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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

[National Framework for Child Protection Learning and Development in Scotland 2024](#)

A framework to support multi-agency learning and development relevant to child protection in Scotland. This highlights key learning for all workforces according to the level of responsibility they have for child protection.

[National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021: Analysis of Local Implementation](#)

A report from CELSIS presenting the findings from the self-evaluation exercise completed by all 31 of Scotland's Child Protection Committees (CPCs) in relation to their local implementation of the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021. The self-evaluation was conducted in autumn 2023, two years after the September 2021 publication of the National Guidance. The results of the self-evaluation provide a two-year position statement on the extent to which implementation of the 2021 guidance has been achieved and/or is being progressed and can inform future activity and resource decisions at the national and local level.

[Born into Care in Scotland](#)

IRISS Insight paper which explores the evidence on children 'born into care', with a focus on the relevance for social work practice in Scotland. It details the characteristics of babies and their families, considers how many parents experience the removal of more than one child, and draws attention to the very low numbers of infants placed with brothers and sisters.

['Seen' Through Records: Parents' Access to Children's Social Care Records in an Age of Increasing Datafication](#)

This article explores the views and experiences of parents who had engaged with family service interventions on the data held about them. In doing so, the article discusses the ways in which increasing datafication and the linking of records has impacted upon their lives.

[Considerations for Co-Production with Children and Young People: A Rapid Review](#)

This review explored existing literature, research, and guidance around co-producing mental health and wellbeing initiatives with children and young people (CYP). It aimed to inform approaches to co-producing initiatives focused on mental health and wellbeing in CYP aged 10 to 24 from single-parent households.

[Creating Safer Environments for Children and Young People: Situational Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse](#)

A paper from the Lucy Faithful Foundation exploring situational crime prevention to develop initiatives that prevent sexual abuse before it happens. This marks a shift away from tackling abuse by trying to identify highly motivated 'bad actors' before they commit a crime and to instead address physical environments, the level and nature of guardianship, and cultural factors. These are usually present when child sexual abuse occurs and can be bolstered to better protect children from harm. This paper looks at a range of projects the Foundation has helped develop or run that draw on the principles of situational crime prevention.

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[Scoping and Delivering a National Lifelong Advocacy Service for Care Experienced Children, Adults and Families](#)

The Scottish Government has committed to supporting The Promise Scotland to scope a national lifelong advocacy service for care experienced people and their families ('national lifelong advocacy service'). This paper therefore scopes the core issues and identifies the core principles that should underpin a national lifelong advocacy service. It sets out a path towards delivery, identifying how it should be operationalised and what can be done in order to realise the conclusions of The Promise with respect to advocacy and uphold the rights of care experienced children, adults and families. There is also an [overview briefing](#).

[Child and Parental Wellbeing: Measuring Wellbeing Outcomes and Understanding Their Relation with Poverty](#)

Tackling child poverty and achieving the targets set by the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 is imperative to improving the lives of Scotland's children, young people and families. This report intends to be a first step in assessing wellbeing outcomes and understanding their relation with poverty for low income families.

Disability, Autism, ADHD & Learning Difficulties

[Mental Health Care in Intellectual Disabilities and Autism](#)

Eddie Chaplin is a Professor of Mental Health in Neurodevelopmental Conditions at London South Bank University, Institute of Health and Social Care. This inaugural lecture provides a selected overview of the history of research into the mental health of people with intellectual disability and autistic adults over the last 40 years and offers insights into the speaker's personal journey, his research and becoming a researcher in this area.

Mental Health & Trauma

[Scotland's Mental Health and Wellbeing Delivery Plan: Equality Impact Assessment](#)

The analysis presented in this impact assessment is a high-level summary of the impact of the actions within the Scottish Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan on protected characteristic and other marginalised groups (including those living in poverty and low income and remote and rural geographic locations).

[We Are on a Journey - Implementing Trauma Informed Approaches in Northern Ireland](#)

This executive summary synthesises the findings of an organisational review of the implementation of Trauma Informed Approaches (TIAs) in Northern Ireland (NI) commissioned by the Safeguarding Board for NI (SBNI) through funding by the cross-Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime (EPPOC).

[Concerns for 'Significant Pressure' on Mental Health](#)

Holyrood's Public Audit Committee is urging the government to publish a costed delivery plan for adult mental health services, as its new report raises concerns about the pressures facing services and staff, with poor data limiting our understanding of progress.

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[Peer Support Celebration Success in Glasgow](#)

A new online hub to help people plan and deliver mental health peer support was officially launched by Scotland's social care minister this week.

