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Public Protection Bulletin
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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. We hope that you find something of interest to you in the articles below.

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

Please stay safe and healthy.
Best wishes

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Children, Young People & Education

[Working with African Diaspora Families Toolkit](#)

A toolkit resource from IRISS for anyone who is part of the social care workforce who wants to deliver best practice to African Diaspora children and families. There is also a [webinar on 19/03/24](#) 12 noon – 1.30pm to explore how people can use the toolkit, and to meet and chat with others who want to use this toolkit to support them in culturally safe social work practice.

[School Leaver Attainment and Destinations](#)

Statistics have been released on the destinations and attainment of 2022-23 leavers from Scotland's publicly funded schools.

[Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23-Secure Care](#)

Secure Care Statistics for Scotland for 2022 to 2023 that cover data on children in secure care accommodation.

[Who Cares? Scotland Issues Report on the Progress of The Promise](#)

On the fourth anniversary of the publication of The Promise, Who Cares? Scotland released a report highlighting concerns about the lack of progress, data gaps, and dilution in aims.

[Challenges Young People are Facing Around Sexuality and Gender Identity](#)

A briefing from NSPCC Learning uses insight from Childline counselling sessions and NSPCC Helpline contacts to highlight pressures young people face in relation to their sexuality and gender identity.

[We've Only Just Begun: Action to Improve Young People's Mental Health, Education and Employment](#)

A report from The Health Foundation/Resolution Foundation is the culmination of a three-year research programme exploring the relationship between the mental health and work outcomes of young people, funded by the Health Foundation and part of their broader Young people's future health inquiry. They have examined issues such as how mental health and insecure work collide; why low hours are so prevalent for young workers today; and the intersection between young people's mental health, employment and geography.

[Statutory guidance on Part 2 of the UNCRC \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024](#)

This guidance is intended to provide accessible information which supports public authorities to understand and fulfil their duties under section 6, and to secure better or further effect of children's rights.

[Statutory guidance on Part 3 of the UNCRC \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024](#)

This guidance is aimed at those with responsibilities within listed public authorities for implementing and delivering on the provisions of the UNCRC Act. It includes annexes with suggested reporting formats, information on inclusive communication and on producing child friendly reports.

[Self-Harm and Suicide Guidance for Parents, Carers and Families of Children and Young People](#)

A conversation guide for parents and carers who are supporting someone with their online activity in relation to self-harm.

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[Prioritising Early Childhood to Promote the Nation's Health, Wellbeing and Prosperity](#)

This report sets out the rationale and scientific basis for a strong, sustained policy focus on improving health in the early years. The report focuses on the evidence of the value of intervening during the period from preconception up to the age of 5, highlighting areas where the evidence points to effective and impactful interventions, and setting out priorities to address in order to transform the health of our population.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Positive Family Connections: Final Progress Report Form](#)

Positive Family Connections, a positively oriented, family systems intervention for families of children with developmental disabilities aims to enhance positive connections between family members. This report provides an evaluation of what has been achieved so far.

[The Buddy Support Programme](#)

A video about the West Midlands befriending project, The Buddy Support Programme, which matched 24 autistic people and people with learning disabilities detained within mental health hospitals with individuals who have lived experience of being a hospital inpatient, creating 'friendships like no other'.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Bullying and Victimisation and the Link with Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)

A webinar recording from The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health that presents an overview of research on bullying and victimisation, and how this impacts adolescent internalising and externalising problems.

[Compulsory Treatment for Mental Illness in the Community – How is it Working?](#)

A thematic review from the Mental Welfare Commission examining the effectiveness of community-based compulsory treatment orders (CCTOs) in the last ten years.

[The Mental Welfare Commission Report: Balmore Ward, Leverndale Hospital](#)

A report detailing the findings from an announced visit at the Balmore Ward in Leverndale Hospital on 29th November 2023.

[New Offence to Encourage or Assist Another Person to Self-Harm](#)

A new offence which makes it a crime to encourage or assist another person to self-harm comes into effect in Scotland on 31st January 2024.

