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## Child Protection

### [Updated guidance on child protection in the arts](#)

An updated version of guidance on child protection in the arts has been launched. Produced by Children in Scotland in collaboration with Creative Scotland, Creating Safety provides guidance on child protection and safeguarding for individuals and organisations involved in delivering artistic, cultural and creative projects for or with children and young people in Scotland. Full day training courses and a free webinar will take place across the month of June to support the launch.

### [Analysis of responses to consultation on review of Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995](#)

The Scottish Government has published an analysis of consultation responses on the Review of Part 1 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and creation of a Family Justice Modernisation Strategy. Among the findings, 66% of respondents agreed that Child Contact Centres should be regulated, while 50% agreed there should be a presumption in law that a child benefits from both parents being involved in their life.



### [Three-day residential ACEs course with Suzanne Zeedyk](#)

Children in Scotland is running a three-day residential course on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) led by Suzanne Zeedyk. Relationships, rupture and repair, taking place across 18 – 20 June will explore the 'Rupture-Repair' cycle and make links with attachment processes, traumatic experiences in childhood and the development of self-regulatory capacities.

### [Education Scotland resource to support children experiencing adversity and trauma](#)

Education Scotland has published a resource to help upper primary children deal with challenges and adversity by developing their confidence, resilience, compassion and empathy. Compassionate and Connected Classroom forms part of a wider set of materials that includes a professional learning resource to support practitioners' understanding of adversity and trauma.

### [CELCIS briefing on Welsh Child Practice Review](#)

A briefing on the main features of the Child Practice Review Framework developed in Wales has been published by the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS). The Framework consists of formal, multi-agency review processes carried out on behalf of the Local Safeguarding Boards, to identify lessons from particularly complex or difficult cases.

### [Family courts review announced by UK Government \(England\)](#)

A three-month review of the effectiveness of family courts in cases of domestic abuse and other serious offences has been announced by the UK Government. A panel of experts will specifically look at the courts' application of Practice Direction 12J, which relates to child arrangement cases where domestic abuse is a factor, and the use of 'barring orders', which prevent further applications being made without leave of the court under the Children Act 1989. The review will also gather evidence of the impact on the child and victim where child contact is sought by someone alleged to have, or who has, committed domestic abuse or other relevant offences.

## **Early Learning and Childcare**

### [National induction resource for new ELC workers](#)

A national induction resource for people joining the early learning and childcare (ELC) workforce has been published by the Scottish Government. The publication sets out how a new ELC worker can expect their employer to support them in their role and includes links to the range of national resources available to support them.

### [New practical guidance on outdoor play experiences in ELC](#)

The Scottish Government has published guidance for early learning and childcare (ELC) settings and practitioners on how to access outdoor spaces to create safe,



nurturing and inspiring outdoor learning experiences. Out to Play, developed in with Inspiring Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, is designed to build on and complement resources such as My World Outdoors and Space to Grow to provide practical step-by-step advice on how to access outdoor spaces, including land or forest areas owned by local authorities, private landowners or national bodies to create safe, nurturing and inspiring outdoor learning experiences.

### [SCMA publishes latest membership survey findings](#)

The Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) has published the results of its annual Membership Survey. Among the key findings highlighted, 67% of respondents said they are interested in delivering Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) funded hours. However, 21% of respondents reported that they had lost families as a result of not being approved to deliver the current 600 funded hours. The SCMA said it had shared the findings with the Scottish Government and will continue to increase childminding participation in the delivery of funded ELC.

### [Early learning and childcare - shared inspection framework sector update](#)

The Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland have provided a joint update on plans for a shared inspection framework for the early learning and childcare (ELC) sector. Noting that the work was paused in November 2018, the update states: "We are now in the position to re-establish the Collaborative Working Group and expand the membership of the group to include stakeholders from the sector. By expanding the membership of the group stakeholders will be involved in all aspects of the development of the framework. We want to set out clearly what settings can expect when experiencing an inspection by Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland jointly or individually. In the meantime both organisations will continue to work closely to carry out our inspection activity in ELC, including through the programme of shared inspections of settings providing funded ELC. The Care Inspectorate will also deliver its programme of inspections, including the inspection of all childminding settings and all ELC settings whether or not they are providing funded ELC."

### [London Montessori college to run three-year degree](#)

Students will be able to gain a full Montessori degree at a London college from September, Nursery World reports. Montessori Centre International has been approved to deliver the three-year BA Hons. degree in Montessori Early Childhood Practice, which is awarded by London Metropolitan University. Last year the University of East London joined with the Maria Montessori Institute to offer the UK's first full degree in Montessori education.

## **Health**

### [Children's hydration campaign and resources launched](#)

A campaign and a range of resources designed to highlight the importance of hydration for children has been launched by the Scottish Urinary Tract Infection Network. The Think2DrinkH2O campaign was developed collaboratively with child



specialists, education and NHS partners and national organisations including Health Protection Scotland, Care Inspectorate, Quarriers, NHS 24, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group and the Scottish Government. A leaflet, posters and an aide memoir are available to download.

