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**Public Protection Bulletin
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Dear colleague,

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

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Adults, Older People and Dementia

[An Introduction to Getting it Right for Everyone \(GIRFE\)](#)

The ALLIANCE spoke with Scottish Government to find out about Getting It Right For Everyone (GIRFE), a new way of working that aims to put the person at the heart of every decision about their own health and social care. This video provides an overview.

Carers

[Carer Support Payment Now Available Scotland-wide](#)

Carer Support Payment, which is a weekly payment of £81.90, is now available Scotland-wide.

[Who Provides Informal Care?](#)

This briefing from the House of Commons Library presents statistics on who provides informal care in the UK, as well as their employment, incomes and earnings.

Children, Young People & Families

[Lifelong Links: Building supportive networks for children in care in Scotland webinar recording](#)

Lifelong Links is an innovative approach developed by Family Rights Group (FRG) to support children and young people in care by helping them to connect and reconnect with people important to them and build stable, supportive networks around them during their time in care and as they transition to adulthood. This webinar explored how Lifelong Links worked during the five-year trial in Scotland (2018-2023) across three local authorities, the learning, challenges and opportunities of this approach and considered the factors influencing long-term sustainability of this work.

[The Scottish Government Has Launched a Consultation on the Future of Foster Care](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the future of foster care which will be open until 6 February 2025.

[The Good Childhood Report 2024](#)

This Good Childhood Report 2024 is The Children's Society's 13th annual report on the wellbeing of children and young people in the UK. It begins by exploring the latest trends in the subjective wellbeing of children aged 10 to 15. It then examines findings from The Children's Society's annual household survey of children and young people (aged 10 to 17) in 2024, including on how their families were faring with the current economic challenges facing the UK. The report concludes with a look at the most recently published international data (from 2022), considering how the wellbeing of 15-year-olds in the UK compares with that of their peers across Europe.

[Look, Say, Sing, Play Early Years Resources for Parents and Babies](#)

Look, Say, Sing, Play is a fun resource from NSPCC which encourages interaction between parents and their babies. They have recently updated their flashcards to support refugee and displaced mothers facing challenges, including English

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language barriers. The cards include accessible language, brain-building tips and illustrations.

[The Promise Design Tools](#)

The Promise Scotland has launched a range of resources designed to support services working to keep the promise.

[The Story So Far: North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose Phase 2 Evaluation Report \(August 2023 - September 2024\)](#)

The phase two evaluation report into the North Strathclyde Bairn's Hoose has been published. This outlines progress made between August 2023 and September 2024.

[Family Poverty and the Care System: What is the connection between family poverty \(and/or the cost of living crisis\) and children entering the care system in England?](#)

The Together Trust has published a report exploring links between poverty and children entering care in England. It looks at research on poverty and the care system, examining how factors such as abuse, neglect, deprivation, education, race, health, and welfare policies are intertwined.

[Challenges in Trauma-Informed Practice for Children in Police Custody](#)

The Children and Young People's Centre of Justice (CYCJ) has published a research paper on the challenges in trauma-informed practice for children in police custody, exploring how being in police custody can often exacerbate the trauma of children.

[How Domestic Abuse Affects Children](#)

In this podcast episode, experts from the NSPCC Helpline and Childline talk about the potential impact, as well as how to spot the signs of domestic abuse and support children who are affected.

[The Impact of Financial Pressures on Young People](#)

A report on research that used insights from 2023/24 Childline counselling sessions and NSPCC Helpline contacts to explore how financial pressures are affecting young people.

[Statistics Briefing: Online Harm and Abuse](#)

A NSPCC briefing that looks at what data and statistics are available about online harm and abuse to help professionals, and the organisations they work for, make evidence-based decisions.

[Hearing the Voice of the Child: Evidence Snapshot](#)

A top-level summary of findings from research published between 2016 and 2023 about the voice of the child in children's social work practice, with accompanying insight films and practice points. There is also [The Voice of the Child: Expert insights How can we hear and facilitate the voice of the child?](#)

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Homicide in Scotland 2023-24](#)

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

Education

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[It's Not Love: Teaching resources about positive relationships](#)

It's Not Love explores the themes of healthy and unhealthy relationships, including behaviours relating to interpersonal relationship abuse (peer on peer and familial).

