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Dear colleague,

Glasgow City Community Planning Partnership has been notified that the Care Inspectorate, Education Scotland, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, and Healthcare Improvement Scotland will undertake a joint Inspection of services for children and young people at risk of harm in Glasgow City.

The inspection will consider the period 17 February 2023 – 17 February 2025 and will consider the extent to which services, working together, can demonstrate the following:

- children and young people are safer because risks have been identified and responded to effectively
- children and young people's lives improve with high-quality planning and support, ensuring they experience sustained loving and nurturing relationships to keep them safe from harm
- children, young people and their families are meaningfully and appropriately involved in decisions about their lives. They influence service planning, delivery, and improvement
- collaborative strategic leadership, planning and operational management ensure high standards of service.

The Public Protection Team will keep you up to date throughout the process by way of a fortnightly newsletter. The first edition of the newsletter will be published shortly so please keep an eye on your inbox.

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.

Best wishes

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Independent Chair
Adult Support & Protection Committee/Child Protection Committee

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Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Where Do We Draw the Line? Perceptions of Abuse of Older Adults and Their Association with Ageism](#)

Violence against older adults is a prevalent global harm, and there is evidence that perceptions of violence toward older adults may affect reporting and intervention. The present study examines the perception of violence against older adults in contrast to violence against other age groups and investigates the role of ageism in those perceptions.

[Meaningful Connection: Findings from consultations with family carers of people who live in care homes](#)

The Care Inspectorate undertook consultations with family carers of people experiencing care in adult and older people's care homes in Scotland to help ensure they are hearing their voices and to widen knowledge of their experiences and views.

[Delayed Discharge in Glasgow Linked to Lack of Power of Attorney in a Third of Cases](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is calling on the public to organise Power of Attorney for welfare matters. Statistics show that around a third of patients are delayed in their discharge from hospital because they do not have one in place.

[Scottish Government Set to Miss Target of Abolishing Non-Residential Care Charges](#)

The Scottish government looks set to miss its target of ending charging by councils for non-residential care services by the next Holyrood election despite acknowledging that the current system has a "significant impact" on the lives of disabled and vulnerable people.

[Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection: Review of progress in the Western Isles partnership area](#)

This progress review was carried out by the Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland, following a previous joint inspection of adult support and protection conducted in 2023. The review relates to inspection findings where important areas of weakness outweighed strengths. The aim of the review was to provide assurance about the extent to which improvement has progressed.

Children, Young People & Families

[Co-designing Glasgow's All Age Childcare Final Report](#)

GCVS, in partnership with Glasgow City Council, Daisy Chain, 3D Drumchapel and Early Years Scotland have published a final report with the findings from a co-design project on the future of an all ages childcare system.

[NSPCC Podcast: Mental health first aid kits](#)

By recognising when a child is struggling with their mental health, and intervening to provide appropriate support, professionals working with children can help prevent mental health problems from escalating into crisis. This mental health first aid kit contains a selection of resources to help young people manage their mental health if they're struggling, such as ways to distract oneself, relax or calm down, and pointers to further support.

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[Keeping Children Safe in Scotland: Guides for younger children, young people and parents and carers](#)

This website has been created to provide information about keeping younger children and young people safe in Scotland. It includes separate sections for children, young people and parents or carers.

[Racial Disproportionality in Violence Affecting Children and Young People](#)

A report from Youth Endowment Fund that looks at the over-representation of children from some minority ethnic communities in the youth justice system and presents evidence-informed approaches that have potential for both reducing disproportionality and reducing violence.

[Identifying and Responding to Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment](#)

An article from Research in Practice about the challenges associated with identifying and responding to child sexual abuse in the family. The article was published in response to a report, "[I Wanted Them All To Notice](#)" by The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, which explores how multi-agency safeguarding systems respond to child sexual abuse (CSA).

[Viewing Generative AI and Children's Safety in the Round: Research and recommendations for Government and technology companies](#)

New research from the NSPCC report looks at how Generative AI is impacting children's safety and wellbeing. Some of the risks include sexual grooming, sexual extortion and exposure to harmful content. The report sets out potential solutions and calls for the Government to adopt key actions including embedding a duty of care in legislation.

