



## DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY PUBLIC PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP



# DGPPP NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of the public protection partnership newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to provide an outline of news and campaign events that may be of interest to those in the public protection arena a big thanks to all partners for their contributions!

Communication and Engagement Sub Committee

### Why are we concerned with Risk?

*"Calculating risk and managing risk which nobody really knows has become one of our main preoccupations ...we all engage in it; with whatever rusty tools we can lay our hands on... sometimes the calculator sometimes the astrology column"...*

Beck 1998

## Public Protection Committee what is it?

**PUBLIC PROTECTION  
MEMBERSHIP**



The PPC is a multi agency partnership responsible for the strategic oversight and delivery of services to our most vulnerable population across Dumfries and Galloway. The committee is represented by senior managers from the NHS, Police Scotland Social Work Services, Education, Voluntary and Independent sectors, and other key partners

The chief officers group leads the partnership and has a responsibility for and oversight of Public Protection and the appropriate implementation of agreed structures. The

group will ensure there is a multi agency commitment to collaborative working across the public protection through engagement with all relevant agencies This allows for a much greater information sharing and networking and deducing duplication.

It is fully appreciated that the PPC cannot deliver on the agenda on its own and will continue to build stronger links between South West Scotland multi agency public protection arrangements (MAPP) Alcohol and Drug Partnership and the Community Justice Partnership.

## The Communication and Engagement Sub committee what is it?

The C&E group directly reports to the public protection committee the group was established to take forward the National priority around developing a clearer understanding of service users and their carers views in relation to public protection issues process.

This should allow us to increase our understanding of public protection processes and how services can better involve them in the planning and redesign of support at a local level.

# Human Trafficking and Exploitation can happen everywhere, look for the signs!

## Potential Indicators of Human Trafficking and Exploitation

Download the **General Indicators leaflet here**. This list is not exhaustive and not all indicators will be present in all situations.

Find out more about Human Trafficking **here**.



### NEW - Human Trafficking and Exploitation Guidance for Scottish Local Authorities

This guidance is intended to support Scottish local authorities to develop

good practice to identify, refer and support victims of human trafficking. You can read the Guidance **here**.

## Financial Harm

*"My daughter owed people money. I love her. At first, I gave her money to help out. But she kept asking for more. I had to say no.*

*Then she took my cash line card and made me tell her my number. This made me really upset."*

**She used to be his pride and joy now she has taken both!**

**Adult Support and Protection is everyone's business if you see something say something.**



To learn more about Harm click **HERE**



## County Lines

Vulnerable individuals are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime.



Crime stoppers has seen a 600% rise in Scottish county lines-related calls from January – September 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 (BBC Scotland Oct 2019)

### Know the signs to spot.

County lines drug trafficking. In the United Kingdom county lines drug trafficking is the practice of trafficking drugs into rural areas and smaller towns such as Dumfries away from major cities to make more money. This can have a negative effect on the community that live there. Gangs recruit children, young people, and vulnerable adults, often using social media, they bully scare and or intimidate sometimes physically sexually and financially, whilst using their homes as bases.

### Identify some signs

- Not being seen
- Anti- social behaviour
- Drug paraphernalia in and around property
- People calling at different times day and night



**Cuckooing** is when drug gangs take over the home of a vulnerable person through violence and intimidation, using it as their base for selling/manufacturing drugs.

**If you suspect** a neighbour is being 'cuckooed' please call 030 333 3001 or Police Scotland on 101. Click **HERE** for more information on County Lines

**FIND OUT MORE**

# EASY READS

To ensure information and awareness of adult protection work Easy Reads to assist with decision making and information on conferences were developed and shared with providers and individuals to inform of case conferences decision making etc.

For easy reads click [HERE](#)

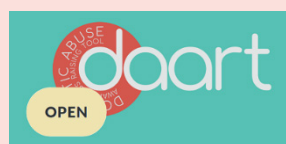


# DAART Training for Professionals

Score a bull's eye and claim your open badge from SSSC on completion of the Domestic Abuse Awareness Raising Tool



"40 minutes to compete the tool is 40 minutes well spent" Police Scotland



Click [HERE](#) to know more about how to claim your DAART Open Badge

Click [HERE](#) to Access the DAART Training for Professionals

This training is an introduction to Domestic Abuse and provides an overview of the main considerations when responding to Domestic Abuse. However, it does not replace specialist training.

