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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

[State of Health Visiting, UK Survey Report](#)

The Institute of Health Visiting annual survey captures valuable health visiting 'frontline intelligence' from across the UK. Our 10th annual survey was completed by 1,186 practitioners from across the UK between 2 October and 6 November 2023 with most respondents (90%) from England.

[Cyber-Enabled and Cyber-Dependent Offences Among 12-15 Year Olds Referred to the Children's Reporter](#)

The report examined all referrals made to the Children's Reporter on offence grounds between the 1st of April 2018 and the 31st of March 2023. It also examined the cases of 12 children aged 12-15 who had been referred to the Reporter for online or social media related offences. These data were drawn from a wider dataset used to understand the experiences of 12-15 year olds referred to the Children's Reporter and Procurator Fiscal on offence grounds.

[Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World: Year Three Index Report 2024](#)

The third in a series of annual reports from Internet Matters evaluating and tracking the impact of digital technology on children's digital wellbeing. The report is broken into four sections: physical wellbeing, social wellbeing, emotional wellbeing and developmental wellbeing.

[More 'Safe Spaces' For Young People Could Help Reduce Violence In Scotland](#)

A new report led by researchers at the University of Glasgow highlights concerns around how Scotland is adapting to emerging trends around violence and young people.

[Bereaved Families Call for Change in Anonymity Law](#)

BBC News article highlighting a call from Victim Support Scotland for child victims of murder to be granted automatic anonymity and calling for the removal of any published content that can identify children who have died because of crime.

[Mums and Babies 'Put at Risk' as Health Visits Scrapped in Staffing Crisis](#)

Article from The Sunday Post highlighting the impact of staff shortages on health visits.

[Glasgow Schools Expand Special 'Nurture' Care for Kids Finding Classrooms Difficult](#)

Glasgow has been expanding nurture sessions at schools for vulnerable kids who need help with emotional and social needs. The move sees children who struggle to cope in mainstream classes get specialist support in school.

[United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024](#)

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This Act of the Scottish Parliament incorporates in Scots law rights and obligations set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and makes related provision to ensure compliance with duties relating to the Convention.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Deafness and Me: A Toolkit for Early Years Practitioners](#)

Deaf babies and children face a unique set of barriers to accessing communication and language, which can directly impact their relationship with others, their learning and their mental health and wellbeing. Providing tailored support to them, as well as their nondeaf peers, can build the foundations for good mental health and wellbeing. This toolkit aims to build understanding of the barriers that deaf children may experience and provide information and activities that can build positive mental health.

[Case Challenging Rise in Social Care Charges Proceeds](#)

In November last year, Govan Law Centre lodged a petition for judicial review in the Court of Session in Edinburgh on behalf of a client challenging the lawfulness of the charging policy with respect to certain disabled service users in Glasgow – B v Glasgow City Council – which will now be heard next month.

[Common Ground - Trauma Informed Working with People with Learning Disabilities](#)

If you care, work or have contact with people with learning disabilities, this animation – created by NHS Education for Scotland – supports the critical importance of trauma informed practice for people with learning disabilities.

['It's Not Really Michael Who Wears Me Out, It's the System': The Hidden Work of Coordinating Care for a Disabled Child](#)

The parents, especially mothers, of disabled children play a crucial role in coordinating care for their children. This article investigates families' coordination work using qualitative accounts of the parents of disabled children in Norway. The paper presents a typology of coordination work, consisting of writing, meetings, administration of services, learning, monitoring and emotional work, and describes three cases to show the nature and consequences of having to coordinate the everyday lives of disabled children.

Mental Health & Trauma

[The Influence of Childhood Trauma on Multiple Unhealthy Lifestyle Behaviours in Adulthood](#)

A study aiming to better understand the associations between childhood trauma and unhealthy lifestyle by comprehensively examining how childhood trauma, its severity, and types were associated with seven unhealthy lifestyle behaviours (smoking, illicit drug use, alcohol use, social inactivity, sleep deprivation, physical inactivity, and excessive weight gain) and a cumulative unhealthy lifestyle index.