[Self-Harm and Suicide Guidance for Practitioners](#)

Resources from the Samaritans to support professionals in understanding why people engage with self-harm content and what to do when you come across online activity around self-harm.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Thinking about Stigma in Housing, Health and Social Care Delivery](#)

The first year of the Intersectional Stigma of Place-Based Ageing project focused on conducting a full evidence review of the academic literature around place, age and disability, exploring and understanding stigma. This briefing shows how stigma can lead to increased barriers to services, exclusion, and negative experiences, particularly for older and disabled people. This document aims to extract the key points for housing, health and social care practitioners specifically to show the power of stigma, its impact on older and disabled people and recommendations for how it can be tackled within policy and practice.

[Experiences of 'Going Out' for People Living with Dementia in Scotland](#)

Research from The Scottish Centre of Crime and Justice Research which was designed to draw on novel methodologies that aimed to examine the everyday practice of 'going out' for people with dementia and their care partners who live at home and how they can be better supported to maintain the practice of 'going out'.

[Dementia in Scotland: Everyone's Story: Delivery Plan 2024-2026](#)

Scotland's new dementia strategy launched in May 2023 is a 10-year strategy co-published by the Scottish Government and COSLA which sets out a shared vision of a Scotland where people living with dementia have their strengths recognised, their rights upheld and where they, their families and care partners/unpaid carers are supported to live an independent life, free from stigma. The strategy embraces a person-centred approach to providing support, treatment and care, when and where it is needed.

Carers

[Creating a Britain that Works and Cares](#)

The disruption to employment for carers results in broader economic costs, including decreased productivity, higher absenteeism, and diminished employee engagement, costing the UK economy approximately £3.5 billion annually. This report proposes several key policies to facilitate carers' participation in the labour market.

Housing & Homelessness

[Doctors Call for Urgent Damp Homes Action to Address 'Avoidable Social Causes' of Ill Health](#)

Avoidable social harms, such as living in mouldy or damp homes, are resulting in a rise in the number of patients visiting doctors with health issues, a survey of physicians has revealed.

[Left Out in the Cold: The Hidden Health Costs of a Cold Home](#)

A report from the Institute of Health Equity which lays out a set of recommendations aiming to address the main drivers of cold homes, specifically insulation and retrofitting, greater recognition for vulnerable groups, reducing poverty and social prescribing warm homes for fuel poor families and individuals.

Substance Use & Addictions

[Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation Programme](#)

The Residential Rehabilitation programme (2021–2026) was launched to help improve access to residential rehab for individuals who use alcohol or drugs. It is part of the Scottish Government's National Mission to reduce drug deaths and improve the lives of those impacted by drugs. The overarching aim of the evaluation was to assess the impact of the Scottish Government programme – on how residential rehab is organised, how easily it can be accessed and how well it delivers for individuals with substance use issues across Scotland.

Equality & Poverty

[Almost a Third of Scottish Households in Fuel Poverty](#)

Fuel poverty rates in Scotland increased to 31% of all households in 2022, of which more than 18% were in extreme fuel poverty, the latest Scottish House Condition Survey has found.

[The Cost of a Child in Scotland in 2023](#)

A report from the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland updating previous analysis of the cost of a child in Scotland, as compared to the UK as a whole. It considers not only the impact of additional financial support provided to families in Scotland by the state, but also variations in the cost of living, especially in remote rural areas of Scotland where the cost of essentials such as food, clothing and transport can be notably higher than in less remote, more urban areas.

[Minimum Income Standard for Non-Resident Parents with Some Responsibilities for Children](#)

A report from The Joseph Rowntree Foundation presenting the findings of research looking at the needs and costs associated with a non-resident parent caring for a child some of the time. As a starting point, it makes a specific calculation of the minimum additional spending needed to maintain acceptable living standards by a separated parent whose child comes regularly for overnight stays.

Gender Based Violence

[Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence: A Whole School Framework](#)

This framework provides support to those working with and in schools to develop and strengthen universal and targeted approaches to gender-based violence.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Calls for Inquiry After Refugee Children Made to Guess Who Got Foster Care in 'Game'](#)

Foster families and social workers are demanding an independent inquiry after it emerged that Home Office-employed staff forced refugee children to play a game to guess who would be the next one to be placed in foster care.

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[The Mental Health of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the UK](#)

This report from the Mental Health Foundation presents evidence on the economic, social, and cultural circumstances which asylum seekers and refugees who seek sanctuary in the UK can face, and how these experiences can harm their mental health and even lead to suicidal feelings and actions.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Safe Space? The Past, Present and Future of Violence Reduction in Scotland](#)

Over the last two decades, Scotland has witnessed a significant reduction in violence, leading to an increasing consensus around Scotland's 'public health approach' to violence reduction. This briefing paper from The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research aims to summarise the evidence-base on violence reduction in Scotland and highlight key lessons for other jurisdictions.

