



**ADULT PROTECTION DAY** This month's newsletter comes to you in time for National Adult Protection Day (20 February) - raising awareness of what harm is and how to report it. If you or someone you know is at risk of harm call the Adult Protection Phone Line on 01383 602200. Here's how you can get involved:

- Listen out for Alan Small, Chair of the Adult Support and Protection Committee on Kingdom FM
- Look out for an article in your local paper, and info on the local plasma screens – have a look if you're in a local sports facility or a local council office.
- Looking for more info? - go online to [www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection](http://www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection)
- Need printed resources? Visit: [www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotectioneasyread](http://www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotectioneasyread) for a huge selection of easy read booklets which can be downloaded or request paper copies from: [shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk](mailto:shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk)
- Need someone to speak to your community group about adult protection? Contact Shona on the email above or call 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134.
- Do you use British Sign Language? Visit the [Adult Protection Playlist](#) on Fife Deaf Communication Service YouTube channel.
- Are you a staff member? Find details of all protocols, guidance and procedures at [www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection](http://www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection) on the 'Staff Information and Training' page. You'll also find the new 2020 training dates on this page – they'll be announced soon.
- Do the Adult Protection e-learning module. Visit: <http://socialwork.fife.gov.uk> and click on either of the blue sections: 'Do you belong to a Fife Council Partner Organisation' or 'Are you a Fife Council employee' to start.
- Look out for our information on Facebook and Twitter from Fife Council, and the Health and Social Care Partnership. Follow #adultprotection and #SeenSomethingSaySomething
- Visiting the Victoria Hospital? Check out our display and information on Level 8

**If you've seen something – say something.  
Call the Adult Protection Phone Line on 01383 602200.**



**ANNUAL REPORT** The Adult Support and Protection Committee's [Annual Report](#) and [Easy Read version](#) gives details of work between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019. Find out more about the work of the committee and working groups.



**EASY READ INFORMATION** Following input from service user groups we can now bring you a big selection of new easy read information. In response to the need for information about safe and healthy relationships we have information on [Capacity](#), [Sexual consent](#), and [Information and medical consent](#). The booklets explain these complicated issues using simple language and are an excellent way to start difficult conversations on these topics. To request copies email: [shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk](mailto:shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk) or call 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134.



**NEED ADULT PROTECTION TRAINING?** Keep a lookout for details of new Adult Protection Training dates for April 2020 onwards on our 'Staff Information and Training' page at [www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection](http://www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection). The 'Working Together' Course has places available on 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March and 'Harm in Care Settings' on 17<sup>th</sup> March. Council employees book using CLMS, all other applicants [use the online form](#).



**COULD YOU VOLUNTEER FOR ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE?** As we step further into 2020 – whether you've made a resolution to start the year selflessly, or wish to help support older people in Fife, volunteering for Action on Elder Abuse is a great way you can make a genuine difference. Outreach volunteers support clients in person in their home, and helpline volunteers take calls and provide direct support to people concerned about abuse towards older people. For information email:



[brianjohnston@elderabuse.org.uk](mailto:brianjohnston@elderabuse.org.uk) and visit [www.elderabuse.org.uk](http://www.elderabuse.org.uk) The Action on Elder Abuse Helpline is 080 8808 8141 (*Press 2 for Scotland*) and is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm



**HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** The Scottish Government [Expert Group Report](#) sets out proposals from the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People to improve prevention and early intervention in response to harmful sexual behaviour involving children and young people.



**CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION** The Social Care Institute for Excellence has an [e-Learning course](#) raising awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation for health, social care, education and other frontline staff. It provides practitioners with the basic knowledge and skills to identify and respond to Child Sexual Exploitation.



**INTERNET SAFETY** [CyberScotland Week](#) runs from 17-23 February, and is an opportunity for organisations and individuals to check they are using computers and the internet in a safe and secure way. Find a great selection of [resources here](#) plus further information on [Safer Internet Day](#) including their [top tips for staying safe online](#).



**GROOMING** If you're looking for a resource to help start difficult conversations about someone's online activity, check out Fife Adult Protection Committee's resource on grooming ['I've made a new friend online, but I'm worried. What do I do?'](#). The resource ['What am I looking at online?'](#) looks at how to explain the consequences of someone looking at illegal imagery. Both resources were made in partnership with child protection charity [Stop It Now! Scotland](#) and are on the [Upstream website](#).



**NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWING STANDARDS** From July 2020 the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman is also the Independent National Whistleblowing Officer (INWO). The aim is to make sure that everyone delivering NHS services in Scotland can speak out to raise concerns. For information, visit [www.inwo.org.uk](http://www.inwo.org.uk).



**CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY** [Piliانا.com](http://Piliانا.com) is a new website which aims to help people connect with their communities and meet new people. Sign up and find local activities happening in the next week. In Fife find similar information on the websites [On Your Doorstep](#), [What's On Fife](#) and [Kingdom FM What's On](#).



**TELL THE MENTAL HEALTH TRIBUNAL WHAT YOU THINK** [The Mental Health Tribunal](#) is looking for participants to help them understand how the Tribunal is working for people in Scotland. They are specifically looking for the views and experiences of people with learning disabilities. [Click here](#) to download an easy read information sheet and find out how to take part.



**INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM IN THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT** has published the [final report](#) including an [easy read version](#). The review looked at the law called the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and if it needs to change for people with learning disability and or autistic people. It looked at how well the law supports people's human rights.



**WOMEN AND GIRLS AUTISM RESOURCES** Scottish Autism has a series of [resources and animations to support women and girls with autism](#), on topics including post 16 education, mental health, employment and parenting. They contain a summary of key points from research plus links to the [Women and Girls online support programme](#) and other resources. Other resources include The Social Care Institute for Excellence's [information, guidance, advice and resources](#) to help people who support adults and young people with autism and the National Institute for Health and Social Care Excellence (NICE) advice on ['Enabling positive lives for autistic adults'](#).



**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)** The Scottish Parliament has agreed to the general principles of the FGM (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill. Here's a link to the [official report](#) of the Parliamentary Debate and the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's [Stage 1 report](#) which formed the basis for the debate. More information on honour crimes is available on the [Fife Violence against Women Partnership website](#).



**APPROPRIATE ADULT** The [Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Support for Vulnerable Persons\) Regulations 2019](#) commenced on 10 January 2020. Local Authorities now have a duty to deliver Appropriate Adult services and provide training for practitioners. The Care Inspectorate also have a duty to assess the quality of the services. [Section 42 of the Criminal Justice Scotland \(Act 2016\)](#) was commenced 10 January. This places a duty on the police (and other specified persons with power of arrest in Scotland) to facilitate the provision of communication support for vulnerable persons in custody. [Appropriate Adults: guidance for local authorities](#) was published by Scottish Government on 10 January.



**THE HUMAN RIGHT TO SOCIAL CARE** Scottish Care have produced the report ['The Human Right to Social Care – the potential for Scotland'](#) which looks at 'social care' and 'long-term care' as a distinctive human right, and what this might mean for social care practice



## 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**



### British Sign Language

please text (SMS) 07781 480 185



### BT Text Direct:

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