



Keeping Connected The CPC Scotland Weekly Bulletin

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Issued to support Child Protection Committees and partners with up to date information on child protection issues.

Welcome to Issue 6 7 of Keeping Connected.

I trust you have all enjoyed a well earned summer break by now. Whether you stayed local or travelled further afield I hope it helped to recharge your batteries.

The number of campaigns , training courses , resources and other activity referenced in the bulletin show that organisations across Scotland and the UK are working tirelessly to protect children and improve their wellbeing.

Remember, if you have anything from your area you think would be of interest to others across Scotland please get in touch with Susan Mitchell at cpcscotland - liaison@strath.ac.uk to discuss information we could include in Keeping Connected.

Keep safe.

Alan Small CPC Scotland Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 National Joint Investigative Interviewing Course Recruitment Training Opportunity

The Joint Investigative Interviewing Course

8 Court Ordered Child Contact in Scotland guidance booklet Glasgow Women's Aid

Glasgow Women's Aid have co-produced this guidance with survivors of domestic abuse. The booklet helps to explain the Court Ordered Child Contact process within the family court system to survivors of domestic abuse - helpful and supportive guidance directly from women experienced in this process.

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Glasgow Womens Aid (Court Ordered Contact)

9 Think, Look, Act

The Care Inspectorate has launched a new child safety campaign to remind all

The Care Inspectorate have developed a poster for children's services to display to better support our engagement with children who have English as a second or foreign language. The poster is designed to let young people know that we are happy to book an interpreter to chat with them. It conveys this message through a variety of languages – all of which we are commonly seeing in care services for children and young people.

[CYP insp translations poster \(careinspectorate.com\)](#)

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Gurls Out Loud is an Internet Watch Foundation campaign encouraging girls to 'block out online sexual abuse' with a key message of Block. Report. Tell someone you trust.

[Home - Gurls Out Loud](#)

18 Online Child Sexual Abuse advice for parents and carers

The Internet Watch Foundation has produced TALK, a downloadable guide for parents and carers to raise awareness of the risks of online child sexual abuse and the scale of the issue affecting children today.

[TALK Checklist by Internet Watch Foundation | Home \(iwf.org.uk\)](#)

Training, Learning Events and Resources

19 Cyber Resilience Training for Social Workers

Stop It Now! Scotland are offering training for social workers supporting foster and kinship carers. This 3-hour training for trainers programme will build knowledge and skills to work with carers in relation to keeping themselves and children safe online and will provide resources to run training for carers on this subject. Content includes digital citizenship, helping children make positive online choices, having constructive conversations with children about their online lives, the changing role of the internet in society, online peer to peer abuse and the prevention of online sexual exploitation. Sessions are running from 10am - 1pm on: 4th, 10th, 25th and 28th October 1st and 4th November via Microsoft

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Research and Evidence Based Reports

26 Glasgow Child Protection Committee Thematic Review Parental Mental Health as a child protection risk indicator

This thematic review considered what could be learned from the increase in the use of Parental Mental Health as a risk indicator for child protection registration during the first six months of the COVID-19 pandemic to help inform future practice and service provision. A seven minute briefing on the findings has been published by Glasgow CPC. The briefing will also be added to the Learning Review Knowledge Hub library.

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30 Children and Young People Statistics in the pandemic

The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) has published Children and Young People Statistics in the pandemic, exploring the representation of children and young people in official statistics since March 2020 to understand how visible they have been in key data.

Children and Young People Statistics in the pandemic – Office for Statistics Regulation (statisticsauthority.gov.uk)

31 Children and young people's mental health

Unicef has published a report looking at the impacts of disasters and past epidemics on child and adolescent mental health and psychosocial wellbeing, and examines how these insights can guide policies and p(t)0.5 J 0 Tw 0 [he an utdp e(C)3.6 ((C)0.2(h)-h0.1(d)-

News and Opinion

33 In the media

- The Scotsman has published an opinion piece by Fiona Duncan, chair of The Promise and formerly the Independent Care Review, urging MSPs to 'remember their promise' as the Scottish Parliament prepares to return from its three-month summer recess and prepares to help the country recover from the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency : <https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/as-holyrood-prepares-to-reopen-after-recess-its-time-to-remember-their-promise-fiona-duncan-3339846>
- The Herald has reported on HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS)'s Progress Review of Police Scotland's response to online child sexual abuse and exploitation, which warned that, although improvements have been made, the force needs to give more priority to tackling online abuse, and police staff who view imagery of abuse need more wellbeing support, to meet the recommendations from HMICS's original report: [Police Scotland fail to fulfil seven key government inspector measures to tackle online child abuse | HeraldScotland](#)
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