Adults, Older People & Dementia

[Exploring Innovations and Developments in Adult Social Care Eligibility Criteria](#)

As part of a wider programme of work in advance of the National Care Service, this commission was undertaken with the understanding that the purpose was not to create an alternative mechanism, but to explore relevant developments and innovations in the field of adult social care eligibility criteria in the UK. This report is the result of that inquiry.

[Housing Statistics: Housing for Older People and People with Disabilities](#)

Annual statistics on housing provision for older people and those with disabilities, based on information provided by local authorities through the Housing Statistics Annual Return.

[Mental Capacity Report - March 2024](#)

39 Essex Chambers' monthly reports on aspects of mental capacity law in the UK.

[Adult Safeguarding Legislation: Navigating the Borderlands Between Mental Capacity, Mental Health and Social Care Law and Practice](#)

Utilising a narrative literature review approach this article explores current research evidence on the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 to consider whether safeguarding powers and duties can achieve a proportionate balance between individual autonomy and the state's duties to protect adults at risk of harm and, if so, how.

[Older LGBTQ+ People and Social Care](#)

SCIE has launched a repository that includes a range of knowledge about older LGBTQ+ people – about their lives, needs and their experiences with social care. In the repository you can find out more about older LGBTQ+ people in social care, the LOASCA project and watch a recent webinar on the project.

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

A video from IRISS which encourages and supports professionals to put the voice of adults and carers at the centre of their experience in Adult Support and Protection.

[Analysis of the Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Care Homes from March 2020 to October 2021](#)

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on long-term care residents remains of wide interest, but most analyses focus on the initial wave of infections. This study examined change over time in: (i) the size, duration, classification and pattern of care home outbreaks of COVID-19 and associated mortality and (ii) characteristics associated with an outbreak.

Carers

[Benefit Overlap Penalising Older Carers](#)

A leading UK carers charity is calling for urgent action to financially support Scotland's older unpaid carers. The current system sees unpaid carers aged 65 and over who claim their pension lose entitlement to the carers benefit despite meeting all other criteria.

[One Million Payments for Scotland's Carers](#)

£280 million paid to carers since launch of Carer's Allowance Supplement.

[Kinship Care Week 11th - 15th March 2024](#)

Kinship Care Week ran from 11th – 15th March 2024. Kinship Care has recently introduced a new life story resource, in addition to their existing resource library. More information can be found on their website.

Housing & Homelessness

[Maze](#)

An interactive resource from NIHR School for Public Health Research which portrays women's narratives of multiple exclusion, homelessness and accessing support. The resource is based on research that explored pathways into multiple exclusion homelessness, its links with health and wellbeing, and access to services. Navigate the maze to learn about the experiences of 20 women in their own words, their reflections on support and their feedback on making services more accessible.

Substance Use & Addictions

[Suspected Drug Deaths in Scotland: October to December 2023](#)

This quarterly report presents Police Scotland management information to provide an indication of current trends in suspected drug deaths in Scotland.

Equality & Poverty

[DWP Benefit Sanctions Harsher Amid Cost of Living Crisis](#)

Benefit sanctions imposed by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have become harsher amid the cost of living crisis, according to newly released government data – with the average penalty lasting a week longer in 2023 than in 2019.

[Households Living Below a Minimum Income Standard: 2008–2022](#)

The Minimum Income Standard (MIS) sets out what the public agree is needed to have a minimum socially acceptable standard of living in the United Kingdom (UK) today, to live with dignity. This report from The Joseph Rowntree Foundation focuses on three groups: children, working-age adults and pensioners. It gives an estimate of the proportion of people who are living below MIS and those with incomes below 75% of MIS. Those living below 75% of MIS face a far greater likelihood of deprivation compared with those whose incomes are above MIS.

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[Child Poverty Cumulative Impact Assessment – Update](#)

A report estimating the impact of Scottish Government policies on relative and absolute child poverty, updating the modelling that was originally undertaken for the second Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. The report additionally estimates the impact of these policies on deep poverty, which provides an indication of how children in the poorest households in society are affected. Finally, the report estimates the impacts of a selection of hypothetical UK Government policies.

[Case Studies: Understanding the Protected Characteristics](#)

New resources from Third Sector Human Rights and Equality's (THRE) series on putting the Equality Act (2010) into practice, with detailed explanations on three of the Protected Characteristics and what they mean for the third sector in practice.

[The Impact of the Cost of Living Crisis on Young People](#)

This inquiry aimed to understand in detail the impact of the cost of living crisis across different aspects of young people's lives. As young people themselves, the member of the Youth Select Committee personally relate to many of the challenges brought about by the cost of living crisis and share much of the sentiment expressed by witnesses to this inquiry. The inquiry received 24 written submissions and held five oral evidence sessions. It heard from organisations that work with young people, and directly from young people who are experiencing first-hand the pressures associated with the cost of living crisis.

