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Dear colleague,

Happy new year! We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing festive period.

Glasgow's Adult Support and Protection Committee (ASPC) and Child Protection Committee (CPC) are hosting a one-day multi-agency public protection conference on 15th May 2025. The conference will explore themes and topics that cut across the child protection and adult support and protection domains.

There is still time to have your say about the themes and topics you'd like to hear at the Public Protection Conference in May. We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey to tell us your thoughts: [Public Protection Conference 2025 survey](#).

There is also still time to provide your feedback on the new websites for the Adult Support and Protection Committee (ASPC) and the Child Protection Committee (CPC). The CPC survey can be accessed at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CPC-website-survey/> and the ASPC survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/44FX2C/>

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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Adults, Older People and Dementia

[Scabies: Back to basics webinar](#)

A recording of the webinar from a Care Home IPC seminar which covered scabies identification, transmission routes, guidance, scabies management and outbreak management.

[Homely Remedies in Care Homes: A practice note](#)

A new practice note has been published providing clarity on the use of over-the-counter medicines, or 'homely remedies', in care homes. It outlines the importance of timely treatment for minor ailments and the expectations for care homes to have a policy in place to manage the administration of these medicines.

Children, Young People & Families

[CELCIS Weibina Recording - Growing Up in Kinship Care](#)

In this webinar, we heard about the findings of the Growing Up in Kinship Care study, highlighting the key insights gained from examining the data from over a ten-year period for over 19,000 children and young people who had lived in kinship care, and what these insights tell us about what is needed to support Scotland's kinship families.

[CELCIS Webinar Recording - What it is and what can it tell us about children's lives and experiences?](#)

In this session, Dr Joanna Soraghan, Data Analyst at CELCIS, led a presentation on the practicalities, benefits, and hurdles of linking data from multiple sources. We examined issues such as data privacy, the complexities (and opportunities) of linking distinct data sources, and looked at examples of existing research carried out through linkage of the data recorded in Scotland about children in need of care and protection.

[The Promise Progress Framework](#)

The Promise Scotland has published The Promise Progress Framework, bringing together different national data with the aims of monitoring how Scotland is doing as it works towards keeping The Promise - alongside the framework is a webpage explaining the development of this work.

[Matching Looked After Children and Young People: Admissions Guidance for Residential Services](#)

Guidance from the Care Inspectorate promoting best practice in admissions and matching for corporate parents, which aspires to make residential care a positive choice for all children in Scotland who require it.

[Protocol and Procedures for Secure Accommodation Services on the Use of Registered Emergency Beds](#)

A protocol from the Care Inspectorate which is designed to ensure consistent and safe practice, expectations and outcomes around the use of these 'emergency beds' within secure accommodation. It should be followed and read in conjunction with the expectations set out in the Care Inspectorate's 'Matching and Looked After Children and Young People: Admissions Guidance for Residential Services'.

[Child Trafficking in the UK 2024: A Snapshot](#)

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The report from ECPAT UK and the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner provides an overview of child trafficking in the UK between 2022 and 2024, including the latest legislative and policy developments in prevention, protection, and prosecution. The report makes a series of practical recommendations aimed at key decision-makers, including 5 priority recommendations for urgent consideration. There is also an [executive summary](#).

[Children, Violence and Vulnerability 2024: How do boys and girls experience violence?](#)

This third part of the Youth Endowment Fund's annual report into young people's experiences of violence examines how experiences of violence differ for boys and girls, the prevalence of relationship violence among teenage children and what schools are doing to promote healthy relationships between young people.

[Children, Violence and Vulnerability 2024: What do children and young people think about the police?](#)

This fourth part of the Youth Endowment Fund's annual report into young people's experiences of violence looks at teenage children's views and experiences of the police.

[Judge in Sara Sharif Case Warns of 'Dangers' of Automatic Right to Home School Children](#)

A senior judge who jailed the killers of Sara Sharif has said the 10-year-old's murder "starkly illustrates the dangers" of parents automatically being able to homeschool their children.

Education

[UK Government Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill](#)

The UK Government has introduced the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill in the UK Parliament which aims to make changes to protect children and improve education in England.

Equality & Poverty

[Scottish Draft Budget](#)

There were promises of action to mitigate the effects of the two-child limit in the draft Scottish Budget, along with pledges on winter fuel payments, and expansion of free bus travel to people in the asylum system.

