



Adult Protection Newsletter (5)

Training Update



Due to the non-availability of our trainer, we are unable to provide our planned Autumn / Winter programme of Adult Protection training.

We are therefore recommending the following:

For Level 1 courses, in the interim, please do the Level 1 NES [informed] e-module. Once our trainer has returned to work you must book onto a trainer-led Level 1 course on TURAS, if this is required for your job-role.

For Level 2 courses, in the interim, please do the Level 2 NES [skilled] e-module. When our trainer has returned to work you must book onto a trainer-led Level 2 course on TURAS, if this is required for your job-role.

The NES Public Protection Zone and the above-mentioned e-modules can be found - for those registered on TURAS - [HERE](#)

For Level 3 courses, if Team Managers or Area or District Managers have an immediate need for Council Officer / Nominated Officer training, where this is a requirement of a worker's role, please contact us.

Once trainer-led courses are available, these will be bookable via TURAS and we will advertise throughout the partner agencies when these are resuming, currently expected to be early Spring.

Chronologies



We are pleased to share with you the chronology template that we will be using in Highland from this point. It has been developed from the work Iriss has done and should be able to be used in all areas of practice for the social work team. It is not intended that this creates any more work or additional burdens for teams so this is to replace any existing methods that you may have locally for recording chronologies. [Today we publish our report 'Chronologies in Adult Support and Protection: Moving from Current to Best' | Iriss](#)

Chronologies are a vital tool for practitioners working with adults, supporting practice in a number of different ways. It is expected that multi-agency adult protection partners will contribute to chronologies.

This document is to be used in Highland alongside other social work recording tools and is for all social work practice (not just ASP). Please use in line with local up to date guidance on the ASP webpage for professionals - Adult protection | NHS Highland (scot.nhs.uk) As well as national guidance published by IRISS - Chronologies in Adult Support and Protection: moving from current to best | Iriss

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/staff-and-partners/adult-protection/>

Chronologies are crucial to:

— Capture significant events in the adults life

- Consider the adult’s felt and lived experience
- Understand the source of actual and potential harm impacting on the adult
- Identify protective factors and to decide next steps for intervention in a range of contexts.

The template will soon be uploaded to the ASP Webpage - if you require a copy of this in the meantime please email ASP Training nhshighland.asptraining@nhs.scot

Adult Support and Protection Resource Hub - IRISS



If you follow us on Twitter, or follow us on LinkedIn, you will have noticed we are building the Adult Support and Protection Resource Hub.

If you work in Adult Support and Protection, and there are resources that have helped you, tell us about them. It could be a written article, a poster, a podcast. Anything as long as it's been useful to you. [You can submit a resource here](#)

We have published a new Insight. [You can read "Social work's relationship with the PREVENT duty" here.](#)

Change Mental Health Support & Advice



We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Advice and Support Service. In this email, we will tell you more about the support we offer, what we've up to and great research we've come across.

The service is there to give you information, advice and guidance on issues affecting you or a loved one's mental health. We can direct you to relevant resources, help you work out appropriate next steps and offer emotional support. In addition, we can offer you advice on your money concerns that might be affecting your mental health and can even provide impartial advice and representation on

benefits, debt, housing energy, and more. The service is contactable through phone, email or through filling in a form on our website, with details below.

Get in touch with our team today: [e: advice@changemh.org](mailto:advice@changemh.org)

t: 0808 8010 515

w: www.changemh.org/advice-and-support

ASP Highland Webpage



Reminder that we have launched our new Adult Protection Webpage - this is a one stop shop for all things Adult Protection in the Highlands. What you will find on the website: (see stack)

Resource library and links

Preventing and acting against harm in Highland

How to report an Adult Protection concern

How to help protect adults at risk of harm or abuse (video)

Advice and signposting

Documents include local policy, procedure and guidance

Training Information

Soroptimist International



Soroptimist International, are an international women's organisation working to support women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. You can find out more about us here [Soroptimist International GBI \(SIGBI\) - a women's organisation](#) Our Scottish groups are Inverness and Nairn, Easter Ross, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth and Crieff.

Soroptimist clubs work across many areas, we do a lot of work highlighting the UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, and you may also be aware that clubs across the world are now holding “orange cafes” on the 25th of every month in order to highlight the fight against gender based violence.

LGBTQ+ Youth Scotland - Voices Unheard is a youth participation project



We are pleased to announce the recent launch of the findings report from the latest Voices Unheard peer consultation focused on LGBTQ+ young people in Scotland’s experiences of domestic abuse, both within their own relationships, and within families.

The consultation was co-developed, delivered, and analysed in collaboration with LGBTQ+ young people from Voices Unheard; a youth participation project delivered by LGBT Youth Scotland that brings together LGBTQ+ young people aged 16-25 from across Scotland to deliver a programme of work focused on LGBTQ+ young people’s experiences of domestic abuse and other forms of gender-based violence.

The report highlights that LGBTQ+ young people in Scotland experience high rates of domestic abuse, both within their own relationships and within their families, but face multiple barriers to accessing support or reporting abuse to Police.

It also sets out key recommendations, developed in collaboration with LGBTQ+ young people, for:

- Scottish Government
- Police Scotland
- Local Authorities
- Educators and Prevention Workers
- Domestic Abuse Service Providers
- Further Research

You can download a copy of the report [here](#).

Women Working to Support Women in the Welfare Sphere Research findings and recommendations session

Women Working to Support Women in the Welfare Sphere Research findings and recommendations session. This is being held at **2.00pm on Tuesday 14th November**

Women Working to Support Women in the Welfare Sphere:

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Book a place on this session [here](#)

For this session we will be joined by Michele Burman, Professor of Criminology at the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research who will give the background to this recent [research](#) and highlight some of the key findings and recommendations.

The research explores the psychosocial wellbeing and personal welfare of women workers in organisations that offer services, support and advocacy to women and girls who may be socially isolated, economically marginalised and disadvantaged. The research also explored how the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated pre-existing challenges upon the professional and personal lives of the workers. It covers the impact of the challenging and emotionally draining work staff in this sector are involved with.

The findings of the research will be published soon and will include a number of recommendations for workers, organisations and funders including around support for staff and building vicarious resilience.

The research is funded by the [Nuffield Foundation](#) and is a collaboration between teams from the University of Glasgow and the University of Cambridge and was carried out across the UK using desk research, online surveys and face to face discussions with workers in a support role who work with marginalized women.

To hear more about the findings of the research and the recommendations book a place on this session [here](#).

Just a wee, but important reminder



Within the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, section 5 places a duty on those working for certain bodies (and some other office holders), if they know, or believe that an adult is at risk of harm, to report the facts and circumstances by making a referral to the “Council” - or in the Highlands, to NHS Highland Adult Social Care Teams, as they undertake the “Council” duties under a partnership arrangement.

Similarly, they are also under a duty to cooperate with enquiries being made by a Council Officer, under section 4, insofar as it is consistent with the proper exercise of their functions.

The list of “bodies and office-holders”, as of July 2022, includes:

- All Health Boards, including Special Health Boards
- All Councils
- The Chief Constable of Police Scotland
- The Mental Welfare Commission
- The Care Inspectorate
- Health Improvement Scotland
- The Office of the Public Guardian

Useful Information



[SafeLives - DASH checklist](#)

[The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247](#)

[Ending violence against women and girls: A public health approach](#)

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