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## Public Protection Bulletin



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Dear colleague,

Nearly all public health protection measures have been removed but COVID-19 remains a risk, especially for vulnerable people. For the foreseeable future, our member organisations and front-line workers will continue to face significant challenges. As public protection leaders and managers have a responsibility to focus on how we continue to support our staff and volunteers.

As previously reported, our Adult Support and Protection and Child Protection Committees and subgroups have returned to the regular meeting schedules, albeit on video conferencing platforms. We review this on a regular basis to determine when we will be able to meet in person again.

People continue to tell us these bulletins are a valuable source of information and accordingly, we will continue to seek out the latest news and provide electronic links to more detailed articles.

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Please stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

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Colin Anderson,  
Independent Chair  
Adult Support & Protection Committee/Child Protection Committee

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### COVID – 19

#### [Public Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Impacts on Children's Rights](#)

A narrative review that draws on the Independent Children's Rights Impact Assessment on the response to COVID-19 in Scotland to evaluate how the measures implemented by the Scottish Government have impacted on children's rights related to the wider determinants of mental health.

#### [Covid-19 impact report reveals newly qualified social workers need more support in the workplace](#)

A new report has revealed that the Covid-19 pandemic had both a positive and negative impact on newly qualified social workers in Wales. It reveals the challenges faced by graduates, but also highlights some of the benefits of the new ways of working introduced during the pandemic and presents a series of recommendations for employers based on its findings.

### Children, Young People & Education

#### [Dream On](#)

Teenagers from Hull Young Voices In Care worked with My Pockets to create this film. They want people to understand what it is like to be a looked after child, what they need from us and how we can all tip the balance to make the opportunities they have the same as the opportunities any young person has.

#### [Children's Advocacy in Children's Hearings National Scheme: Good Practice and Issues Arising - Year 1](#)

A progress report on the implementation of the children's hearings advocacy provision in the first year March 2020 to March 2021.

#### [The Use of Youth Justice Services by Young People with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Glasgow](#)

Research that investigated the reasons young people with neurodevelopmental disorders give to explain their offending behaviours.

#### [When a child dies: Learning from the experiences of bereaved families and carers](#)

The report was produced by the National Hub for Reviewing and Learning from the Deaths of Children and Young People, a collaboration between Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate. It highlights the vital importance of learning from child deaths and keeping the voices of families and carers front and centre in order to gain invaluable insights into what went wrong and where improvements must be made to prevent potentially avoidable deaths of children and young people.

#### [Consultation launch: Physical Intervention in Schools](#)

The consultation will be open until 25 October to allow for engagement with school staff and pupils early in the new term. The draft guidance has been developed in partnership

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with the [physical intervention working group](#) and forms the third part of the Included, Engaged and Involved suite of guidance.

### [Help tell the UN about children's rights in Scotland](#)

Together plays a key role in reporting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child about Scotland's progress to implement children's human rights. They rely on evidence from you to help identify what's going well and where more needs to be done. This information is used to tell the UN Committee what things are really like 'on the ground' for the children and families our members work so hard to support. If you have 10 minutes spare, you can complete the survey to tell about the top three human rights issues for the children, young people and families your support.

### [PANTS Makaton Resource](#)

The NSPCC has created new PANTS resources to keep children who communicate using Makaton safe from sexual abuse. PANTS (the five underwear rules) supports parents and carers to have conversations with their child to help keep them safe from sexual abuse. The resources include Makaton guides explaining the rules and setting out the importance of having these conversations with children.

### [Recognition of Risk and Prevention in Safeguarding of Children and Young People](#)

A mapping review and analysis of service development interventions aimed at health and social care professionals to improve awareness of safeguarding and identifying at-risk children.

## Disability

### [National Disabled Students Helpline](#)

Did you know LEAD Scotland have a freephone helpline (0800 999 2568) and information service supporting (post-school) disabled students? They provide information and advice on a range of issues.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 2pm to 4pm, Tuesdays and Fridays: 10am to 12pm

If you call outside of these hours please leave a voicemail and they'll get back to you when the helpline opens again or send an email to: [info@lead.org.uk](mailto:info@lead.org.uk)

The service is open to disabled people who live in Scotland, their friends and family, and to people who care for, work with or support disabled people who live in Scotland.

## Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

### [Bill of Rights could weaken future rights of people with a learning disability](#)

Learning Disability England and its representative body members have expressed concerns that the new Bill of Rights will remove some legal protection from people with a learning disability. The new [Bill of Rights](#) had its first reading in the House of Commons and could replace the current Human Rights Act.

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### [Importance of 'meaningful moments' between support staff and people with profound learning disabilities](#)

Meaningful moments of interaction between support staff and people with profound learning disabilities were explored in a recent study that found that they contributed to greater job satisfaction and motivation.