[Paternal Perinatal Mental Health: Evidence Review](#)

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An evidence review from the Scottish Government exploring paternal perinatal mental health in recognition that, until recently, research has focused on the mental health implications of becoming a parent for mothers. The paper focuses on the factors affecting paternal perinatal mental health, those most likely to be affected, sources of support used by men during the perinatal period and barriers which might impede men accessing support.

[Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Programme Board/ Infant Mental Health Implementation and Advisory Group Final Report](#)

A document from the Scottish Government outlining the breadth of work overseen by the Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Programme Board/Infant Mental Health Implementation and Advisory Group to deliver on the following priorities:

- The recommendations outlined in [Delivering Effective Services](#) (DES) (2019)
- Work to establish services and increase awareness of Infant Mental Health
- Emerging priorities which have come about both as work progressed and in line with changes in the wider landscape

[Pursuing Racial Justice in Mental Health](#)

A paper from the Centre of Mental Health presenting the findings of a research project commissioned by the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership to help design their approach to understanding, engaging, and supporting people with mental health needs from racialised communities, with a particular focus on the role of commissioned voluntary and community sector services.

[The Long Journey Home](#)

A report from Rethink Mental Illness examining the challenges and barriers that people with severe mental illness face as they navigate supported housing services, and their causes.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Leisure Engagement Among People Living With Acquired Brain Injury](#)

Return to previously valued occupations is a common goal of individuals following acquired brain injury (ABI). However, the focus of rehabilitation is often on self-care and productivity occupations. Return to leisure should be a priority of rehabilitation to support a person's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional well-being. Consequently, the aim of this article was to review the research evidence on engagement in leisure occupations among community-dwelling adults living with ABI.

[The Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: Financial Contributions - Statement of Principles](#)

A document from the Scottish Government setting out the principles that will be used to assess whether an organisation is making a fair and meaningful financial contribution to Scotland's Redress Scheme.

Housing & Homelessness

[Glasgow to Create New Homes Through Disposal of Assets and Compulsory Purchases](#)

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A Glasgow City Council committee has approved the disposal of land, a former childcare unit and a car park to a developer and local housing associations - a decision that will bring more than 80 new homes to the city.

[Holyrood Committee Highlights 'Significant Concerns' Regarding Affordable Housing Budget Cut](#)

A committee of MSPs has questioned the Scottish Government's plan to slash the funding for new affordable homes and has sought further information on the impact of this decision on its housebuilding targets.

Substance Use & Addictions

[What's at Stake: New Gambling Composite Stories](#)

What's at Stake is a co-created collection of composite stories that reflect the realities and experiences of gambling. A composite story brings together experiences shared by multiple people to tell a single story.

Equality & Poverty

[UK Poverty 2024: An Essential Guide to Understanding Poverty](#)

A report from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation looking at the current situation across different groups and regions, and the future prospects for poverty in the UK. The UK is entering this election year with unacceptably high levels of poverty, appallingly high for some groups. We need a coherent plan with creative policies to end poverty in the UK.

[Transport Poverty – A Public Health Issue](#)

The Public Health and Sustainable Transport Partnership Group, hosted by Public Health Scotland, has published a new briefing on transport poverty. Based on a review of key literature and engagement with a wide range of partners, this briefing highlights the causes of transport poverty and how it contributes to poor health, providing recommendations to increase awareness of the issue and guide actions for change.

Gender Based Violence

[Complexities Facing Social Work: Honour-Based Violence as Lived Reality and Stereotype](#)

An article exploring how social workers can address interpersonal violence in segregated groups and support victims, without simultaneously contributing to racism and discrimination.

[Implementing Safe & Together – Creating Domestic Abuse Informed Systems, Services and Workforces Year Two Learning Report 2022/23](#)

A new report from Improvement Service marking the second in a series highlighting key learning from 12 local authorities/partnerships working to embed the Safe & Together Model, funded through the Scottish Government Delivering Equally Safe (DES) Fund, and the impact this work is having on creating domestic-abuse informed systems, services and workforces.

