

# Adult Protection Newsletter (13)



## Adult Protection Day!



Every year nationally we have a day for Adult Protection Awareness, this year's theme was financial harm with a focus on older adults. We felt this was an excellent opportunity to raise awareness around the Highland as this is one of the main types of harm that we support adults with locally.

We planned our ASP Day to be held in the Culloden-Balloch, Baptist Church we split the day into two sessions; The morning had a focus for professionals and the afternoon had more of a focus for the public.

The morning session was very well attended, we heard from Molly Gilbert (Principal Officer for ASP) and Catriona Grant (Principal Officer - Adults with Incapacity) who both spoke about the recent learning review around the McCulloch brothers and Power of Attorney, this was followed by our special guest Daphne Franks, who spoke about her own personal story regarding predatory marriage. Daphne's story was thought provoking and very moving, the challenges they have faced as a family have been devastating – You can learn more of Daphne's story here - [Predatory Marriage UK – Reforming marriage laws and procedures to protect people with dementia.](#)

Following on from Daphne's talk we heard from Mark McGinty, Trading Standards and Chairperson of our Community Awareness ASP sub-group; Mark spoke to the group about scams and how to work to try and prevent them, and the support Trading Standards can provide to vulnerable adults. During the morning, we also had a range of stall holders in attendance such as Hourglass, Connecting Carers, Advocacy Highlands, Alzheimers Scotland, Highland Housing, ASP/AWI awareness, DWP, Trading standards and Highland Senior Citizens.

The morning was a hive of activity with people from all different professions and services; everyone also enjoyed the free tea and cake – Always a bonus! Unfortunately, we didn't have many in attendance during the afternoon session for the public, but it was lovely to meet the people who did come. All was not lost as overall the day was a success and we are excited to do it all over again next year hopefully with some adaptations/improvements.

Thank you to everyone who took part, our speakers, everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the day a success and everyone who attended – we hope to see you again soon.

Pictures below :)

**FEEDBACK** - Did you attend our ASP Day, could you please spare a couple of minutes to tell us your thoughts, it would be so helpful to us for planning future events and we would really appreciate it! <https://forms.office.com/e/pAshJtevr7>