Events & Courses

[Care Inspectorate Digital Social Care Webinar - 21/01/25 - 10am-11am](#)

The Care Inspectorate is hosting a webinar on digital social care with speakers from The Mhor Collective, NHS Education for Scotland and the Scottish Government.

[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

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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.

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

[Thursday, 30 January 2025 10am to 12noon](#)

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

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

[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:

[29th January 2025 - 10am - 12.20pm \(MS Teams\)](#)

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

[18th March 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

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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 February 2024](#)

[12th March 2024](#)

[9th April 2024](#)

[6th May 2024](#)

[4th June 2024](#)

Health and Social Care

[Partnership Working Needed for Scottish Government's Population Health Framework](#)

The voluntary health sector must be equal partners in shaping Scotland's landmark framework to improve health, public health leaders have heard as community organisations share that they are experts in early intervention and tackling health inequalities.

[Greater Glasgow and Clyde to Host One of Scotland's Commercial Research Delivery Centres \(CRDCs\)](#)

Four new regional hubs to help patients access innovative new treatments and clinical trials as early as possible are to be set up across Scotland, including Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Their work will build upon UK research leadership in a range of conditions, including cancer, obesity and infectious diseases like flu.

Housing and Homelessness

[Underspending on Energy Efficiency Scheme 'Leaves Thousands of Households in Fuel Poverty'](#)

The Existing Homes Alliance (EHA) has warned that thousands of fuel-poor households are losing out as millions of pounds allocated by the Scottish Government for energy efficiency upgrades are going unspent.

[Literacy, Numeracy, and Homelessness: What Do We Know?](#)

This paper from the Centre for Homelessness Impact considers the relationship between literacy, numeracy, and homelessness. It surveys what is known about the effects of low literacy and innumeracy on the causes of homelessness, and the effects on homelessness directly. The paper then looks beyond this to see how homelessness affects access to education and skills training; and how this problem can be addressed.

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Mental Health & Trauma

[Mental Welfare Commission Local Visit Reports - December 2024](#)

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:

- [Stobhill Hospital - Appin Ward](#)
- [Stobhill Hospital - Isla and Jura Wards](#)

[Care Beyond Beds: Exploring alternatives to hospital-based mental health care](#)

A report from the Centre for Mental Health, which was commissioned by NHS England to support a vision for the future model of mental health services – including alternatives to inpatient care.

[Mental Health Inpatient Settings: Supporting Safe Care During Transition from Inpatient Children and Young People's Mental Health Services to Adult Mental Health Services](#)

An investigation from Health Services Safety Investigations Body that explored the patient safety risks associated with the transition of patients from inpatient children and young people's mental health services to adult mental health services.

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.](#)

Practice, Organisation & Workforce Matters

[The Murder of Sara Sharif: Do 'experts' really understand child protection?](#)

An article from the British Association of Social Work's (BASW) Professional Social Work Magazine (PSW) in which Dr Bernard Gallagher looks at media coverage of the ten-year-old's murder and finds cause for concern.

[New Community Health and Social Care Hub Due to Open in Early 2025 in Glasgow's East End](#)

The project – a collaboration involving NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and other partners – brings together a number of community health and social care services, which are currently located at nine different sites. The Hub will provide services for children, adults and older people, addictions, justice, homelessness, sexual health and health improvement, with GP services, community pharmacy and dental services.

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[Good Practice Guidance: Prevention and management of scalding episodes in daycare of children and childminding services](#)

A new guidance document has been published to help childcare providers prevent and manage scalding episodes. The Care Inspectorate published the guidance in response to a small number of incidents where children were scalded in childcare settings.

Substance Use & Addiction

[A Draft Outline of a Charter of Rights for People Affected by Substance Use](#)

The Charter of Rights was launched on the 11 December in Glasgow with the First Minister John Swinney opening the event. Also in attendance was a representative from the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Charter very much focuses on the rights of people and their carers who are affected by substance use and will be relevant to all services who support these people.

[Effective Interventions for the Treatment of Gambling that is Associated with Harm: Rapid evidence review](#)

This review from the National Centre for Social Research explored the effectiveness of psychological and psychosocial interventions in reducing gambling-related harms, bringing together evidence from studies between 2020 and 2024.