



FINANCIAL HARM STRATEGY In May Fife ASPC approved a [financial harm strategy](#) for adults at risk of harm. The strategy was drafted by a new multi-agency working group set up in February to progress work in this important area. Financial harm has been one of the most frequent types of harm reported in Fife. It can be complex, requiring a collective multi-agency response to tackle it. The strategy sets out ways agencies and communities can work together to identify and support adults at risk affected by financial harm and help them access justice. The [strategy](#) should be read in conjunction with the current guidance approved by the Committee entitled, '[Financial Harm: Prevention, Identification, Support and Protection.](#)'



PRACTITIONER FORUM The second Adult Support and Protection Practitioner forum was held in Cowdenbeath with representatives from Social Work, Police, NHS, Advocacy, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Pharmacy. The group discussed the recent Wharlton House Hospital abuse scandal in the context of the Early Indicators of Harm research. If you work in the Cowdenbeath area and would like to attend future meetings email: helen.king@fife.gov.uk



E-LEARNING Want to know more about adult protection? Why not try our e-learning module? It takes around an hour to complete. Please note the way to access the module has recently changed. Find full details on our [flyer](#) or on our 'E-learning' page at www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotection



ADULT PROTECTION TRAINING DATES Full details are in our [Training Flyer \(Council/NHS\)](#) and [Training Flyer \(External agencies\)](#).



GIVE US YOUR OPINIONS ON EASY READ Does your community group use easy read? Do you like clear information in simple language, short sentences and using pictures and symbols? Using an Easy Read format makes information easier for everyone to understand. The Adult Support and Protection Committee have five new resources that we'd like you to take a look at to make sure they are accessible. The topics are: mate crime; financial harm – scams and bogus callers; capacity; medical and information consent; and sexual consent. If you could help email: shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk or call Shona on 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134. All our easy read information is online at: www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotection



CRIMINAL JUSTICE The [ROAR Partnership Group](#) was formed from organisations who are committed to working together to reduce offending and reoffending. To help them understand what Fife needs, they want to find out what you know about Community Justice, as well as what it means to you and your communities. Fill out the survey [here](#).



SUPPORT FOR VETERANS The Venture Trust programmes help ex-military personnel who are struggling with the transition to civilian life. The free programmes will help people struggling with issues such as addiction, homelessness, isolation, long-term unemployment, involvement with the criminal justice system, or a history of trauma or harm. Find details [here](#). For more information or to make a referral email: referrals@venturetrust.org.uk or call: 0131 228 7700.



NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWING STANDARDS The Scottish Government plans to introduce the new role of the Independent National Whistleblowing Officer (INWO) for NHS Scotland in 2020. The INWO will develop [National Whistleblowing Standards](#) which all NHS Scotland organisations will be required to meet and follow. An online [consultation on the draft Standards](#) is open until 28 June. To request a Word version of the consultation email: csa@spsa.org.uk or call 0131 240 2992.



NHS STAFFING LAWS Health boards and other care providers in Scotland will have to keep to legal duties on staffing levels, after new laws were passed by the Scottish Parliament. The Health and Social Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill, will ensure employers make decisions on staffing on the grounds of safety. The amount spent on agency staff will be capped and senior charge nurses will have more responsibility in co-ordinating safe care.



HOW'S LIFE? The Scottish Commission for Learning Disability are asking people with a learning disability to tell them about their life and experiences and have a say about the important things in your life. Do the [survey online](#) or find out [more information here](#) if you need alternative formats.



SEXUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY APP [CKUK](#) have been working with the [Scottish Drugs Forum](#) and [Autism Network Scotland](#) to develop a sexual health and safety app for young people with a learning disability and/or autism. The 'Keep Safe, Have Fun' app has information about sex and relationships, including consent and sexual health. For more information call CKUK on 0141 556 5301 or email: jill@ckglasgow.org.uk. The app is available to download on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).



CARERS WEEK was celebrated in Fife with the first Fife Carers Gathering at the Strathearn Hotel in Kirkcaldy. Fife Health and Social Care Partnership has worked with Carers UK to offer free access to a wide range of online resources to help make caring easier, through the Digital Resource for carers. Visit: <https://carersdigital.org> and create an account, using the free access code DGTL6234. It includes access to the 'Jointly' app which provides users with a way to coordinate their caring situation with other carers.



Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) are asking Fife carers to complete a 5 minute survey which asks carers to tell us their story, what the impact of caring has been for them, what works well, and what Fife H&SCP could do to support them better. Do the survey online [here](#). Responses will form the basis for measuring future improvement. The '[Getting Carers Connected](#)' research report released during Carers Week provides recommendations for action by national and UK Governments. Read the [Carers Strategy for Fife](#), and find more information at: www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/carers and <https://www.fifecarerscentre.org/>





DEMENTIA AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COLLABORATIVE A pledge between Scotland's emergency services was signed during Dementia Awareness Week. The Collaborative was established in 2017 and gives opportunities for emergency staff to take part in dementia information sessions and become Dementia Friends. The pledge commits the emergency services to improving the safety and wellbeing of people living with dementia, their families and carers.



MENTAL HEALTH ACT The [stage 1 report](#) for the review of learning disability and autism in the Mental Health Act is now complete. It contains experiences and views from people who have experienced care under the Act and from carers, and support organisations. The report also summarises the findings of a range of relevant reports on mental health and human rights in Scotland.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR DEAF PEOPLE The campaign Connect Us Too, brings together deafscotland, Deaf Links and See Me – Scotland's national programme to end mental health stigma and discrimination – to raise awareness and understanding around mental health and wellbeing for deaf people. They have created four video clips to encourage deaf people to talk to others about how they are feeling and to build resilience. The films are '[Out of my head](#)'; '[The faces of mental health](#)' and '[It's good to talk](#)' and there is also a '[Mental Health Overarching Explanation](#)' giving information on the organisations involved in the campaign.



PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM '[What Works Scotland](#)' have published a report which sets out the key messages for public services reform in Scotland. Read a [summary of the key findings](#) with each theme covering the implications for policy and practice in the future.



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS The [Scottish Human Rights Commission](#) want your views on their draft Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2024, to help them set their priorities and improve how they work. Do the consultation [online](#), use the [easy read version](#), or view the subtitled [British Sign Language video](#). BSL users can get in touch using [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](#).



PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND Give your views on proposals for a new national public health body in Scotland, to be known as 'Public Health Scotland' which will have an important role in translating public health data and evidence into policy and practice. Read the [consultation paper](#) and do the [consultation online](#) by 8 July.



FINANCIAL HARM – SCAMS Scams Awareness fortnight takes place in June and [Citizens Advice Scotland provide advice](#) including how to check if something is a scam, what to do if you've been scammed, how to report it, and details of common scams. Their report '[Scammed and Dangerous: the impact of fraudsters](#)' gives further details or follow #ScamAware on Twitter.



SHUT OUT SCAMMERS Police Scotland's Doorstep Checklist gives advice on how to beat doorstep crime - If in doubt, keep them out: LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK.

- LOCK - Keep front and back doors locked
- STOP - Don't open the door until you have checked through a viewer or window to see who is there
- CHAIN - Use a door chain or bar
- CHECK - Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine. Always ask for ID. Call the published number from the internet or phone directory for their company or service to check if they are legitimate. Do not use a telephone number provided by the caller. For more information visit '[Shut out scammers](#)'.



Police Scotland are also reminding people to remain vigilant following a recent phone scam. The caller claimed to be a BT employee and persuaded the listener to disclose personal information and give access to accounts. For more information see '[Keep Secure Online](#)' and [BT Scam advice](#). Find further scam advice from [Neighbourhood Alert](#) on [Courier fraud](#) and [HMRC fraud](#).



HOLIDAY FRAUD Action Fraud, ABTA and Get Safe Online have published advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of holiday booking fraud, and how to report it. For further details see '[Get Safe Online](#)' and [ABTA Travel Fraud](#) information.



DEMENTIA AWARENESS This [free online training course](#) from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) raises the awareness and skills of care staff who work with people with dementia. It also seeks to improve the wellbeing and experience of people with dementia - and of the care staff working with them.

DEMENTIA AND HOUSING The quality of life for someone living with dementia is affected by where and how they live. This [SCIE resource](#) looks at different types of housing, design, adaptations as well as the role of technology and understanding of dementia in the housing workforce.

The SCIE '[Living with dementia](#)' video shows how supportive relationships with families, friends and professional carers can play a key role in supporting people with dementia. The video is a powerful reminder of the importance of getting to know the person with advancing dementia as an individual and to help support them to maintain their own identity.



FGM The Scottish Government have published an [analysis of the responses to the consultation](#) on strengthening protection from Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).



Alternative Formats

Information about Fife Council can be made available in large print, braille, audio CD/tape and Gaelic on request by calling **03451 55 55 00**



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