

WHAT'S NEW IN ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION? - OCTOBER 2018



STAFF LEARNING EVENT The event at the Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy on 20 November is for statutory and care provider services working with adults who self-neglect and will explore:

- dilemmas and challenges facing practitioners working with adults living with a self-neglectful lifestyle
- research-based best practice in supporting adults experiencing self-neglect and self-harm



Find further details on our [event flyer](#). Nominations for a place will be via your ASPC representative for statutory agencies and via Alan Adamson for (external) Care Providers.



LOOKING FOR ADULT PROTECTION TRAINING? The 'Effective Working Together' staff course ensures that attendees:

- gain information on Adult Protection legislation
- are familiar with Fife Inter-Agency Adult Support & Protection Guidance
- know what harm is and are able to identify the indicators of harm
- understand the requirement to share information; the legal duty to co-operate; and good practice in recording and defensible decision-making.



If you've already done some single agency training and are in a role that involves inter-agency working then book on one of the forthcoming dates. Council employees should apply through CLMS. All other applicants, can use the [ASPC Online Training Application Form](#). Available dates are 23 October, 13 November, and 4 December, and in 2019: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March. Details of all courses are available on our [Training Flyer \(Fife Council and NHS\)](#) and [Training Flyer External Agencies](#). These flyers also contain details of the 'Harm in the Home' and 'Harm in Care Settings' training.



BIENNIAL REPORT The Adult Support and Protection Committee [Biennial Report](#) gives details of the Committee's work between April 2016 and March 2018. An [Easy Read version](#) is available.

GET INVOLVED WITH ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION Your group could:

- be involved in creating new easy read information
- benefit from information on Adult Support and Protection. An informal talk can be provided in conjunction with colleagues from Action on Elder Abuse.



Get in touch with our Engagement & Participation Coordinator on 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134 or email: shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk



SURVIVING CHRISTMAS The Adult Support and Protection Committee in partnership with Fife Council Communities and Neighbourhoods are producing the Surviving Christmas information for 2018. Request copies of either the booklet, foldout or easy read version, by emailing: shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk before 12 October or call 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134 for more information.



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SOCIAL CARE? Inclusion Scotland are recruiting a panel of 50 people with experience of using adult social care to work with the Scottish Government to develop better policy. For more information email Deirdre Henderson on: deirdre@inclusionscotland.org

There is still time to complete Fife's [Joining Up Care Consultation](#) before the 8 October. You can do it [online](#) or request a paper copy by calling 01383 565 199 or email: fife-uhb.joiningupcare@nhs.net



OMBUDSMAN REPORT The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman has published their [Annual Report 17-18](#). All Scottish public services now take the same, two-stage approach to complaints handling.



STOP IT NOW! The easy read resources created by the Adult Support and Protection Committee in partnership with Stop It Now! Scotland are available on their [national website](#). The booklets give advice on online grooming and sexual images of children.



CARE INSPECTIONS The Care Inspectorate is introducing new ways of inspecting the quality of care and support, to improve services for people experiencing care. A [new leaflet](#) and animation gives detail about the new inspections which will start with care services for older people. A [quality framework](#) has been developed with the involvement of people experiencing care, their carers, and care providers. The framework can also be used by service providers as a tool for self-evaluation.



CREATE A DIGITAL RECORD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND SKILLS The Scottish Social Services Council has introduced a digital Open Badge Scheme for social care workers to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the new [Social Care Standards](#). Find out more [here](#).



SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY was marked on 10 September. Scotland had its lowest suicide rate in 2017 since 1981 and in recent years has seen one of the largest decreases in male suicide rates. If you are struggling to cope, call Samaritans free on 116 123, email jo@samaritans.org, visit the [Samaritans website](#) or www.chooselife.net



FALLS PREVENTION The NHS Inform website has a [Falls Assistant](#) section which gives advice and information on preventing falls, keeping people steady on their feet and staying independent for as long as possible.



HOW TELECARE COULD HELP Telecare is the use of discreet equipment that can alert someone if there is an emergency or if you are having difficulties in your home. The NHS Inform website has a [Telecare Self-Check Questionnaire](#) which takes around 5 minutes to complete and will give you advice about what could help. Call the Social Work Contact Centre on 03451 55 15 03 to get advice on what's available.



RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HEALTH A resource developed by Scottish Autism, NHS Forth Valley and Common Knowledge supports more open conversations about relationships, with people with learning disabilities. The [Routine Enquiry Form](#) will support a consistent, pro-active approach to talking about relationships and sexual health, parenting, gender-based violence and sexual abuse and exploitation. For further information contact Marilyn Slavin at: Marilyn@ckglasgow.org.uk



ADVOCACY The [Scottish Commission for Learning Disability](#) has published a report about advocacy provision for adults with learning disabilities across Scotland. The information is available as a [full report](#) or a [summary of the key findings](#). Find information about Fife advocacy services at: www.fifeadvocacyforum.org.uk



BSL EARNING A new NHS Health Scotland eLearning module develops awareness of the different types of British Sign Language (BSL) and shares good practice in communicating with people who use BSL to improve experience of services. Once you have [created an account](#), and logged in, enrol in the course here: - <https://elearning.healthscotland.com/course/view.php?id=539>



SEESCAPE is the new operational name of Fife Society for the Blind. [Seescape's](#) aim is to empower sight impaired people to live and interact with their families, communities and surroundings in a positive way. Call them on 01592 644979.



TEA AND TALK Tea and Talk events promote World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and encouraging people to talk and build relationships as a way to eliminate stress and boost mental health. Order a [Tea and Talk pack](#) with [Mental Health Day resources](#).



THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM IN THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT wants to hear from people who have experience of the mental health act – people with a learning disability, people with autism, unpaid carers, family members or professionals. The review is looking at whether this law needs to change and if it supports people's human rights. Details are at: www.irmha.scot including videos and easy read information.



MENTAL HEALTH RADIO People aiming to break down mental health stigma have found their voice on Support in Mind Scotland's radio -station, Radio Stafford 103. Broadcasters are spreading positive messages and mental health awareness. Listen at: www.radiostafford103.co.uk where shows are uploaded to Mixcloud and you can listen to them as a podcast.



FEELS FM Feels FM is an online platform to help young people express their feelings, use music as a positive coping strategy, and find new ways to talk about mental health stigma and discrimination. Find out more and order your Feels FM pack [here](#).



ACTION FRAUD Find the latest updates on frauds and scams on the Action Fraud website including [pension scams](#) and [fake British Gas emails](#). The [Retailers Against Crime website](#) works with Police Scotland to detect and deter crime by sharing information on local and travelling offenders. Their news includes details of a recent [fake gift card/voucher scam](#).

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AT RISK OF HARM OR IS BEING NEGLECTED,
CALL THE ADULT PROTECTION PHONE LINE ON 01383 602200.**

Social Work Contact Centre email: sw.contactctr@fife.gov.uk

People with a hearing loss – SMS 07781 480 185

All Adult Protection information is online at: www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotection.



Alternative Formats

Information about Fife Council can be made available in large print, braille, audio CD/tape and Gaelic on request by calling **03451 55 55 00**



British Sign Language

please text (SMS) 07781 480 185



BT Text Direct:

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