

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



WHO CAN HELP ME TO STAY SAFE? The Adult Support & Protection Committee has co-produced a new easy read resource with Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Safer Communities and Health & Social Care Partnership Home Care. '[Who can help me to stay safe?](#)' gives information on Adult Protection, Fife Cares visits, the 'Safe, Secure & Supported at Home' service, community alarms and telecare, Fife Falls response service, and fire safety visits. Request copies from Shona McEwan on 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134.



RECOVERY PROJECT VOLUNTEERS The Recovery project is a new model to help older people in Fife who have experienced any form of harm or abuse, which has left them isolated, having lost confidence, or finding it difficult to engage with others. Action on Elder Abuse Scotland are looking for volunteers of all ages to help victims recover and regain independence and control over their lives.



All volunteers will be provided with full training, ongoing support and guidance and expenses. Find out more [here](#). If you are an older person who has recently experienced harm and would like support from the Recovery Project, fill out the Initial Interest Form [here](#). For further information call Lesley Carcary on: 07496 663 815 or email: lesleycarcary@elderabuse.org.uk



ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION TRAINING: MAY 2018 – MARCH 2019

Fife Council and NHS employees can find details on [Training Flyer 1](#). Fife Council employees apply through CLMS. NHS employees use the [training application form](#). External agencies can find details on [Training Flyer 2](#) and use the [training application form](#). Send the form to: cpd.enquiries@fife.gov.uk



ADULT PROTECTION E-LEARNING is available to all. Visit the 'E-learning' page at: www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotection for details.

INTER-AGENCY ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION AUDIT In February 2018 a team of auditors drawn from Social Work, Police Scotland, Housing Services and NHS Fife undertook an audit of adult support and protection cases in Fife. The aim was to highlight good practice as well as identify areas for improvement.



The Care Inspectorate has recently completed the first national adult protection themed inspections since the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 came into force. We used the same framework to measure quality indicators when assessing practice. Findings from the audit are due to be presented to the Adult Support and Protection Committee in May 2018.



THE RIGHT TO ADVOCACY The Mental Welfare Commission carried out a survey last year following the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015, which created new responsibilities for health boards and local authorities to demonstrate that they are discharging their legal responsibilities in relation to independent advocacy services. Read their report [here](#) plus the [responses from adult services](#). Fife advocacy information is at: www.fifeadvocacyforum.org.uk

People being helped by Adult Support & Protection services can be supported by a [Circles Advocate](#). Call Circles on: 01592 645 360 or email: info.fife@circlesnetwork.org.uk



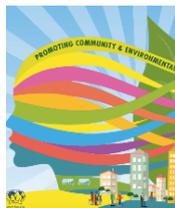
ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE Police Scotland have launched a campaign on online child sexual abuse, with the key aims of identifying and deterring perpetrators who pose a risk to children. The '#notmyfriend' campaign warns perpetrators that they are 'one click away from losing everything' and

signposts them to www.stopitnow.org.uk/scotland to seek support to prevent their offending behaviour.

The campaign also encourages the public, children and young people to have the confidence to report suspicious or abusive online behaviour by calling the Police on 101 or report online to CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



DISCONNECTED A Citizens Advice Scotland survey about digital access found a significant number of people face digital exclusion. Read the 'Disconnected' report [here](#). In addition to online information at: www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotection, all Adult Support & Protection easy read booklets can be requested by calling Shona McEwan on 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134



WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY [WSWD](#) on 20th March highlighted the key day that social workers worldwide stand together to celebrate achievements. Watch the '[This is for my Social Worker](#)' clip. Fife Health and Social Care information is available [here](#) and at: www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org **HELPFUL SOCIAL WORK** is a new [podcast](#) that aims to help social workers to learn, think and act with integrity so that people who need social work services get help that will transform their lives.



NEW HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE STANDARDS From 1 April, the new Care Standards will form the basis of inspections and registration of health and social care services carried out by the Care Inspectorate, and other scrutiny bodies. Find the Health and Social Care Standards [here](#) or the [Easy Read version](#).



FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS [Friends Against Scams](#) is a National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team initiative, which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'.



CAHMS REJECTED REFERRALS 1 in 5 young people who are referred to Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) have their referral rejected. The Scottish Government has asked SAMH to gather evidence to help understand and improve the situation. If you are a young person, their parent/carer, a teacher or a GP with experience of having a CAMHS referral rejected in the last 2 years take the survey at: www.samh.org.uk/camhssurvey



SMOKE ALARMS Rigorous fire safety standards will apply to all homes in Scotland after changes are made to the Housing (Scotland) Act. This will ensure homeowners and those who rent from a social or private landlord will benefit from the same level of protection. To book a free home fire safety visit call 0800 0731 999 or text 'FIRE' to 80800. You can also do it online at: www.firescotland.gov.uk