## Domestic Abuse and Older Adults

**Myth debunks!** Older people are less likely to experience DA than younger adults

Older people are equally susceptible to abuse!

Debunk the myth and challenge negative stereotypes

Click [HERE](#) for domestic abuse helplines and local and national organisations.



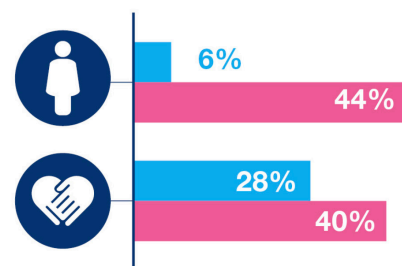
### Spotlight #1

## Older people and domestic abuse

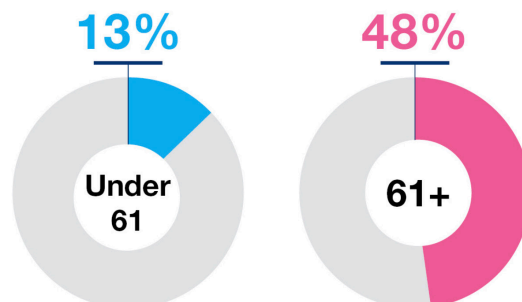
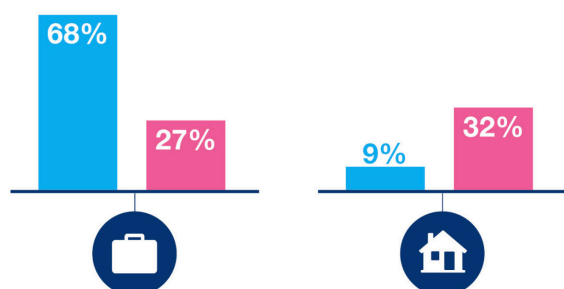
Source: SafeLives Insights, 2015-16

Victims aged 61+ are much more likely to experience abuse from an **adult family member** or **current intimate partner** than those 60 and under

● Victims aged 60 and under  
● Victims aged 61+



Older victims are **less likely to attempt to leave** in the year before accessing help, and **more likely to be living with the perpetrator** after getting support



Older victims are significantly **more likely to have a disability** – for a third, this is physical (34%)





## National Trauma Training Programme

### Trauma is Everyone's Business

Click [HERE](#) to develop your Trauma knowledge & skills to support your practice.

You will need to register with TURAS Learn to access the first of these resources, but anyone with an email address, no matter what their location or role is, can register free of charge.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

## Children and Young People

Equal rights for children equal protection from assault

Scottish Government  
Riaghaidh na h-Alba  
gov.scot

### Physical punishment & you

**7**  
November  
2020

On 7 November 2020 a change happened.

On that date, physical punishment became against the law in Scotland.

This means it is not allowed.

What is physical punishment?

Physical punishment has lots of meanings.

It can mean smacking, skelping, slapping and pinching.

But there are other types too.

The Children (Equal Protection from Assault) Act 2019 comes into force on 7th November 2020. This means that things such as smacking, hitting, slapping a child will be against the law.

We are looking at how best to raise awareness of the Act and ways to identify additional parenting support, such as [Parent Club](#).

More information on the Act [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to download the Physical Punishment and You leaflets.



# Child Protection Scotland

## #keepingkidssafe

In October Dumfries and Galloway Public Protection Partners launched Child Protection Scotland's awareness campaign with the key message All children in Scotland have the right to be protected from abuse and or neglect- it's always better to say something than nothing!

A message that is even more important than ever during Covid-19.call social work on 0303 333 3001 Police Scotland on 101 or 999 if an emergency.

**KEEP KIDS SAFE FROM HARM DURING THE COVID CRISIS.**  
#KEEPINGKIDSSAFE



**IF SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT WITH A CHILD, DO SOMETHING.**  
#KEEPINGKIDSSAFE



## Further information can also be found on the following links

<https://www.childprotection.scot/after-lockdown/>

Child Protection Scotland - Video for Adults    Child Protection Scotland - Video for Children    Child Protection Scotland - Video for Professionals

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16P2OE0\\_ImLGc\\_iF3VXkRA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16P2OE0_ImLGc_iF3VXkRA/videos)

# #keepingkidssafe



## Child Sexual Exploitation – progress made but more needs done

### Barnardo's Scotland blog

In October Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) and Barnardo's Scotland launched the findings of the first ever nation-wide study on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) carried out over the last two years.