## Some pictures from ASP Day

























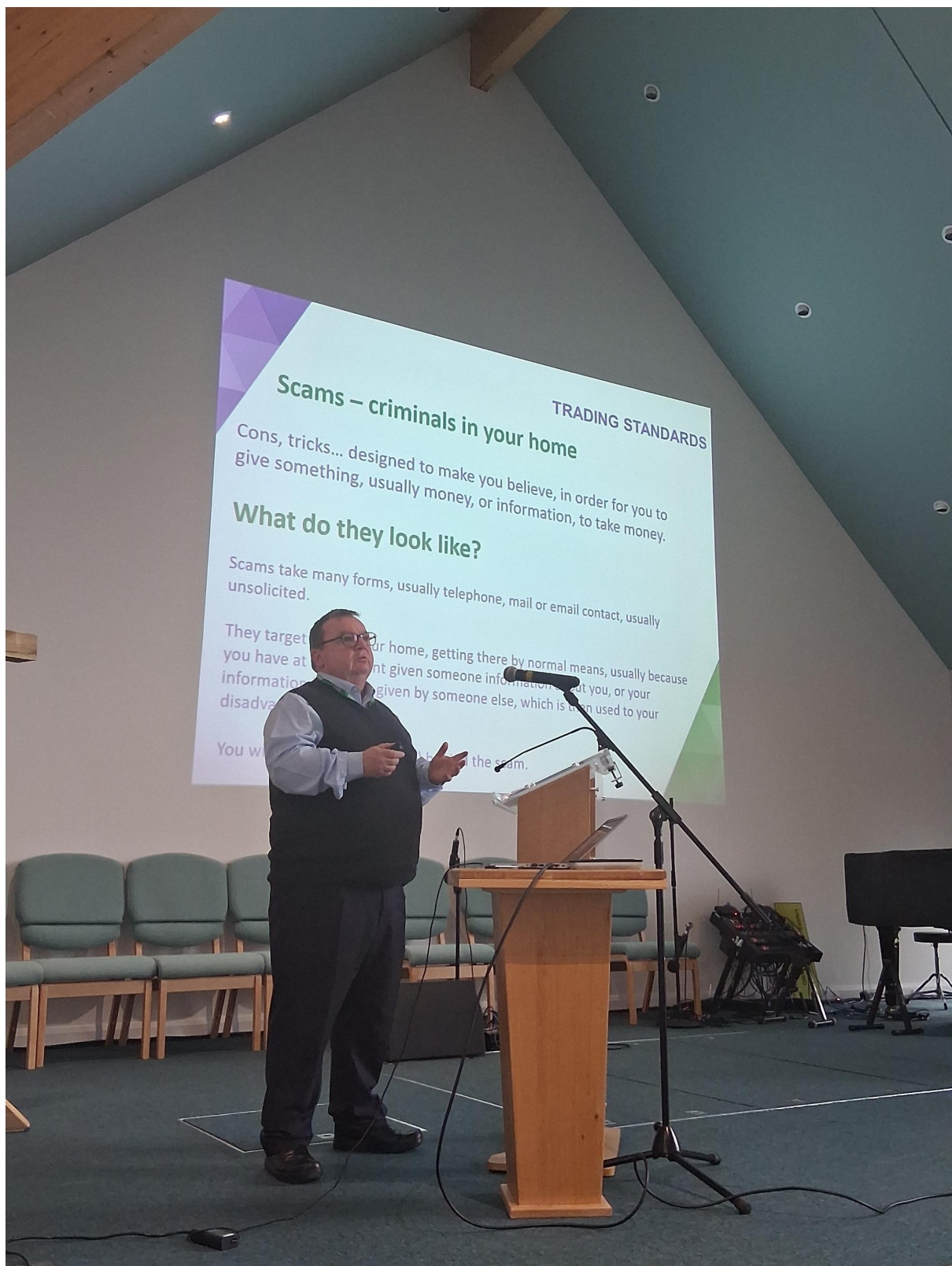
















## Adult Protection Training



Training dates live on Turas for May and June

**Important Info - We now request that you complete a booking form for level 1 & 2, Please see Turas for suitable dates, complete the form and send it to [nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot](mailto:nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot)**

**You can find the booking form here [training-booking-form-highland-asp.docx \(live.com\)](#)**

### Level 1 Training

**Please note this training is intended for the following staff groups – Please ensure you are booking the correct training course:**

- NHS Band 1-3
- Highland council Grade 1-4 or equivalent for other organisations

Job roles may include for example - Social Care Assistants, Healthcare Assistants, Social Care Workers, Domestic Staff in hospitals / care facilities, Care at Home Workers, Emergency Services workers

**If you are NHS Band 4+ you are NOT required to book a level 1 course prior to attending Level 2 training**

### Level 2 Training

**Please note this training is intended for the following staff groups – Please ensure you are booking the correct training course:**

- NHS Band 4+ Patient Facing



- Highland Council Grade 5 + or equivalent for other organisations

Job roles may include for example - Nursing or Midwifery Staff; OTs; Physiotherapists or other Allied Health Professionals; Managers, Team Leaders or “Senior” roles; Social Workers or Social Work Assistants; GPs, Dentists or other Medical professionals; Advocacy workers; Fire Service (role dependent).

If your job is within the criteria above, you are **NOT** required to complete the trainer led level 1 course before attending, please complete the NES Adult support and protection : practice level 1 [informed] E-Module (on TURAS).

### **Level 3 - Training**

**Council Officer/Nominated Officer - Dates available for 2025 on Turas** - This level is for the following groups: Council Officers (or social workers with 1 year of practice experience looking to undertake CO role), Nominated Officers (or those wishing to undertake NO role as outlined in interagency procedures).

**Crossing the Acts Training** - We have dates live on Turas for the remainder of the year, with the first course being at the end of May. These courses will be delivered by ASP, AWI and MH team members.

**Investigative Interviewing** - We are working on this training ready for deliver, please keep an eye in the newsletter for updates.

**For Case Conferences, LSI and Working Together in ASP Training** please see IRISS - [Page 1, Online learning materials | Iriss](#)

If you or any of your team require the specialist Council Officer/Nominated Officer Training or Crossing the Acts Training please email [nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot](mailto:nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot) to book a slot.

If you require further information please email us [nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot](mailto:nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot)

## Adult Support & Protection - Financial Section 10 Requests



7 min Briefing - please see the link for further info [Financial Harm - 7MB.pptx](#)

### ASpire 2025: Financial harm affecting older adults (webinar)

Molly Gilbert, Principle Officer, ASP and Mark Czerniakiewicz, Detective Superintendent, Highland and Islands Police were recently invited to give a presentation on the McCulloch Brothers learning review to the National ASP Network as part of the National Adult Support and Protection Day. You can find watch the webinar here - [ASpire 2025: Financial harm affecting older adults \(webinar\) | Iriss](#)

Well done Molly & Mark speaking to such a big crowd!

