

Glasgow City Public Protection Newsletter



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Welcome

A very warm welcome to our winter newsletter. As if to emphasise the ongoing issues with child poverty and winter fuel payments, it feels as if the winter cold and storms have arrived earlier than usual. Although constrained by resources, our member organisations and agencies are working hard to support families in need and vulnerable adults.

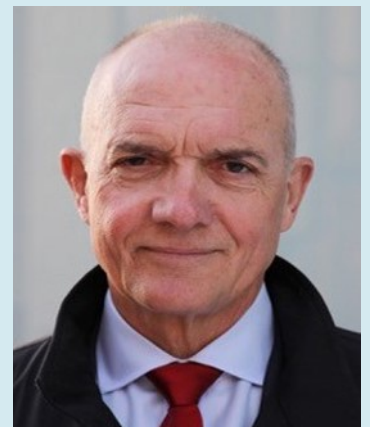
This newsletter and supporting bulletins continue to provide a wide range of important and informative articles and learning opportunities.

Emerging and alarming issues associated with online and digital safety feature in this edition and although the focus is on a child protection event there are also significant actions in place to address potential online harm for vulnerable adults.

In this edition you will find articles about the Child Online Safety event hosted by the Child Protection Committee in October, Disability History Month, Crimestoppers Fearless Campaign. You will also find information about the Committees' website evaluations and the Public Protection Conference 2025.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas full of the joy, peace and love that this time of year brings and hopefully this will continue into 2025. However, we must remember that although the majority of us will be able to celebrate and enjoy this time of year with our families, our member organisations, staff and volunteers will be focusing on those who may not be so fortunate. For this, I respectfully offer my heartfelt thanks.

Colin Anderson, Independent Chair of Glasgow City CPC & ASPC



Colin Anderson
Chair of Glasgow City Adult and
Child Protection Committees

Glasgow Child Online Safety Event



Picture: Colin Anderson, Independent Chair of the Child Protection Committee opening the event

The Public Protection Committees Team, in partnership with the UK Safer Internet Centre, held a Multi-Agency Child Online Safety Event at Glasgow City Chambers on 1st October 2024. The event was for those working with children and young people to increase their understanding of current online safety research, legislation, technology, tools and resources.

The event was well attended with 124 delegates from multi-agency partners, including professionals from the local authority, health, education and third sector organisations. It was a great opportunity for professionals to come together, share insights and enhance their understanding of online safety.

Feedback from the event was positive and indicated an increased understanding in attendees knowledge of online safety following the event. Feedback also indicated that attendees were likely to change online safety practices as professionals and when dealing with children and young people as a result of the knowledge gained at the event.

For those who were unable to attend the event, there is access to [the presentation](#). You can also access the [Online Safety Live Resource Area - Scotland](#) using the password **SaferScotland2024**.

Further information about online harm can be found on the [UK Safer Internet Centre website](#).

Public Protection Committees' Websites Evaluation

As you will remember, the Public Protection Committees Team launched the new Child Protection Committee (CPC) and Adult Support and Protection Committee's (ASPC) websites in April this year. We hope that the websites have been a useful way to keep up -to-date on child protection and adult support and protection developments, the work of the committees and to support practice.

As part of the CPC and ASPC's commitment to self-evaluation and to ensure that the websites meet the needs of its users, the Committee Team has created a survey so that you can tell us what you think of the websites and how they can be improved. Your feedback is valuable and we would very much appreciate if you could take the time to complete the surveys.

You can access the CPC survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CPC-website-survey/

You can access the ASPC survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/44FX2C/

The websites can be accessed at www.glasgowchildprotection.org.uk/ and [www.glasgowadultprotection.org.uk.](http://www.glasgowadultprotection.org.uk/)

UK Disability History Month

14th November - 20th December 2024

UK Disability History Month (UKDHM) is an annual awareness raising campaign that aims to promote disabled people's rights and their past and present struggle for equality.