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[Gender-Based Violence and Learning Disability Leadership Course Impact Report](#)

Last year People First (Scotland)'s Equally Safe Group and SCLD co-designed and delivered Power Women, a pioneering leadership course led by women with learning disabilities, for self-identifying women with learning disabilities who have experienced gender-based violence in Scotland. This report details the outcome of an evaluation of the project.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Forced Adulthood: The Home Office's Incorrect Determination of Age and How This Leaves Child Refugees at Risk](#)

A joint report by the Helen Bamber Foundation, Humans for Rights Network and the Refugee Council providing updated evidence of the Home Office improperly treating large numbers of children seeking asylum as adults upon arrival in the UK.

[Childhood Trauma, War, Migration and Asylum](#)

Free evidence based resources from UK Trauma Council aiming to help children and young people affected by war, migration and asylum as well as the professionals supporting them in both educational and community settings. The resources have been co-produced with young people with lived experience of seeking asylum and those who support them.

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Call for Prison Care Homes for Ageing Sex Offenders](#)

The governor of a Scottish prison which houses a large number of ageing sex offenders has called for a secure care home to deal with elderly inmates.

[Not in My Neighborhood: The Ethics of Excluding Ex-offenders from Housing](#)

The policy adopted by housing authorities of denying prospective tenants with a criminal record access to housing is an important barrier to ex-offenders seeking somewhere to live. The policy is legal, but are there any good reasons in favour of it when we know that having no, or limited, access to secure and affordable housing increases the probability of recidivism? The primary aim of this article is to critically discuss two central reasons that have been given for denying people with criminal records access to housing: that doing so will prevent crime, and that the policy reduces fear of crime.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[Exploring the Relationships Between Self-Care and Wellbeing Outcomes Among Child Welfare Professionals](#)

Child welfare workers experience increased risk of secondary traumatic stress (STS) and burnout. Despite encouragement to bolster self-care, little remains known about self-care and well-being outcomes. This study explored frequency of self-care and its relationship with STS, burnout, and compassion satisfaction by surveying 305 child welfare direct service and supervisor professionals.

[Interventions for Mitigating Occupational Stress for Professional Dementia Caregivers in Residential Aged Care](#)

Occupational stress in professional dementia caregivers in residential aged care facilities (RACF) has adverse effects on care quality, caregivers' health, and

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workforce sustainability. This study sought to summarise the existing evidence and inform future research by examining what interventions are used to mitigate professional caregivers' occupational stress experience in RACFs and how effective they are.

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

The joint inspection of services for children at risk of harm in the Moray community planning partnership area took place between 10 July and 29 November 2023. It covered the range of partners in the area that have a role in meeting the needs of children and young people at risk of harm and their families.

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

[Adult Support & Protection Spotlight Webinar: Homelessness - 27/02/24 3.30pm - 4.30pm](#)

The Adult Support and Protection Team having been running a series of Spotlight events over the past year on topics that we hope are beneficial to your continuous learning and development. This year we are starting off on the topic of Homelessness to raise awareness of this issue and the complexities of the work being carried out, which can impact on ASP work. There will be 3 presentations delivered on this topic and they will be delivered by; Kevin Howe (Assistant Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan Manager), Stewart Curtis (Team Leader – Asylum Health Bridging Team & Resettlement Team) and Ross Lamond (Team Leader – Complex Needs Service).

[Children's Rights Conversations: Planning and Place Webinar - 21/02/24 1.30pm - 3.30pm](#)

Children's Rights Conversations webinar focusing on how we can take a children's rights approach to planning and placemaking. Join for a lively discussion and learn more about children's rights implementation at the local level. You will also have the opportunity to share knowledge and good practice with others and ask questions from our panellists. This is a free event, though registration is required.

[International Perspectives on Developing a Human Rights-based Social Care System Webinar - 28/02/24 10am - 12 Noon](#)

A 2-part webinar series from Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) and Global Leadership Exchange looking at how to support people with learning disabilities to live independently. The webinar takes a look at models of social care from different countries.

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