



South Lanarkshire Public Protection Bulletin COVID-19 Edition 4

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our fourth Public Protection Bulletin which provides updates, press releases and web links related to the coronavirus emergency.

As we all know this continues to be an extremely fluid and high-risk situation and some of you will be receiving information from other sources so please feel free to use the bulletin for distribution as appropriate.

Many thanks to all of you working to keep our most vulnerable adults, young people and children safe in South Lanarkshire.

Stay safe

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Safaa Baxter, Independent Chair

South Lanarkshire Adult Support and Child Protection Committees

Key Resources

1. Adult Protection Guidance – Covid-19

National guidance relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is now available [Adult Protection Guidance - Covid-19](#). The guidance confirms that Adult Support and Protection remains a statutory duty of councils, health boards, police and others to support and protect adults at risk of harm.

2. SSSC COVID-19 and Adult Support and Protection: Quick Guide

SSSC has published **COVID-19 and Adult Support and Protection: A quick guide** which gives a brief overview of key information from national legislation and guidance and highlights additional signs to be aware of during the pandemic. This should be used in line with local Adult Support and Protection Procedures.

<https://learn.sssc.uk.com/coronavirus/adultprotection/>

3. Coronavirus (COVID-19): framework for decision making - Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis

The First Minister made a statement to the Scottish Parliament on 21.5.20 setting out Scotland's phased approach out of lockdown. The move will happen if there is evidence of transmission being controlled. Further details can be found at: [Covid-19 - Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis](#)

4. Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline

Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline has produced a series of helpful information sheets about domestic abuse and the COVID-19 pandemic. Child contact may be a particular challenge and risk during lockdown. A summary of the guidance produced by Scottish Courts can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/COVIDChildContactDA>

5. Scottish Women's Aid

Scottish Women's Aid have developed a handy guide for women experiencing abuse which details safety planning tips which can be used in a variety of settings.

<https://womensaid.scot/tips-for-staying-safe/>

6. The Women's Support Project

The Women's Support Project is a partner on the CLiCK project and are really excited to launch a brand new helpline today that women who sell/exchange sex or images online can use to get in touch with a CLiCK Women's Worker.

The Helpline number is **0300 124 5564** and is available during the following times:

- Tuesday: 3pm-5pm
- Wednesday: 11am-7pm
- Thursday: 6pm-9pm
- Saturday: 12pm-2pm

CLiCK would really appreciate your support in spreading the word about their helpline to your colleagues, wider networks and online followings. Please share their announcement [here](#), or post the following text and attached graphic on your social media channels;

Twitter:

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CLiCK has also joined Instagram and would love to see you over there! You can follow them here: [@click_scotland](#)

7. Second Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

Emergency measures to protect people facing financial hardship and allow public services to operate effectively have been introduced to Parliament. Key elements of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill include a proposed additional £19.2 million investment in Carer's Allowance Supplement. Further details of The [Coronavirus \(Scotland\) \(No.2\) Bill](#) can be read here.

8. Child Protection National Guidance

SLCPC is working with the Scottish Government to ensure we are meeting the requirement of the [Covid-19 Supplementary National Child Protection Guidance](#). You can contact South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee directly for more information.

9. Eyes Open Campaign- Protecting Children

We are also supporting a national campaign aimed at the public, who are being asked to consider potentially vulnerable children and young people who may be at risk of harm, abuse or neglect in our communities. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Committee are urging everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for children who may be at risk during this time as part of a national [Eyes Open Campaign - Protecting Children \(COVID-19\)](#)

10. NEW - Child Protection Website for Scotland

A brand new Child Protection Website for Scotland was launched this week by CPC Scotland and offers excellent information about identifying and responding to concerns about a child or young person. It also gives information directly to children and a young people about how to get help. It can be viewed at: www.childprotection.scot/

11. Online Child Sexual Abuse Campaign

Police Scotland launched its [Online Child Sexual Abuse Campaign](#) in April. We ask you make colleagues and service users aware of all campaigns listed and of how to get support.

12. Independent Advocacy

The Advocacy Project continues to provide independent advocacy for adults at risk of harm throughout the emergency Covid-19 period. The service, like many other elements of the restrictions imposed upon the contact workforce, is provided remotely via tele/video conferencing and able to engage with vulnerable people and provide support.

It is vital in these times that individuals continue to have access to support services such as independent advocacy to ensure they retain some element of choice and control when issues of harm are highlighted.

