

Keeping Connected - The CPCScotland Bulletin

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Welcome to **Keeping Connected**

As we move into autumn, there are a range of learning events, new resources and opportunities for our network. In particular, there is an increasing focus on the role of new technologies both as opportunities for safeguarding but also sites of risk. I would encourage everyone to engage with this emerging agenda and to take a look at the resources highlighted in this issue.

On this note, incoming CPC Scotland chair Tam Baillie was a returning guest on The Kaye Adams show last month, contributing to a discussion on the use of tracking technologies with children. The episodes are online for anyone who wants to listen.

As mentioned last time, the Domestic Abuse Taskforce continues to seek views to inform a Domestic Homicide Review Model for Scotland, with the deadline now extended to 30th October.

Best wishes,

Alan Small
CPCScotland Chair

Call for Engagement

1. Scotland's Domestic Abusive Taskforce: Domestic Homicide Review

Scotland's Domestic Abuse Taskforce is currently undertaking scoping to inform the development of a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) model. They are seeking the views of those with lived experience and professionals working with victims and families of domestic homicide. The responses received will be collated and published as part of a report that the Taskforce will use to inform the model development.

Organisations wishing to participate should complete the [DHR Model – Engagement Preferences Form](#) before 30th October 2023.

2. Research into the experience of Black missing children

ListenUp and Missing People are carrying out research to explore the experiences of Black missing children, including any unique drivers for them going missing, any risks that the Black community specifically might be facing, and their experience of the response from the police and other professionals. They will be carrying out interviews with previously missing children, as well as collecting evidence through surveys for young people, their parents, and for the professionals that work with them.

[New Research Into The Experiences Of Black Missing Children - NWG Network](#)

Guidance, Resources, and Information

3. Scottish Recommended Allowance for Foster and Kinship Carers

The Scottish Government has announced the new Scottish Recommended Allowance, the first standard national allowance to help foster and kinship carers support children and young people – the weekly allowances will be backdated to 1 April 2023.

[New national allowance for foster and kinship carers - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

4. NSPCC – Why Language Matters

NSPCC Learning has published a new blog post as part of its Why Language Matters series explaining 'early help' and looking at the differences between 'early help' and 'early intervention'. The blog post explores the lack of shared understanding around these terms and discusses how this impacts on the provision of support for families.

[Why language matters: what is meant by 'early help' | NSPCC Learning](#)

A further post looks at the terminology of 'equal protection from assault' as opposed to 'smacking ban' when talking about the recent legislative developments in this area.

[Equal protection from assault, not 'smacking ban' | NSPCC Learning](#)

Training, Learning Events and Resources

5. NOTA conference – 18th and 19th September

The National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse (NOTA) is holding its annual Scottish conference at the Stirling Court Management Centre on 18th and 19th September. The first day focusses on adult services, supports and interventions, with the second turning attention to children's services. Full information is available here:

[Scotland Conference 2023 - NOTA](#)

6. Marie Collins Foundation conference

This conference on technology-assisted child sexual abuse takes place on 4th and 5th October 2023 in London.

[Marie Collins Foundation](#)

7. Children In Scotland 'Back to School' resources

Children In Scotland's Inclusion Ambassadors – a range of secondary school pupils who have additional support needs – have developed a series of 'Back to School' resources to support understanding of engagement and participation work with children and young people who require additional support.

[Access the resources here.](#)

8. Children In Scotland – 30th anniversary networking event

Children In Scotland is holding a networking event at the City Art Centre, Edinburgh, on 30th November 2023 from 6pm to celebrate its 30th anniversary. Places can be reserved at the link below.

[30th Anniversary Networking Event Tickets, Thu 30 Nov 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

9. Inform Young People Training – Technology Assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Inform Young People is a short psycho-educational programme developed by the Lucy Faithfull Foundation / Stop It Now. It is designed to help young people and young adults (13- 21) who have displayed harmful sexual or illegal behaviour online. It also aims to support their family members, to help them understand what has happened and assist them in supporting the young person.

An upcoming 2-day training course on 6th and 7th November will equip staff to deliver the programme with young people in a 1-1 setting. Participants should work in a setting where they will be able to deliver this programme directly to young people.

[Inform Young People Training – Technology Assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour Tickets, Mon 6 Nov 2023 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

10. Understanding and Responding to Distress Behaviours in Young People

Children and Young People's Centre for Justice visiting professor Dr Lorraine Johnstone will deliver a 2-day training course for practitioners working with distressed young people who have care experience/developmental trauma.

[Understanding and Responding to Distress Behaviours in Young People | University of Strathclyde Online Shop](#)

Research and Evidence Based Reports

11. The impact of coercive control on children and young people

Using information from the NSPCC Helpline and Childline during 2022/23, this insight briefing looks at children and young people's experiences of coercive control between parents and carers.

[The impact of coercive control on children and young people | NSPCC Learning](#)

12. Children's Services Reform Research

CELCIS has published the third output of the Children's Services Reform Research (CSRR) study, a statistical analysis which explores whether there has been an association between the type of structural integration of health and social care services in Scotland and the outcomes for children, young people, and families in need of support.

[New statistical analysis adds to research findings on children's services reform for Scotland \(celcis.org\)](#)

13. Child Safeguarding and Immersive Technologies

NSPCC has published a report outlining the risks of immersive technologies and the steps that can be taken to effectively mitigate these. [Child safeguarding and immersive technologies | NSPCC Learning](#)

14. Research on teacher-perpetrated misconduct

The University of Greenwich and other institutions have published a report on the sexual misconduct and harassment of students by teachers in secondary schools in Ireland and the UK. A survey was conducted with 593 adults in the UK and Ireland who had experienced some form of sexual harassment or misconduct during their time in secondary school.

News and Opinion

- The BBC has reported on the launch of the Bairns' Hoose pilot in Scotland, which aims to reduce trauma for child victims and witnesses of crime by providing multi-agency support and enabling them to give pre-recorded evidence without having to go to a police station or court or repeatedly discuss their experiences.
[Child victims to get support in first Bairns Hoose - BBC News](#)
- CPC Scotland vice chair Tam Baillie appeared on BBC Radio Scotland's Kaye Adams Show at the end of August, contributing to a discussion on the use of new digital devices to track children's movements.
Listen to both of the programmes below or on the BBC Sounds app:
[Mornings - with Kaye Adams - BBC Sounds](#) - from 2:38-2:48
[Mornings - with Kaye Adams - BBC Sounds](#) - from 2:00-59:45

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