[Information Toolkit for Parents and Carers on Bullying](#)

An updated toolkit from Anti-Bullying Alliance designed to give parents and carers information about bullying, tips about what to do if they are worried about bullying, and how to talk to children about bullying.

[Whole Family Wellbeing Funding \(WFWF\) Programme - Year 2: Process and impact evaluation](#)

This process evaluation from the Scottish Government assessed how the WFWF was designed and delivered. It explored questions such as: was the initiative delivered as intended, what worked well or less well (for whom and why), what could be improved, and what can be learnt for related future initiatives. The Year 2 evaluation also includes an impact evaluation. There is also a [summary report](#).

[Short Changed and Out of Time: A report into facing financial harms alone](#)

This report from Parent Zone explores the current level of parental understanding of online child financial harms (CFH).

[Children's Social Work Statistics: Secure care 2023-24](#)

Secure Care Statistics for Scotland for 2023-24 that cover data on children in secure care accommodation in Scotland.

[Language in the Hearing Room](#)

An article from Children's Hearing Scotland about their involvement in the multi-partner Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership group [Language Leaders](#). Language Leaders has young people with lived experience at the centre of its work,

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driving learning about the importance of the language used in the hearing room and the need for it to be accessible, personal and caring.

[Children's Hearings Redesign: Consultation analysis](#)

This report from the Scottish Government provides an analysis of the responses to a consultation that posed a range of questions pertaining to the redesign of the Children's Hearings System.

[Online Safety – a Young Person's Perspective](#)

An NSPCC podcast episode in which two young people provide an insight into what life online is like for them, what makes them feel safe online, and what online safety topics they'd like to learn more about.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Antisocial Behaviour - Whose Responsibility? Towards a More Effective Response to Antisocial Behaviour in Scotland](#)

A report from a Scottish Government-commissioned Independent Working Group with recommendations for strategic and sustainable cross-cutting approaches focusing on prevention and early intervention resolutions; partnerships; and support for victims, communities and people involved with antisocial behaviour.

Disability, Learning Difficulties & Neurodiversity

[Moving From Institutions to Independent Living](#)

The Scottish Human Rights Commission has published a report which highlights that people with learning disabilities and autistic people in Scotland are still being held in institutions in breach of their human rights. On their website, there is access to the full report, a summary report, an easy read report and an easy read toolkit.

[Inaccessible, Unacceptable and Unaccountable: The provision of paediatric continence supplies in England, Wales and Scotland](#)

This research report from Cerebra concerns the way that the health and care services in England, Scotland and Wales respond to the continence care needs of disabled children. Its particular focus is on the provision of containment products (such as nappies, pads and 'pull ups').

Education

[Summary Statistics for Attainment and Initial Leaver Destinations, No. 7: 2025 edition](#)

This statistical publication from the Scottish Government provides information on the educational attainment and initial destinations of 2023-24 school leavers from publicly funded schools in Scotland.

Equality & Poverty

[Transport Poverty: A public health issue](#)

Public Health Scotland has published a briefing on behalf of the Public Health and Sustainable Transport Partnership Group. The briefing describes a multidimensional definition of transport poverty developed in collaboration with health and transport experts. It outlines the causes of transport poverty within and beyond the transport

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system and details how transport poverty can influence health and health inequalities.

[The Robertson Trust Community Spaces Grants Now Open](#)

Community Spaces aims to support local communities experiencing poverty and trauma in Scotland and is for registered charities with an annual income of between £30,000 and £500,000. Applicants can apply at any time and there is no set closing date for applications. The fund will provide revenue funding of between £5,000 and £20,000 per year, for up to 3 years, to support the costs of community centres, hubs and anchor organisations that are delivering and/or hosting a range of services and activities to meet the needs of their community.

[Mortality Inequalities Are Widening in Cities Across the UK](#)

Death rates in the most deprived areas of cities in England and Scotland have been increasing since the start of the last decade, widening inequalities between the richest and poorest in society.

[Households Living Below a Minimum Income Standard: 2008–2023](#)

The 12th report from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in a series monitoring the number of people living beneath the Minimum Income Standard in the UK.