## **Justice**

### [Findings of expert review of mental health services for young people at Polmont](#)

The findings of an expert review of mental health services for young people entering and in custody at HMPYOI Polmont has been published by HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland. The review was instigated by the Scottish Government following the deaths of two young people in custody at Polmont in 2018. Among the key findings in the report, “being traumatised, being young, being held on remand and being in the first three months of custody increases the risk of suicide”. The report makes 80 recommendations, including the establishment of a bespoke suicide and self-harm strategy for young people.

### [Evidence submissions on secure care places published by Justice Committee](#)

A range of views on secure care for children and young people in Scotland have been published by the Justice Committee at the Scottish Parliament. Several organisations, including the Care Inspectorate, provided evidence to support the Committee’s consideration of issues relating to secure care. Oral evidence sessions will follow in the coming weeks.

## **Looked After and Accommodated Children**

### [Housing project for care experienced people to be rolled out in Edinburgh](#)

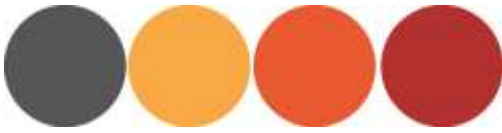
A project to provide care experienced people with permanent homes is to be rolled out in Edinburgh, CELCIS has highlighted. The Rock Trust is expanding the Housing First for Youth project to support 17 people in Edinburgh after a pilot scheme in West Lothian provided seven care experienced young people with permanent, fully furnished tenancies, alongside high-intensity support.

### [Review of use of family support services to prevent children going into care](#)

CELCIS has published a review of the use of family support services to prevent children going into care. The Scottish Government commissioned CELCIS to undertake a review of implementation of Part 12 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, which is designed to ensure early and effective support services to prevent children unnecessarily entering the formal care system.

### [Care experienced at greater risk of homelessness than peers, according to CELCIS briefing](#)

Young people leaving care are at a greater risk of homelessness than their peers, according to a CELCIS briefing. The paper highlights the difficulties faced by young



people who have been in care can experience in securing housing and explores the official statistical information that is available on the subject. CELCIS argues that fully implementing the Staying Put Scotland Guidance and the Continuing Care duties is key in improving post-care housing and accommodation outcomes in Scotland.

#### [£15m investment in programmes to prevent children entering care \(England\)](#)

A £15m programme to prevent children being taken into care has been announced by the UK Government. Supporting Families; Investing in Practice will invest in a range of schemes designed to strengthen family support available from social workers, addiction specialists and psychiatrists.

### **Learning Disabilities**

#### [System 'failing' children with learning disabilities, says Children's Commissioner \(England\)](#)

The system of support for children with learning disabilities or autism is "failing the most vulnerable", according to a report by the Children's Commissioner for England. According to the Children's Commissioner, too many children with learning disabilities are being admitted to secure hospitals unnecessarily, while the report also highlights evidence of poor and restrictive practice and sedation.

### **Mental Health**

#### [Distress intervention programme extended to 16 and 17 year olds](#)

A project supporting adults who present to emergency services and primary care in distress is to be extended to 16 and 17 year olds, the Scottish Government has announced. The Distress Brief Intervention programme, which currently operates across Lanarkshire, the Borders, Inverness and Aberdeen, sees specially trained staff help individuals manage difficult emotions and problem situations early on, and come up with a 'distress plan' to prevent a future crisis.

#### [CQC calls for review of segregation in mental health wards for children and young people \(England\)](#)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has called for a review of patients held in segregation in children and young people's mental health wards and wards for patients with learning disabilities or autism. The CQC made the call in its [interim report](#) on its review of the use of restraint and segregation for people with mental health problems, learning disabilities and autism. From an information request sent to providers, the CQC was told of 62 people who were in segregation, including 20 children and young people.



## Other

### [Scottish Government consults on incorporating UNCRC into domestic law](#)

A consultation on incorporating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into domestic law has been launched by the Scottish Government. The Government announced in its Programme for Government 2018-19 that it would deliver new legislation in this parliamentary session to incorporate the UNCRC into domestic law. The consultation seeks views on the best way of incorporating the UNCRC within the context of Scots law, public services and the powers of the Scottish Parliament. The deadline for submissions is 14 August.

### [Consultation to further limit use of unsuitable temporary accommodation](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on improving temporary accommodation standards, seeking views on extending the seven day restriction on time spent in unsuitable temporary accommodation to all people experiencing homelessness; and introducing a legally enforceable temporary accommodation standards framework. The Scottish Government are aiming to ensure that consistent high quality standards are applied across all temporary accommodation, and wish to understand how they can extend the Unsuitable Accommodation Order to all homeless households. The consultation closes on 14 August 2019.

### [Analysis reports published following first phase of Local Governance Review](#)

The Scottish Government has published a range of reports following the first phase of the Local Governance Review. The Review was announced in 2017 to give communities a say on how more powers, responsibilities and resources are shared across national and local spheres. The following has been published: an [analysis of responses](#) to 'Democracy Matters' engagement activity at a community level; an [analysis of responses](#) from public sector partners on proposals for alternative governance arrangements; a [joint statement](#) from the Scottish Government and COSLA.



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