### [A Systematic Review of Autistic People and the Criminal Justice System: An Update of King and Murphy \(2014\)](#)

A paper that aims to determine whether recommendations from a previous review of the evidence on autistic people in contact with the criminal justice system have been addressed.

## **Mental Health**

### [Distress Brief Intervention pilot programme: evaluation](#)

This report presents a realist evaluation of the Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) programme. DBI has been successful in offering support to those in distress, and has contributed to peoples' ability to manage and reduce their distress in the short term, and for some in the longer term.

### [How We Meet the Mental Health Needs of All Scots](#)

A proposal for a new mental health and wellbeing strategy for Scotland.

### [Suicide prevention strategy development: early engagement - summary report](#)

Summary report of views gathered during the early engagement phase to support development of Scotland's new suicide prevention strategy and action plan 2022.

## **Adults, Older People & Dementia**

### [What Do We Know About Hoarding Behaviour and Treatment Approaches for Older People?](#)

An overview of research findings and debates for researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties on social care responses to self-neglect and hoarding behaviour among older people in England.

### [Complex Needs Service Video Now Available](#)

Back in March the HSCP launched the new Complex Needs Service – a highly personalised, holistic and wrap-around service for people presenting with multiple and complex health and social care needs. Since the launch, the HSCP put together a video of our staff telling the story of the new service, how it came about and how it's working to make a difference for the people of Glasgow.

### [Patterns of Unplanned Hospital Admissions Among People with Dementia: from Diagnosis to the End of Life](#)

A study that aimed to describe patterns of unplanned hospital admissions of people with dementia from diagnosis until death.

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### Carers

#### [Understanding the Economic Value and Impacts on Informal Carers of People Living with Mental Health Conditions](#)

A study that aimed to better understand the impacts of caring on carer quality of life, levels of loneliness, finances and employment, as well as estimate the economic value of time spent caring.

#### [Factors Contributing to the Mental Health Outcomes of Carers During the Transition of Their Family Member to Residential Aged Care](#)

A study aimed to identify the protective and contributing factors to adverse mental health outcomes among family carers following the decision to move a family member to a residential aged care facility.

### Housing & Homelessness

#### [Are social housing allocation processes accessible for people with learning disabilities?](#)

In a guest blog for the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities, Moira Bayne discusses the accessibility of social housing allocation processes used by councils across Scotland, and the impact on people with learning disabilities.

### Substance Use & Addictions

#### [Overdose Response Teams Evaluation](#)

An evaluation of a pilot scheme that is trialling a 'wrap around' approach to people at extreme risk of a drug overdose.

#### [New psychoactive substances: 25 years of early warning and response in Europe — an update from the EU Early Warning System](#)

This update overviews the NPS situation in Europe in 2020-2021 and highlights emerging threats to support early warning, preparedness planning and response measures. In addition, it reflects on the changes and the lessons learned from 25 years of monitoring NPS in Europe.

#### [New E-module: Developing your trauma-skilled practice 4: Understanding the use of substances to cope with the impact of trauma](#)

This resource is freely available and aimed towards anyone working with people who may be affected by trauma and/or substance use. Through collaboration with The National Trauma Training Programme (NTTP) and the Scottish Recovery Consortium (SRC), this module has been designed to help learners to understand the relationship between traumatic experiences and substance use, the self-medication hypothesis, the impact of stigma, and to learn helpful ways of supporting recovery for people affected by trauma and substance use.

To access this course you must sign up for a [Turas account](#) which is available for anyone with an email address to register.

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### Equality & Poverty

#### [Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month](#)

The celebration of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month gives IRISS an opportunity to share the resources they've produced on this topic over recent years:

[Gypsy/Traveller intersectionality](#)

[The relationship between social work and Gypsy/Traveller communities](#)

#### [NHS Report Reveals Significant Health and Social Inequalities Faced By Scotland's LGBT+ Communities](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Lothian and Public Health Scotland have published "Health Needs Assessment of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Non-binary (LGBT+) people in Scotland". This is the first time in Scotland that such a systematic population-based assessment of LGBT+ health and wellbeing has been undertaken.

The Health Needs Assessment, most of which has been conducted on behalf of the Boards by Traci Leven Research, began in 2019, prior to the COVID 19 pandemic with a [literature review](#) (2019) and an extensive [qualitative engagement](#) with 175 LGBT+ people (2020). Further COVID specific [qualitative work](#) was undertaken during the second wave of the pandemic (2020) and this was followed by a full online [survey of the LGBT+ population](#) across Scotland to which 2,358 responses were received (2021).

A recommendation setting event was held in March 2022 with 160 attendees comprising LGBT+ stakeholders together with public health and wider NHS staff who worked together to shape the final 41 recommendations.

The reports describe the significant differences in health within the different parts of the LGBT+ population, and where meaningful comparison is possible, with the background population. An [infographic summary](#) report is available to support dissemination.