Equality & Poverty

[Scottish Government Grants to Support Families in Poverty](#)

The Scottish Government Child Poverty Practice Accelerator Fund has invested in innovative, local projects to tackle child poverty. Grants of up to £80,000 have been awarded to 12 projects undertaking a range of work, including: helping families to access health services; providing money and budgeting advice; supporting employees to work flexibly around their family life.

[State of the Nations: Lessons in tackling child poverty from across the UK](#)

An article that explores the key differences in how child poverty is tackled in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and what can be learned from progress being made.

[The Cost of Hunger and Hardship](#)

A report that explores the full scale of the need for emergency food in the UK, and the policy levers at hand to make a difference to hunger and hardship in the UK.

[Children Living in Long-Term Workless Households in the UK: 2023](#)

The Office for National Statistics uses Annual Population Survey Household datasets for the analysis of family or household characteristics. This bulletin focuses on the number of children living in workless households, households where no adult is in employment, and long-term workless households, households where no adult has worked in the previous 12 months.

Events & Courses

[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.

[Non-compulsory Care for Children and Young People: What next for Scotland? Learning from research on Section 25](#)

Published in September, [Non-compulsory care for children and young people in Scotland: Learning from experiences of Section 25](#), research carried out by CELCIS, found that non-compulsory arrangements for caring for children and young people in need of care and protection in Scotland are used more commonly, and for a wider range of reasons, than previously understood. This webinar will provide an opportunity to learn more about the research findings and consider how these arrangements are now used to support children, young people and families.

[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

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event is open to anyone who has an interest in the area. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[Co-production with Children in High-risk Panels: Lessons from England webinar- 12/11/24 - 12 noon-1pm](#)

Youth Justice Service 'high-risk' management panels across England are a multi-agency coordinated approach to monitor and address concerns related to children's behaviour, harm, safety, and well-being. This interactive webinar from CYCJ will provide a space to hear about the use of these panels in England, to reflect upon the extent to which practitioners work in meaningful ways with children identified as 'high-risk' and to consider how these risk management processes and practices can be improved so that they align with children's participation rights.

[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.

[Understanding the Voice of Young People webinar - 13/11/24 - 3.45pm-4.45pm](#)

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) would like to invite you to a webinar that presents the voices of 11,000 young people and 4,000 parents in Scotland. The session is aimed at leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and educators involved in delivering careers education, career services, and employability programmes. The webinar will also be of interest to those involved in research with young people aimed at shaping service design and delivery.

[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.

[Women with Learning Disabilities Involved in Selling or Exchanging Sex Webinar - 28/11/24 - 11am-12.45pm](#)

A free event from CSE Aware which will shed light on women with learning disabilities and their involvement in selling or exchanging sex in Scotland. The event will bring together experts who will share case studies and good practice examples.

[ASPIre \(Adult Support and Protection Innovation and Reflection Event\) on Self-Evaluation webinar- 28/11/24 - 9.30am-12.30pm](#)

The session will give a good opportunity for participants to reflect on their own practice, learn from peers and hear examples of self evaluation activity. During the session the Joint Inspection Team will also discuss the launch of the ASP Quality Improvement framework and lead discussion on how the tool can be used.

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[Rethinking Trauma: A social perspective webinar - 28/11/24 - 1pm-2pm](#)

Building on previous work on this topic, this webinar from Iriss will interrogate the concept of trauma as the default lens through which we consider social suffering.

[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 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:

[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:

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

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

Health and Social Care

[New Research Published by the Lancet Public Health Commission on Gambling](#)

A new report reveals the need for regulatory reform as the global expansion of gambling is causing widespread harm to public health.

[Transport to Health Delivery Plan](#)

A document setting out the Scottish Government's planned commitments to improve transport to health and social care, through cross-portfolio action to bring transport planning and health planning together.