[Review of the UK Material Deprivation Measures](#)

A report from the Department of Work and Pensions which contains the findings and recommendations from a review of the UK material deprivation measures.

[Glasgow City Health & Social Care Partnership Demographics and Needs Profile](#)

The profile contains the latest information available at the time of writing and includes general population estimates by age, gender and ethnicity, as well as population projections at city, locality and national levels. It also contains a profile of health in the city with information on life expectancy and mortality; patterns of illness and disease; and factors that impact upon health and wellbeing, including lifestyles, social capital, deprivation, education and employment.

Events & Courses

[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.

[Spider in a Glass - 06/03/25 - 9.30am-11.30am - Online](#)

The 'Spider in a Glass' session, facilitated by Myra Ross, Health Improvement Specialist, Public Health, NHS Highland, aims to create understanding and evoke a trauma informed response to those who live with or have lived with the abuse of power in relationships. To recognise the abuse of power and respond effectively to it and to understand the experience of gender-based violence in all its forms. This session is for NHS SARCS, Police & Prison workforce and the wider partners included in these Networks.

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[Learning About Neglect Webinar - Neglect and Education: Data, impact and solutions - 13/03/2025 - 9.30am-11.30am - MS Teams](#)

CPC Scotland, with support from CELCIS and the Scottish Government, continues to deliver the 'Learning About Neglect' webinar series, with the next event taking place on Thursday 13 March. Their final webinar in the current series will focus on the challenges of working with children and their families who may be absent from school for a variety of reasons and who may be at risk of neglect and requiring support, but not visible to services - an issue which seems to have grown since the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Tackling Sexual Abuse Scotland Conference - 18/03/25 - 9.15am-1.30pm - Online](#)

Holyrood Insight is hosting an online conference on Tackling Child Sexual Abuse in Scotland on 18 March, from 09:15am – 1:30pm, with speakers including CELCIS's June Welsh and CPC Scotland's Tam Baillie. Please note that there is a cost to attend this event.

[Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance \(SIAA\) Advocacy Event: Social Finance & Henry Smith Report - 18/03/25 - 2pm-4pm - MS Teams](#)

SIAA are delighted to invite you to this webinar. It is an opportunity for stakeholders in Scotland to gain an understanding of the value and impact of independent advocacy. The event will focus on the upcoming report titled "Independent advocacy for independent lives", by Social Finance and the Henry Smith Charity, due to be published in February 2025. The report draws on two and a half years of evidence supporting people with learning disabilities and autistic people through independent advocacy and sets out the case for growing inclusive support services for these groups and people.

[NHS Education for Scotland Annual Conference 2025 - Learning for Change: Tackling Health Inequity through Education and Workplace Learning - 24-25th April 2025 - EventsAIR](#)

NES is delighted to confirm that it will once again be hosting the conference online over two days in April 2025. This conference is for colleagues from all professional disciplines across health and social care with an interest in education and training, workforce development and digital solutions. There will be a number of plenary and parallel sessions run by all professional groups and an opportunity for joint sessions highlighting interprofessional learning.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Training

This multi-agency session 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. This course is delivered by Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership learning and development section, Health Improvement and Police Scotland.

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

Course dates – click on a date below to book:

[Wednesday, 23 April 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

[Tuesday, 5 August 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

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[Tuesday, 7 October 2025 2pm to 4pm](#)

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 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:

[18th March 2025 - 10am - 12.30pm \(MS Teams\)](#)

[15th April 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

[20th May 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

[16th June 2025 - 10am-12.30pm - MS Teams](#)

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:

[12th March 2025](#)

[9th April 2025](#)

[6th May 2025](#)

[4th June 2025](#)

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Multi-Agency Briefing: Child Protection Committee (CPC)

As part of the Getting to Know Your Governance Campaign, the Public Protection Committees Team invites you to attend a Multi-Agency Briefing on Glasgow City Child Protection Committee. The session will be delivered over MS Teams.