## RESIDENTS WARNED AGAINST COLD CALLERS OFFERING HOME IMPROVEMENTS



Residents are being encouraged by Highland Council's Trading Standards to be cautious of unexpected phone calls and home visits by callers offering to do home improvements.

The warning follows a rise in reported complaints related to poor quality and overpriced roof repairs and calls claiming to be Highland Council's repairs team requesting to check utilities connections.



Unsolicited phone calls and knocks at your door can be annoying, but persistent or malicious calls and visits can be unpleasant and even intimidating.

If you are unsure about a caller or visitor, decline to let them in or provide personal information.

If you need to get work done at home, always get multiple written quotes from reputable businesses.

**Rogue traders can be reported to Trading Standards through Advice Direct Scotland on 08081646000 or Police Scotland on 101.**

## **National Implementation Group Advocacy Resource**

A new resource has been created by the National ASP Implementation Group - User Voice Subgroup - 'Best Practice for Effective Access and Involvement of Independent Advocacy for an Adult in Adult Support and Protection Processes' - this resource can be accessed from the Iriss ASpire Resource Hub by [Clicking Here](#)

## **Social work with adults: Supporting individuals, families, and communities - Thursday 12 June 2025, Radisson Blu, Glasgow**



Please see below information and a link to register for the Social Work Scotland - Social Work with Adults: Supporting individuals, families, and communities Conference on Thursday 12th June 2025 (please note there is a cost for attending):

learn and empower the future of social work with adults in supporting individuals, families, and communities.

<https://socialworkscotland.org/sws-events/social-work-with-adults-supporting-individuals-families-and-communities/>

## Understanding age in Child Protection guidance and Adult Support and Protection legislation



This report explores working with 16 and 17 year olds, who might be eligible for support through Adult Support and Protection (ASP) legislation and Child Protection (CP) guidance.

The report provides a Guidance and Legislation table, as a practical tool for social workers of all levels, and other professionals working with 16 and 17 year olds, to view the policy and guidance options available to them. This is complemented by a discussion of the tensions and challenges around supporting 16 and 17 year olds, through a qualitative understanding of some of the experiences practitioners encounter in their work with this age group.

Together, the table and the discussion begin an analysis on what the overlap in ASP and CP means for 16 and 17 year olds, and the practitioners supporting them.

[Understanding age in Child Protection guidance and Adult Support and Protection legislation](#)  
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## Learning disability and selling sex - how do these experiences intersect?



Although it is recognised that women with learning disabilities are at higher risk of abuse and violence, we know very little about what pushes them to become involved in selling or exchanging sex and the dynamics of this exploitation.



There is a series of Lunch time events taking place hosted by CSE - To book your slot - [Making the links - lunchtime briefing sessions | Eventbrite](#)

## Safer Together Training & Spider in the Glass



### Safer together

Inverness – 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th April 2025

Golspie – 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th May 2025

Fort William – 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th June 2025

Would you please disseminate this email to your staff and ask them to contact myself to book a place on any of the courses

For further information on the training please contact Mike –

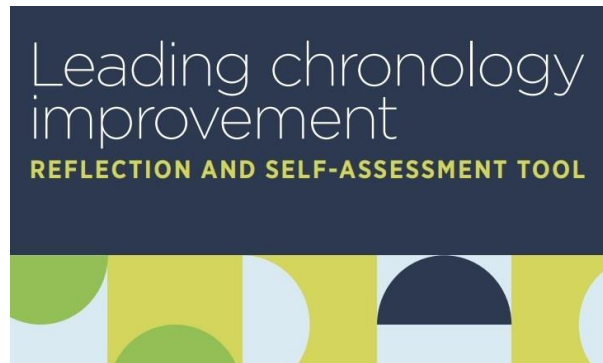
[mike.mawby@highland.gov.uk](mailto:mike.mawby@highland.gov.uk) – I also attach two leaflets about the Safe & Together model and the training.

### Spider in the Glass

[NHS Education for Scotland \(NES\)](#) Session date Wednesday 14 May 2025 1.00pm - 3.00pm

\*\*\*\*Registration now Open\*\*\*

## Leading chronology improvement REFLECTION AND SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL



The [latest draft](#) of the tool is now available. There have been some small but important updates around a trauma-informed approach to chronologies. - Please note DRAFT VERSION ONLY - FOR PILOTING but really worth having a look through it to improve practices, Iriss would gladly receive any feedback anyone had on it.

### Contact Us



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ASP Website: [Adult support and protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

ASP Professionals Website [Adult protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

Adult Protection Training Website [ASP training | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)