

	<p><b>NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017</b></p> <p>The aim of this newsletter is to provide you with an outline of news and events that may be of interest to those in the adult protection field. The content will not necessarily be adult protection specific in every case but the theme will be around issues related to the agenda.</p>
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## ACTIVITY UPDATE

### ***The National Adult Protection Coordinator has been:***

Preparing the annual activity overview report for Scottish Government

Meeting with [Patient Opinion Scotland](#)

Seeking points of contact for Section 10 inquiries to financial institutions

Meeting the Duty of Candour Policy team

Surveying the use of Inter-agency Referral Discussions (IRDs)

Re-launching the ASP L&D Network based upon the review report

[Feeling Safe? Feeling Vulnerable? Exploring Older People's Views and Experiences of Safety and Vulnerability in Everyday Life](#) - Advisory Group

Supporting practitioner events

## EVENTS

The below provides information and links to events that may interest those working in adult support and protection.

[Care of Older People in Scotland: 5th Annual Conference](#), Edinburgh, 21 November 2017

[Appreciative and Participatory Action Research in Care Homes](#) A collaboration between the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Practice at the University of the West of Scotland and the National Care Home Research and Development Forum.

[Social Security Experience Panels - recruiting.](#)

[Go DEEP](#) a game that helps build people's confidence and skills whilst building community. One event in [Edinburgh on 4th](#) May and one in [Glasgow on the 3rd](#) of May. These free events strengthen relationships in community, bring awareness of the things that work, highlight hidden talents and resources and demonstrate how differences lead to creativity.

[Next steps for improving the delivery of palliative and end of life care in Scotland](#)

[The New Scheme for Private Housing Tenancies](#) The Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 introduces major changes in notice to quit periods, provides a single open-ended tenancy, changes the law around repossession and rent increases as well as providing Local Authorities with new powers.

## NEWS

[Care homes face crisis due to chronic underfunding and dozens could close](#) it has been claimed, with talks between the industry, councils and government on the brink of collapse. The Herald, 15 March 2017

[Niece admits £21,000 theft from great-aunt](#) while she was in hospital has been given a community sentence. BBC News, 12 April 2017

[Relatives offer higher wages due to care workers shortage.](#) A shortage of care workers in Scotland is leading to relatives offering extra wages. BBC News, 12 April 2017

[Charity sets up helpline for child abuse survivors.](#) Wellbeing Scotland to give survivors opportunity to confidentially name those who abused them. BBC News, 12 April 2017

[10-minute tests to spot dementia 'should be as routine as blood pressure checks'](#), The Herald, 3 April 2017

Lord Bracadale appointed to undertake [Hate Crime Legislation Review](#) . There is [a short questionnaire](#) to develop an understanding of what people identify as hate crime and learn about personal experiences and the impact it has on those affected including online experiences.

Scientists hope they have found [a drug to stop all neurodegenerative brain diseases, including dementia.](#) BBC News, 20 April 2017

Charity warns [elderly care being delayed on purpose.](#) The Herald, 22 April 2017

Scottish government announced that [four new laws aimed at tackling abusive behaviour and sexual harm](#) have come into force on 24 April 2017.

[Unclaimed benefits are contributing to a rise in pensioner poverty](#), Age Scotland state one in five over-65s are struggling financially. The Herald Scotland, 25 April 2017

[BBC launches Minds Matter, mental health initiative](#), BBC Programmes

[Regulating the legal profession](#). This review will make recommendations to modernise laws underpinning the legal profession's current regulatory system including how complaints.

[We need to make it easier to open up about depression](#), Dr Malcolm Harvey on his experience of being diagnosed with depression. Holyrood Magazine, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

[Campaigners demand Scottish stalker register](#) to help halt partner abuse. The Herald, 27 April 2017

[Paramedics to deliver more care in the community](#). Extra funding for the Scottish Ambulance Service to up-skill paramedics to provide more community treatment and reduce admissions.

[Over £1 million awarded to voluntary organisations to help support and develop social and community care services in Scotland](#).

[UK housing benefit changes 'shameful'](#). More young people in Scotland will be at risk of homelessness due to UK Government changes to housing benefit.

[New social security agency puts people first](#). Profit-making firms won't carry out benefit assessments.

## LATEST SCAMS

Action Fraud provides the [latest fraud news and alerts](#)

[Neighbourhood Watch Scotland](#) 'home' page provides information and advice including scams.

## CONSULTATIONS

[Policing 2026](#), which includes a commitment to increase frontline capabilities, including new civilian specialists in cyber-crime and mental health, [open for public consultation](#) until 8 May 2017. **The consultation is running over a 10 week period with different themes every week.**

[Safe and Effective Staffing in Health and Social Care](#) This paper seeks views on what we mean by safe and effective staffing; the requirement on Health Boards to apply the workforce and workload tools consistency; and the requirement on Health Boards to apply the tools in conjunction with professional judgement, local context and quality measures.

## RESOURCES

**Adult Support and Protection Forum, Knowledge Hub** is open to Council Officers and those supporting their functions. The latest library uploads include; the first tranche of answers to questions raised following the Undue Pressure in the Context of Banning Orders event, 'Tom' Safeguarding Adults Review and the Rochdale Multi – agency Risk Management protocol.

Citizen's Advice Scotland: [Water Direct: Working together to support vulnerable clients](#)

A drive to improve mental health services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans people has begun with the [launch of a new guide](#) by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

## LATEST RESEARCH AND REPORTS

### Free to Access Articles, Reports and Strategies

['Sink or Swim: Consumers' experiences of water and sewerage debt'](#).

[Enhancing leadership capability](#)- The strategy for enhancing the leadership capability of Scotland's social services Delivery plan 2017-2020

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland reports: [Scotland's adult acute mental health wards - improvements in care, but patients express fear over safety](#)

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland publishes [six new local visit reports](#)

[Scottish Welfare Fund](#). Official Statistics Publication for Scotland 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2016.

[Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027](#), Scottish Government, Healthier Scotland

[The Transformation of Adult Mental Health Care in Scotland: Learning From the Past to Support Integration Reform](#)

### Subscription Only Articles

[On self-neglect and safeguarding adult reviews: diminishing returns or adding value?](#), Michael Preston-Shoot, (2017) The Journal of Adult Protection, Vol. 19 Issue: 2, pp.53-66,

[Spontaneous concerns about risk and abuse reported by people with dementia and their carers](#), Susan M. Benbow, Paul Kingston, (2017), The Journal of Adult Protection, Vol. 19 Issue: 2

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