

WHAT'S NEW IN ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION - JAN 18.



MISSING PERSONS WORKING GROUP: A new working group has been established to reduce the increasing number of people reported missing each year and ensure their safe return. The group has representatives from Police Scotland, NHS Fife, Fife Council, Education, private care establishments and the voluntary section. They aim to develop a strategy promoting collaboration and identifying best practice across all agencies. Police and partner agencies have to deal with an average of 12 missing person reports every day in Fife. Detective Chief Inspector John Anderson (pictured) from the Public Protection Unit said "We must recognise the factors that contribute to a person disappearing so we can take appropriate steps to prevent such incidents occurring."



DUTY OF CANDOUR: On 1 April 2018 a new Bill will come into effect and all care, social work and health services will have to follow a duty of candour procedure. This includes all care services registered with the Care Inspectorate. The legislation covers a range of things that need to happen when unexpected or unintended harm or death has occurred. The emphasis is on learning, and change and improvement so that, where possible, the incident does not happen to someone else.



RESPECT FOR ALL: The National Approach to Anti-bullying for Scotland's Children & Young People

Respect for All aims to provide an overarching framework and context for all anti-bullying work that is undertaken in Scotland. The approach aims to build capacity, resilience and skills in children and young people, and all those who play a role in their lives, to prevent and deal with bullying. Find out more [here](#).



RespectMe is Scotland's anti-bullying service. The service is fully funded by the Scottish Government and is managed by SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) in partnership with LGBT Youth Scotland. Their website www.RespectMe.org gives further details.



DOMESTIC ABUSE (SCOTLAND) BILL The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament in early 2017, and Stage 2 was completed on 12 December. The legislation will create a specific offence of "abusive behaviour in relation to a partner or ex-partner", including psychological abuse such as coercive and controlling behaviour. Police Scotland have received funding from the Scottish Government to provide enhanced domestic abuse training to around 14,000 Police Scotland personnel. You can find more information on the Bill [here](#).



PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP Safe Space offers free and confidential support for people who have experienced childhood sexual abuse. They also run a six week group to help parents understand childhood sexual abuse and its effects. Call 01383 739084 to arrange an appointment to meet the group facilitator and decide whether to attend the first group session. They cannot offer a service to anyone who has committed a sexual offence.

DISABILITY HATE CRIME Fife Centre for Equalities has created an [‘Equality in Fife’](#) report. Statistics

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% change
Male / Female							
All aggravators	9,519	10,040	10,481	12,294	13,751	13,823	1%
Domestic	8,566	8,877	9,292	11,077	12,440	12,374	-1%
Racial	614	626	696	699	702	761	8%
Religious	275	370	272	256	241	245	2%
Sexual orientation	56	155	194	227	320	368	15%
Disability	5	9	21	30	40	68	70%
Transgender	3	3	6	5	8	7	-13%

as seen left show that convictions for disability hate crime are steadily rising each year. Fife Adult Support & Protection Committee’s booklet [‘Disability Hate Crime’](#) gives details and advice on how to report.

A CONNECTED SCOTLAND The Scottish Government have developed the draft national strategy [‘A Connected Scotland’](#) – tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections.’ You can respond to the consultation by 27 April 2018 using Citizen Space at: <https://consult.gov.scot/equality-unit/connected-scotland> You can save and return to your responses while the consultation is still open. If you are unable to respond online, please send your response along with the completed Respondent Information Form (see p25 of the strategy) to: Social Isolation and Loneliness Consultation, Equality Unit, 3H North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

CURNIE CLUBS Curnie clubs have been a big success in Fife and are now in Dunfermline, Levenmouth, Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes. They are for anyone between the ages of 24 – 50 experiencing isolation or loneliness, who is looking for new activities and the opportunity to make new friends. Activities include arts and crafts, home baking, plain fare cooking, singing for the less talented and outings. Anyone can refer. Call: 07748631417 or 07748631648 or email: curnieclubsinfife@gmail.com



BETTER THAN WELL FOR KIRKCALDY AND LEVENMOUTH

Better Than Well is a service for adults who have experienced childhood trauma, particularly those who have found it difficult to engage with services. The service helps people to recognise, understand and manage the symptoms of trauma. The service is for people aged 16 or over, from the Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth localities. An information leaflet, referral and self-referral form are attached to this email.



OPEN BANKING New Open Banking rules allow bank customers to share their financial data from personal current accounts electronically with other banks and businesses. The plans allow third party providers, like tech companies and other banks, to access customer data. NatWest has warned that scammers could use these new regulations to their advantage. Their advice is:

1. Be mindful of any suspect calls, emails, texts or correspondence you might receive from someone appearing to be from your third party provider – but who may not be. Always follow the security advice provided by your bank.
2. If you’re planning to use a third party company, make sure that they are registered to provide that service and that they are who they claim to be. Search for the company online and see if the same website is shown. Think twice about giving away your data or funds if you see anything suspicious.
3. If in any doubt about activity on your account, contact your bank immediately.