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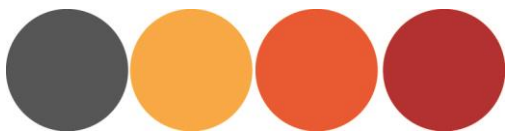
Child Protection

[Public urged to raise concerns about coercive and controlling behaviour](#)

The NSPCC has highlighted its Helpline which members of the public can contact to raise concerns about children over the summer holidays. Over the last year, the Helpline received almost 1400 calls about children experiencing coercive and controlling behaviour as part of domestic abuse. Over 1000 counselling sessions were given to children and young people experiencing domestic abuse through the charity's Childline support service.

[Children's Commissioner highlights concerns in human trafficking report](#)

The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland has called on the UK and Scottish governments to take notice of the concerns raised in a report by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Special Representative for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, who recently visited the UK to assess human trafficking. In the report, the Special Representative highlighted the increasing number of potential child trafficking victims who are arrested and detained, with some potential victims held in custody for significant periods of time.



Disability

[Report on discrimination faced by people with learning disabilities](#)

The Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities has published The State of Our Rights. The report suggests many people with learning disabilities continue to experience long-term, systemic discrimination in Scotland and explores these “emerging human rights violations”. The report also provides recommendations for change, which includes the incorporation of international human rights treaties through the new Human Rights Bill, including the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Early Learning and Childcare

[SSSC announces new learning resources](#)

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) has highlighted that it now hosts the National Directory of Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) for the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Workforce. The directory supports the ELC workforce and their employers with their professional development by listing the learning opportunities that are available. It also provides access to free online modules which cover focused learning on key topics for early learning and school age childcare professionals.

Education

[School staff vote for industrial action in September](#)

The BBC reports that staff working in education and early years settings could take targeted industrial action in September, with Unite members in 10 Scottish councils voting to strike over pay when schools resume after the summer break. The strike of thousands of workers including janitors, cleaners, caterers, classroom assistants and admin staff could lead to school closures across the country.

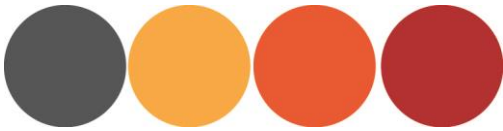
[Consultation on RSHP education in schools](#)

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on draft statutory guidance on the delivery of Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) education in Scottish schools. The Government proposes to update the current guidance, published in 2014, based on recent recommendations made on LGBT inclusive education and the delivery of Personal and Social Education. The consultation closes on 23 November 2023.

Other

[Evaluation of No One Left Behind and the Young Person's Guarantee](#)

The Scottish Government has published an evaluation of the implementation of No One Left Behind and the Young Person's Guarantee. The evaluation found that there



was mixed feedback on how well No One Left Behind has been implemented, although most perceived this positively. No One Left Behind was considered to have facilitated better partnership working between employability stakeholders at the local level, including bringing greater focus and purpose to existing partnership structures. The evaluation also suggests that most stakeholders thought the Young Person's Guarantee has been implemented well.

[Children in Scotland announces training programme on Relationship-Based Practice](#)

Children in Scotland has announced new dates for the three-day training course, the Dynamics of Relationship-Based Practice, which will be delivered by psychologist and research scientist Dr Suzanne Zeedyk. The course will take place on 13 September, 11 October and 8 November, and will be delivered in partnership with the Tigers training group.

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