### Gender Based Violence

#### [Charity call for review of Clare's Law domestic abuse scheme](#)

Victims' charities are calling for a review of a domestic abuse scheme that tells people if their partners have a history of offending.

#### [Experiences of Financial Hardship Whilst Seeking a Refuge Space](#)

A report that explores how domestic abuse survivors navigate structural inequalities in a context of financial hardship, whilst seeking a refuge space.

### Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

#### [Recognising and Breaking the Cycle of Trauma and Violence Among Resettled Refugees](#)

A general review of literature on the trauma and violence that refugees face, the impact on health outcomes, and some of the promising models for clinical intervention.

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### Crime, Justice & Prisons

#### [Cashback for Communities](#)

Scottish Ministers announced in June 2007 that they would use the funds recovered from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) to expand young people's horizons and increase the opportunities they have to develop their interests and skills.

Cashback for Communities is now open for applications for its 6<sup>th</sup> round of funding with an allocation of up to £20 million over 3 years. Applications close on noon, Friday 12 August. Funding for successful applicants will commence from April 2023 to March 2026.

#### [National Strategy for Community Justice - Analysis of Consultation Responses](#)

Last week, the analysis of responses to the National Strategy for Community Justice: Revision Consultation was published. The report presents an analysis of the responses to the consultation and sets out the Scottish Government's next steps.

### Social Care & Practice

#### [Working Together in Adult Support and Protection](#)

A course supporting professionals to put the voice of adults and carers at the centre of their experience. To access this, you will need to create an IRISS account.

#### [National Care Service \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

A Bill that allows Scottish Ministers to transfer social care responsibility from local authorities to a new, national service. The Bill is accompanied by supporting evidence and impact assessment documents.

#### [Report of a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People At Risk of Harm in North Ayrshire](#)

A report of an inspection carried out between August 2021 and April 2022 by the Care Inspectorate in partnership with Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and HMICS.

#### [Report of a Joint inspection of Adult Support and Protection Services in Aberdeen](#)

A report of an inspection carried out by the Care Inspectorate between January and April 2022.

### Online & Financial Harm

#### [Voucher / gift card scams](#)

A voucher or gift card scam takes place when unsuspecting victims are approached by fraudsters and persuaded to pay bills, fees or debts using iTunes gift cards or other vouchers.

#### [Police Scotland Victims of Fraud Leaflet](#)

Information and advice from Police Scotland.

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### [Scams Awareness Fortnight](#)

Citizens Advice and the Consumer Protection Partnership have launched their annual Scams Awareness campaign to help people protect themselves from opportunistic scammers, after new research found that millions more people have been targeted by scammers as the cost of living crisis takes hold. More than three quarters of UK adults said they have been targeted by a scammer this year – a 14% increase compared to this time last year.

### **Events**

#### [Community Safety and Justice - Joint Working Arrangements Research Launch, 11.07.22, 1400 – 1500](#)

Recent years have seen significant reform, legislation and policy changes that have impacted local community safety (CS) and community justice (CJ) practices in Scotland, in response to which, several local authority areas have commenced the implementation of joint CS and CJ working arrangements.

In a bid to learn more about these new ways of working, Community Justice Scotland (CJS) and the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) have undertaken joint research. Come along to the launch of this research to hear about the findings and ask questions.

#### [Save the date: Learning About Neglect Event Series 2022 - Adolescent Neglect, 8 September](#)

The speaker for the webinar will be Phil Raws, Senior Researcher at the Children's Society who will present on Adolescent Neglect. Phil Raws has been a Senior Researcher with The Children's Society for over 15 years, having previously worked for the Universities of York, Leeds and Bradford. He has also worked in paid and voluntary roles with young people in care and leaving care, and with disadvantaged families. His research interests include adolescent neglect, parenting of adolescents, youth 'at risk' and young person-centred methodologies. This event is free to join and information on how to register will be sent out in due course. Delegates will be emailed a Microsoft Teams link before the event so they are able to join on the day.

#### [Safe & Together Model 'Train the Trainer'](#)

The 2022 Safe & Together's Train the Trainer will be delivered over 12 weeks from 7 September and until 7 December 2022. Each week is comprised of one 4-hour session of live, remote training with Safe & Together Faculty via Zoom and weekly homework that augments learning and prepares learners for the following week's sessions. Applications are now being accepted. For more information contact [cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk](mailto:cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk)

#### ["Introducing the National Trauma Training Programme" webinar, 27.09.22, 10 – 11:30](#)

The introductory webinar raises awareness of the national approach to creating a trauma-informed Scotland across all organisations and sectors. It will also provide updates from the NTTP for 2022/23 and share a growing suite of freely available training resources to support anyone on their journey to becoming trauma-informed. It will welcome absolutely anyone who is interested in finding out more about the National Trauma Training Programme (NTTP) in Scotland to attend, whatever their role or organisation (public, third and private sector, or otherwise).

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