UKDHM takes place from 14th November until 20th December and this year's theme is Disability, Livelihood and Employment. Research findings indicate that although there has been an increase in employment for disabled people in Scotland in the last decade, the disability employment gaps was 30% in 2023. This is higher than the UK average.*

Disability History Month provides an opportunity to:

- raise awareness of disability
- celebrate the achievements of staff with disabilities
- share resources to support disabled staff
- encourage leaders and managers to support staff in a compassionate and inclusive way
- encourage open conversations about disability between managers and staff
- review recruitment practices to ensure they are inclusive.

Post about UKDHM on social media using the hashtags #UKDHM and #DisabilityHistoryMonth.

Further information about UKDHM, including information about events and resources can be found on the [UK Disability History Month website](http://www.ukdhm.org.uk/).

*The Scottish Parliament. 2024, *Closing the Disability Employment Gap in Scotland*, The Scottish Parliament, <https://bprcdn.parliament.scot/published/EFW/2024/10/11/54918178-1fcf-4970-a6e8-5085f2f5322d-1/EFWS062024R10.pdf>



Glasgow Public Protection Conference 2025



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.

To ensure that the conference programme meets the needs of partner agencies and is beneficial to professionals working in an operational and strategic capacity, we would like to hear from you about themes and topics you would like to hear on the day.

We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey to tell us your thoughts: [Public Protection Conference 2025 survey](#)

Crimestoppers Fearless Sextortion Campaign



Independent charity Crimestoppers launched Fearless to empower children and young people (aged 11 to 18) to report crime by raising awareness of crimes and providing a mechanism for them to report anonymously.

The organisation has a team of Fearless Outreach Workers who visit schools, youth clubs and sporting events to inform young people and professionals about their service. They also create content for their social media channels to raise awareness and remove barriers.

In November, Fearless launched a new campaign to combat sextortion in Scotland. Sextortion is a type of online blackmail where the perpetrators threaten to share nude or semi-nude images of a young person, that they have sent or had stolen, if they refuse to pay a ransom. Further information about the campaign, including a short video and information about keeping children and young people safe, can be accessed on the [professional section of the Fearless website](#).

Further information for professionals about Fearless, including resources for working with children and young people can be found on the [Fearless website](#). There is also a dedicated section for [children and young people](#) and [parents and carers](#).

Prevent Duty Guidance

The Prevent strategy, published by the UK Government in 2011, is part of the UK Government's overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. In the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 this has simply been expressed as "prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

The Prevent strategy has 3 specific strategic objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (the Act) places a duty on certain bodies, listed in Schedule 6 to the Act, to have, in the exercise of their functions, "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

The Prevent Duty Guidance: for Scotland was issued under section 29 of the Act and states that the authorities subject to the provisions must have regard to this guidance when carrying out the duty. This means that professionals working with members of the public are required to have an understanding of what radicalisation is and why people may be vulnerable to it. They also need to know what measures are available to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and to have an understanding of available supports for people who may be exploited by radicalising influences.

Organisations may need to share information about individuals at risk of radicalisation to ensure that appropriate support is offered. Information sharing must be assessed on a case-by-case basis and is governed by legislation.

Further information can be found in the guidance, which can be accessed on the [UK Government website](#).

National Prevent Referral Form

The [National Prevent Referral Form](#) is designed to help articulate a concern under Prevent - where you are worried a person is susceptible to radicalisation. Complete as much of the form as you are able; doing so will ensure that the person gets the help they need to keep them and others safe. Completed forms should be sent to preventreferrals@scotland.police.uk.

Prior to submitting the form, please ensure that you have contacted your organisation's Prevent single point of contact or equivalent. If you are a member of the public and are concerned about someone, you should call the Act Early Support Line on 0800 011 3764 to share your concern in confidence.

Speak to Someone

If you suspect that an adult or child is being harmed you need to report your concerns.

Don't assume that someone else has reported it. The person being harmed or neglected may not be able to report it themselves. Remember, the person who did this may be doing this to others too.

Phone

Health and Social Care Connect on 0141 287 0555.

Textphone - 18001 0141 287 0555

Out with office hours - 0300 343 1505

Police Scotland - 101 (non-emergency)

999 in an emergency

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration - 0131 244 2100

Childline - 0800 1111

Glasgow City Carers' Partnership Carers Information Line - 0141 353 6504

[Glasgow Adult Protection Committee](#)

[Glasgow Child Protection Committee](#)

