Scam Share Bulletin](#)

Throughout September Trading Standards Scotland are running a campaign to raise awareness of scams connected to the ongoing cost of living crisis.

This week, the focus is on counterfeit goods and online shopping, with a particular focus on counterfeit toys and electrical products.

[Molly Russell inquest: Online life was 'the bleakest of worlds'](#)

The father of a 14-year-old who took her own life has told her inquest he was shocked that such "dark, graphic, harmful material" was readily available to be seen by children online.

Molly Russell, from Harrow in north-west London, died in November 2017 after seeing content about suicide and self-harm.

Events

[Local Area Research & Intelligence Association Event: Improving Evidence Use to tackle Child Poverty in Scotland, 06/10/22, 10 – 12:00, Online](#)

In support of Challenge Poverty Week, LARIA in Scotland invites you to this workshop to explore how evidence – be it in the form of research, data or intelligence – can support in tackling child poverty.

The aim is to understand how we can improve the use of evidence and identify opportunities for new and strengthened collaborations to support this.

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The event will also explore how we can develop the capacities required to support these efforts and share good practice in this space.

Before spending time in discussion, will hear examples of recent work including:

- How the use of powerful datasets, including commercial and publicly available data, can provide insights that enable Local Authorities to track, understand and address the needs arising at a local level.
- Hanna McCulloch (Improvement Service) on recently developed recommendations for improving the use of data and intelligence in remote, rural and island authorities.
- Dr Rachel Shanks (University of Aberdeen) on recent research on school clothing grants and how school uniform policy could help reduce the cost of the school day.

The webinar is for anyone working with evidence relevant to tackling child poverty, with a particular focus on local government related work, including:

- Policy professionals
- Practitioners
- Researchers
- Data analysts

[Darren McGarvey - Challenge Poverty Week Lecture, 06/10/22, 18:30, Govan Mbeki building \(Glasgow Caledonian University\) Deeprise Lecture Theatre Glasgow G4 0PY](#)

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic and now the cost-of-living crisis have brought into sharper focus the divisions that exist in our society. Divisions that mean for many people lives that are marked by disadvantage, poverty and discrimination. It is hard to hide from the reality of inequality in Scotland today. But how we can begin to overcome the divisions that continue to limit the lives of so many people?

Darren McGarvey, the author of the 2018 Orwell Prize winning Poverty Safari and the recently published The Social Distance Between Us, will deliver this year's Challenge Poverty Lecture. Darren will talk about some of the key themes in his most recent book, about the divisions that exist, why and how they are perpetrated and what can be done to address them.

This free event will include time for Q&A with Darren to explore the key issues that face us today as we challenge poverty.

[Lessons from the pandemic: family well-being, childcare and gender, 19/10/22, 09:30 – 12:00, Zoom](#)

This event will bring together findings from Nuffield Foundation funded projects and related research to provide insights into family well-being, childcare and gender. The event also marks the launch of a new report from Professor Birgitta Rabe from the University of Essex, examining the causal effect of school availability on families.

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