Please find the Policy paper, **Policy Report: Sexual exploitation of children involved in the Children's Hearings System**, and 15 recommendations, based on the key findings from the joint research, for action by a variety of organisations across Scotland.

Participation work with children and young people who access Barnardo's Scotland sexual exploitation services tell us that their experience of decision-making about them is often negative. They have expressed their frustration at having to repeat their story multiple times and explained how disempowering it is to learn of meetings and investigations that have taken place "behind your back". They have reported that they are aware of victim-blaming attitudes within these systems and how the experience can cause deterioration in their wellbeing, which impacts on their relationships with trusted adults. In fact, some young people have explained how these processes have felt as coercive, traumatising and isolating as the exploitative situation they should be being protected from.

*Daljeet Dagon, CSE Programme Manager for Barnardo's Scotland*



# SAFER SCHOOLS

## A New Online Safety App Launches in Dumfries and Galloway

A free mobile App, offering vital safeguarding information, training and resources for schools and families, launched on 24th

September in Dumfries

and Galloway. The App provides support on sexting, bullying, mental health, media literacy, gaming, and sexual exploitation online.

The Safer Schools Partnership App is led by child protection expert Jim Gamble QPM (CEO of **Ineqe Safeguarding Group** and founder and former head of CEOP) in partnership with insurer **Zurich Municipal**.



## NSPCC Childline Speak Out Stay Safe Programme for Schools

We are delighted to be able to maintain our two-year rolling programme virtually. Due to the ongoing effects of the current pandemic NSPCC Childline have adapted the way they are delivering their **Speak Out Stay Safe Programme** for pupils. This virtual version of their Safeguarding Programme will temporarily replace the face to face sessions for all of our schools who are due inputs.

[FIND POLICY REPORT HERE](#)



[SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE PROGRAMME](#)





## RESPECT ME

Dumfries and Galloway Council's strong partnership with **respectme Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service** is long-established and mutually highly valued, so when respectme were seeking to pilot their innovative 'respectme reward' programme we welcomed the challenge.

A key finding from the recent external review of respectme identified that stakeholders wanted to see a greater emphasis on how anti-bullying policy resonates with daily practice.

Dumfries and Galloway Council shares respectme's vision of a respecting, just, equal, and inclusive Scotland in which all children and young people can live free from bullying and harassment and are encouraged to reach their full potential. By advancing and respecting Children's Rights, the authority strives to help them feel safe and enjoy a sense of belonging in settings, with health, wellbeing and positive relationships being central and essential to their experience.

We are working alongside respectme to support schools and services to evidence the impact and outcomes of their anti-bullying work, to find and share excellent practice.



FIND OUT MORE



<https://respectme.org.uk/>



## Why a chronology should be the first thing you do in an assessment!

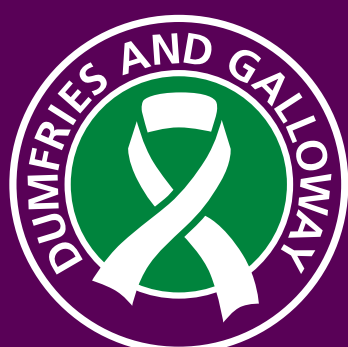
### Why do a chronology first!

Chronologies are an essential part of any good assessment, a vital foundation for analysis, and a tool to help practitioners develop rapport with service users. A chronology is the start, and heart, of a good assessment and provides a key link "like the pieces in a jigsaw" to understanding risk and protection from harm. The setting out of key events in sequential date order, provide a summary and timeline of a child, young person or adults circumstances, patterns of behaviour and lifestyle that assist assessment and analysis. This allows a logical, methodical, and systematic means of organising, merging, and helping make sense of information and joining key information together.

We have sourced the ten-minute animation produced by the West of Scotland Child Protection Consortium. While originally designed for children's services, it applies to all ages and service areas. We hope you will find it helpful to your understanding and application of chronologies in your practice.

Please find a link to this video [here](#)

VIDEO LINK



## Help end domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women and girls!

Support the D&G White Ribbon Campaign!

Click [HERE](#) for more information.