[Hard Edges: The Reality for Women Affected by Severe and Multiple Disadvantage](#)

A research study that aimed to gather empirical evidence which might be used to inform the development of interventions with the potential to prevent, ameliorate and/or resolve severe and multiple disadvantage experienced by women.

[Pushed Under, Pushed Out](#)

A report from Christians Against Poverty which explores the interaction between living standards, debt and the persistent nature of inadequate income. The research underlying the report used the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) as a benchmark throughout. MIS is updated each year, measuring how much income a household needs to have an acceptable living standard to fully participate in society. This report explores in detail how debt and debt repayments affect the risk of individuals falling below the Minimum Income Standard.

[What Happens to a Parent's Benefits If Their Child is Taken into Care?](#)

This guide from One Parent Families Scotland is for all practitioners from statutory and voluntary agencies working with families. It aims to prevent, mitigate, and inform families of the financial and material changes that will affect them if their children become looked after, or when they return home after being in care. The guide explains the financial impact on families so that practitioners have the information they need to support families and improve outcomes. There is also a [guide for parents](#) and a [policy briefing paper](#).

Gender Based Violence

[UK Implementation of the Istanbul Convention: Baseline Evaluation](#)

The UK ratified the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in July 2022. This is also known as the Istanbul Convention. This report was submitted to the Council of Europe Group

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of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) and will inform GREVIO's baseline evaluation of the UK's compliance with the Istanbul Convention.

Refugees, Asylum, Trafficking and Immigration

[Public Attitudes Towards Immigration and Minority Ethnic Groups](#)

A report from the National Centre for Social Research which draws on new data collected in combination with past surveys, to explore how attitudes to immigration and minority ethnic groups have changed over time. The report focuses on findings from questions asked about three groups: Black people, immigrants and Muslims. The report also focuses on public attitudes to immigration - whether the impact of immigration on society is positive or negative and whether they support increased or decreased immigration in different situations (for immigration generally, for illegal immigration and for refugees).

Crime, Justice & Prisons

[Together a Chance Evaluation Report: Evaluation of the Social Worker for Mothers in Prison pilot project 2021-2023](#)

A report from CASCADE which shares the findings of an evaluation of the pilot scheme for women at HMP Send and HMP Eastwood Park whose children are involved with children's social care in the originating local authority. The scheme aims to work collaboratively with the child's social worker and/or other key professionals in the multiagency group to support the mother in prison to be involved in decision making about their child(ren).

[HMP Kilmarnock Transfers into Public Ownership](#)

HMP Kilmarnock was run by Serco on behalf of Kilmarnock Prison Services Ltd but the firm's contract came to an end on 17 March. The jail, which opened in 1999, has now been brought into the Scottish Prison Service's (SPS) estate.

[Neurodivergence and the Criminal Justice System](#)

This resource collection aims to provide an accessible, 'one-stop shop' for identifying a variety of literature, reports, accounts, toolkits and other resources related to neurodivergence and criminal justice. The goal is for the collection to enable anyone to easily locate useful information and insight on this subject.

Social Care, Practice & Workforce Matters

[NHS Lost More Than 600,00 Nursing Days to Mental Health Issues](#)

Data obtained by the Scottish Liberal Democrats using Freedom of Information showed Scotland's 14 health boards had lost 615,904 days of staff time since 2020. More than a quarter of the days lost to mental ill-health were in one board, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, which is the largest in Scotland.

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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

[Recognising and Responding to Children's Disclosures of Sexual Abuse Webinar - 08.05.24 10am - 12 Noon](#)

A webinar for people working with children and/or young people who want to develop their confidence in their ability to recognise and positively respond to possible disclosures of child sexual abuse. Input from the following speakers: Rhiannon-Faye McDonald, Expert by experience and Head of Advocacy at Marie Collins Foundation (MCF), Anna Glinski, Deputy Director (Knowledge and Practice Development), Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse and Fellow of NOTA (National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse), Victoria Green, Chief Executive for the Marie Collins Foundation (MCF), Lawrence Jordan, Director of Services, Marie Collins Foundation (MCF). This is a free event, though registration is required.

[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.

Hate Crime Awareness Online Sessions

A multi-agency webinar which 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. Course delivery partners will include Police Scotland, The Advocacy Project and staff from Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership. 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.

Click on the relevant date to sign up:

[Tuesday, 26 March 10am to 12noon](#)

[Wednesday, 29 May 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)

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

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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:

[16/04/2024](#)

[23/05/2024](#)

[18/06/2024](#)