[Pre-Sentencing Report Toolkit: Fair Sentencing for Romani \(Gypsy\), Roma and Irish Traveller People](#)

The Traveller Movement has published a toolkit to support fair sentencing practices for Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveller people.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Improving Chronology Practice in ASP](#)

An article from IRISS exploring four case studies highlighting that changes to chronology practice in different parts of the system (recording, training, guidance, analysis, risk assessment) have affected change.

[NHS Chief Execs Agree 15-Point Plan to Cut Costs](#)

Chief executives of Scotland's health boards will look to cut the numbers of admin and support staff as part of their efforts to improve sustainability of the NHS.

[Newly Qualified Social Worker \(NQSW\) Supported Year to Be Implemented Nationally](#)

Supporting NQSWs using the definitions of employer support will become mandatory for employers and is part of the ambition to create a strategic framework from qualifying education through to advanced practice for all social workers and social work employers in Scotland.

[Health and Social Care Integration in Scotland: Evidence vs Rhetoric](#)

This perspective paper uses publicly available data to show that, despite much positive rhetoric in support of reforms in Scotland to integrate health and social care, these reforms, in their current state, have failed to meet their stated objectives. Rather than regress to the previous system, the paper proposes continued evaluation of even more radical forms of such integration.

[An Evaluation of the Personal Outcomes Network](#)

A personal outcomes approach to assessment, planning and review aims to shift engagement away from service-led approaches and towards what matters most to the person. Fostered through collaboration, a personal outcomes approach involves everyone working together to achieve the best possible impact on the individual's life. Drawing on the principles of a personal outcomes approach, this evaluation

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gathered data on the strength, capacity, and resilience of the network, as well as collaborating with network members and organisers to find out more about how the network could be improved.

[What Needs to Change to Support Social Work in Scotland](#)

A short consultation document for social workers which sets out what a social worker needs right now to support society (an individual, family or community).

[Scottish Social Services Council – Proposed Register Changes: Consultation Analysis](#)

This report provides an analysis of the responses to a consultation on proposed changes to the SSSC Register, which asked questions around reducing the number of Register parts from 23 to 4, reducing qualification timescales from 6 months to 3, and, including more information on the public facing Register.

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 as soon as possible. [Sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland Scam Share e-bulletin.](#)

Events & Courses

[Scottish Social Services Council \(SSSC\) Registration is Changing: Information for Registrants](#)

The SSSC is running a series of information sessions about the changes to their registration which will come into effect in the summer of 2024.

[Mental Health Support for People with Learning Disabilities Webinar - 27/03/24 1.00pm - 2.00pm](#)

In this webinar, Professor Eddie Chaplin will explore why more people with learning disabilities experience mental health problems than the general population. Also, how mental health issues in people with learning disabilities can be prevented, treated and managed.

[The Curve: Free Digital Skills Training for the Third Sector](#)

The Curve is a series of free, 90-minute workshops for third sector organisations. These online workshops aim to build knowledge around best digital practices, raise awareness of digital tools and ultimately help increase impact with digital. Workshops are open to anyone working or volunteering with a third sector organisation in the UK. Details of the sessions are on the website.

[Wave after Wave - Providing a Compassionate Response after Suicide Bereavement Training](#)

A multi-agency course commissioned by Glasgow City HSCP and created by Glasgow Association of Mental Health which aims is to ensure that all staff, supporters and volunteers coming into contact with those bereaved by suicide have

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an understanding of the complex nature and impact of a suicide bereavement and are able to provide a compassionate and empathetic response whilst being aware of the impact of their work on their own well-being. There are various dates and locations.

[Suicide Prevention Training](#)

As part of an Action Plan to reduce suicide in Glasgow, the Glasgow City Suicide Prevention Partnership aims to provide training to key frontline staff via a multi-agency approach. In order to meet this aim, a series of suicide intervention skills training workshops are available for frontline staff. There are various dates and locations.

[Adult Support and Protection Multi Agency Training Awareness Webinar](#)

A multi-agency webinar delivered by Learning and Development, Glasgow HSCP 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:

[21/03/2024](#)

[16/04/2024](#)

[23/05/2024](#)

[18/06/2024](#)