[Artificial Intelligence to Help Take Pressure of Accident and Emergency Departments](#)

Hospitals across Scotland will be able to more accurately anticipate when patients will need to be admitted to emergency departments thanks to Scottish researchers who have harnessed the power of artificial intelligence.

[Protecting the Population of Scotland from Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Vaccination and immunisation report](#)

This release by Public Health Scotland (PHS) is the first Annual Vaccination and Immunisation Report. This report provides an overview of vaccine preventable disease (VPD) surveillance and health protection activities, uptake/coverage statistics of vaccines offered across the life course, and key achievements and challenges in delivering the vaccination and immunisation programme in Scotland in 2023.

Mental Health & Trauma

[A Space to be Me: Young changemakers tackling racial inequalities in black young people's mental health](#)

Young Black people in the UK are more likely to struggle with mental health difficulties as a result of racism, discrimination and poverty. This report from The Centre for Mental Health calls for a comprehensive cross-government strategy to tackle racism; coproduced solutions to young people's mental health problems; and more culturally competent support for young Black people.

[Mental Health Act Monitoring Report 2023-24](#)

The Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland's annual monitoring report on the use of welfare guardianship orders under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 for adults with a mental illness, learning disability, dementia and related conditions.

[Self-Harm Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2027: Outcomes Framework](#)

An outcomes framework from the Scottish Government designed to guide the delivery, monitoring, and reporting of the Scottish self-harm strategy and action plan.

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

[Report Examines How Local Government is Responding to Scotland's Changing Population](#)

The Scottish population is rapidly becoming older, with people over 65 making up an increasingly large proportion. This, together with changes across all age groups, will have a huge impact on all spheres of government, particularly on the demand for and design of services, health and inequalities, and public finances. The report highlights the work already being undertaken by councils to address these challenges.

[Voluntary Agencies: Learning from case reviews](#)

NSPCC Learning has published a learning from case reviews briefing on safeguarding in the voluntary sector. The briefing explores learning from a sample of case reviews published between 2015 and 2024. The learning from these case reviews highlights the need for organisations in the voluntary sector to create and share clear child protection policies and procedures and build good working relationships with other agencies.

[Nurturing Management is Key to Building Newly Qualified Social Worker Confidence](#)

Community Care has reported that nurturing managers are central to building newly qualified social worker confidence in its article covering the firsthand experiences of social workers starting out in the profession in their move from theory to practice.

[Use of Evidence-Based Tools and Guidance in Service Design and Commissioning](#)

Research exploring how evidence is used in commissioning, service design, and the development of practice and programme models, to support children and families.

[Report of a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People at Risk of Harm in Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership](#)

A report of an inspection carried out between April and September 2024 by the Care Inspectorate in partnership with Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and HMICS.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[People Arriving From Ukraine - Risk and Need: Public protection guidance](#)

Guidance from the Scottish Government for all practitioners involved in safeguarding of children and adults who are arriving in Scotland from Ukraine to identify and respond to risk and need.

Substance Use & Addiction

[Barriers Persist for People Trying to Access Alcohol and Drug Services](#)

Audit Scotland has revealed that barriers persist for people across Scotland trying to access alcohol and drug services, meaning services are not tailored to individual needs – recommending widescale changes including how the Scottish government funds service.

[Alcohol Brief Interventions: A Review of Strategy and Recommendations for Policy](#)

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This report follows the work of a programme board that was established to support Public Health Scotland to undertake a review of the Alcohol Brief Intervention programme in Scotland. The report documents a series of recommendations and actions to consider whether and what form the Scottish Alcohol Brief Intervention programme should continue. There is also a [summary document](#).

[Ethical Commissioning in Drugs and Alcohol](#)

In December 2023, Healthcare Improvement Scotland commissioned research into commissioning within drug and alcohol support and have now published the report.

[Analysis Reveals Families and Communities Impacted by Drug-related Deaths in Scotland](#)

Public Health Scotland has published a review which analysed the circumstances of people who experienced a drug related death (DRD) in Scotland between 2019-2020 – the study found that over half of people who died resided in Scotland's 20% most deprived neighbourhoods, and that 602 children lost a parent or parental figure due to a DRD.