Participants will:

- Understand the role and functions of Child Protection Committees
- Understand the interface between Child Protection Committees and operational practice
- Understand the structure and membership of Glasgow Child Protection Committee
- Understand the aims and objectives of Glasgow Child Protection Committee

Sign up for the following dates:

[Tuesday 29th April 2025 - 2pm - 3pm - MS Teams](#)

[Thursday 29th May 2025 - 10am-11am - MS Teams](#)

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Sign up for the following dates:

- [Wednesday, 2 April 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

- [Thursday, 1 May 2025 - 10am to 11am](#)

Health and Social Care

[Working Together to Support People Living at Home with Neurological Conditions](#)

The Care Inspectorate and NHS Ayrshire and Arran have worked together on this project, which brought people living with a neurological condition into the heart of a new network, working together with the care and health professionals who support them to live at home. The approach reinforces the importance of cooperation and communication between those providing a care or health service and those receiving it. They have published a report of their project.

[Health and Social Care Vision](#)

A report from the Scottish Government which provides information on health and social care reform initiatives.

Housing and Homelessness

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[Specialist Care Homes for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

A podcast discussion from Homeless Link about specialist care home services for people experiencing homelessness and how these differ from mainstream care provision.

[What is a Hostel in 21st Century Britain?](#)

There is no universally accepted definition of what a hostel is. This report from the Centre for Homelessness Impact summarises the characteristics of a large sample of hostels in the United Kingdom.

[In Their Own Words: Children's experiences in temporary accommodation](#)

This research was commissioned from De Montfort University and University College London and examines how children live their lives in temporary accommodation in Scotland, through their own words and stories. The findings show the impact that a stay in temporary accommodation has on children's safety, health and education.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: New reports - February 2025](#)

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:

- [Leverdale Hospital - IPCU](#)
- [Leverdale Hospital - Rehabilitation Ward](#)

[The Commercial Determinants of Mental Health](#)

This policy briefing from the Centre for Mental Health brings together some of the evidence that links commercial determinants to mental and physical health outcomes, and how those intersect, and makes suggestions to tackle them.

[Child Psychiatric Units to Get Extra Inspections Following BBC Documentary](#)

Extra inspections are to be carried out at children's psychiatric units following allegations about cruelty made in a BBC documentary, a government minister has revealed. Maree Todd, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, told the Scottish Parliament she had requested visits and recommendations for improvements in response to the programme.

[National Confidential Inquiry Into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health: Annual report 2025](#)

The 2025 annual report from the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health (NCISH) provides findings relating to people aged 10 and above who died by suicide between 2012 and 2022 across the UK (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) and Jersey.

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

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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

[Good Practice in Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in healthcare: The rights and wrongs – event report](#)

The ALLIANCE and Scottish AI Alliance produce a DigiFest24 report with actions and recommendations across the digital health and care sector.

[Care Inspectorate - Update on Self-Evaluation Pilot in Adult Care Services](#)

Between October 2023 and June 2024, the Care Inspectorate worked with providers of adult care services to develop their skills around self-evaluation. This included holding three webinars, which were attended by more than 800 people, two face-to-face workshops with over 90 attendees, and a session with managers from a large provider. They have provided an update on the self-evaluation test inspections.

[Test of Change - Integrated Inspection of Care at Home Standards](#)

The Care Inspectorate will undertake an integrated inspection of care at home services in one selected health and social care partnership (HSCP) area in year 2025/26. This work involves combining and integrating strategic and regulatory approaches to inspection. It will help identify how commissioning processes in the selected HSCP area are supporting positive outcomes for people who experience care and their carers.

[Delivering Together for a Stronger Nursing and Midwifery Workforce: The report and recommended actions of the Scottish Ministerial Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce](#)

After two years of work and with the input of more than 4,000 nurses and midwives, the Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce has now published its final report. Its recommendations include a review of the financial support available to students, expanding the role of nurses and midwives in local and national planning, and improving entry routes to the profession – including ‘earn as you learn’ schemes.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Alcohol and Drug Recovery Strategy 2024 - 2034](#)

A strategy setting out how the Scottish Prison Service, working alongside partners, aims to reduce the supply of substances into its establishments, support people in their recovery journey, and create better environments for everyone to live and work.

[Law Change Needed for Scotland's Drug Crisis](#)

A leading Scottish expert in substance use is calling for a change in UK legislation to support people struggling with drug use by expanding the safe consumption facilities being piloted across Scotland.

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