Independent advocacy continues to offer a voice and a means for individuals to express their preferences and get support to minimise harm. The Advocacy Project can be contacted 9-5pm Monday-Friday by: Telephone: 0141 420 0961 Email:

enquiry@theadvocacyproject.org.uk

13. Infection Prevention and Control Measures - caring for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients

This detailed guidance, updated on 8 May 2020, aims to provide practitioners with the key infection prevention and control measures when caring for a variety of patients including those suspected or confirmed with Covid-19. https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2994/documents/1_covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-measures-slides-short.pdf

14. Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) – Covid-19

SCLD have put together a knowledge sharing hub to support people with learning disabilities respond to the challenges at this time. The team has worked alongside the Scottish Government to share essential information around social distancing and shielding. The creation of a Facebook group 'SCLD stay in touch' has focused on tackling social isolation where people with learning disabilities can participate in a range of activities and communicate with one another. Further information on the work of SCLD can be found here:

https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/case_studies/sclid-responds-to-covid-19/

15. See Me – Talking about mental health during the coronavirus outbreak

The link below provides access to a useful resource supporting people to stay connected and talk about mental health.

[Talking about Mental Health during the Coronavirus Outbreak 2020](#)

16. Coronavirus advice for people who use services

The Mental Welfare Commission has published new advice on the coronavirus situation for people who use mental health, learning disability and dementia services and for their family or carers.

The advice offers guidance and contact information aimed at helping people address some of the challenges that the current restrictions on movement and work patterns can bring for people using services.

https://www.mwscot.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/CoronavirusInfo_ServiceUsers-Families-Carers_April2020_0.pdf

17. Guidance on domestic abuse to support the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020

Guidance on domestic abuse was introduced on 1 May 2020 to ensure that the rules on staying at home do not prevent anyone from leaving their home to escape harm or keep themselves safe from domestic abuse.

Resources and links to support services are available on the link below:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-domestic-abuse/pages/overview/>

18. Key messages for infection prevention and control

This poster that can be used in workplaces to show staff the key infection prevention and control measures they should use to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/3071/documents/1_covid-19-key-messages-in-the-workplace-a4.pdf

19. Getting Tested for Coronavirus

Guidance for testing has been updated following the announcement that anyone over the age of 5 with symptoms is eligible for testing. Priority testing will remain for health and social care staff and this should be primarily routed through employers to the NHS testing facilities.

Further guidance is available below on the priority groups for testing, when to test and where testing can be facilitated.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/who-can-be-tested/>

20. Alzheimer Scotland Information during Coronavirus

Alzheimer Scotland has produced guidance aimed at supporting families and carers who may be supporting people with dementia during coronavirus.

Topics include:

- Complying with 'stay at home measures' when supporting someone with dementia
- Complying with stay at home measures
- Coping with stress - families and carers
- Being prepared going into hospital
- Guided activities for your home

<https://www.alzscot.org/information-during-coronavirus>

21. Physical distancing in education and childcare settings updated guidance

The Scottish Government has released updated guidance on physical distancing in education and childcare settings.

You can access the guidance [here](#).

22. Coronavirus (COVID 19): enhanced professional clinical and care oversight of care homes

NHS boards and local authorities have been given a lead role in the oversight of care homes in their area during the Covid-19 pandemic.

From the 18 May 2020, Health Boards and Health and Social Care Partnership colleagues are required to establish a multi-disciplinary team to support care homes in the local area. This team will support daily discussions with the Care Home Clinical and Care Professional Oversight team about the quality of care in each care home in their area.

[Covid-19 - Enhanced Professional Clinical and Care Oversight of Care Homes](#)

23. National Clinical and Practice Guidance for Adult Care Homes

Further guidance has been issued by The Care Homes Clinical and Professional Advisory Group (CPAG), to support those working within adult care homes in light of the high risk of Covid-19 to those residents who often have multiple health and care needs.

The guidance based on the advice from Health Protection Scotland, gives practical steps in ensuring those working within care homes demonstrate good infection control.

[Covid-19 - National Clinical and Practice Guidance for Adult Care Homes](#)

24. Scottish Transitions Forum – Supporting young people who require additional support

The Scottish Transitions Forum have produced an adapted **COVID-19 version of Principles into Practice** for use during the current crisis, to help coordinate contingency planning for young people who are due to leave school or college this summer (2020) and who require additional support.

<https://scottishtransitions.org.uk/7-principles-of-good-transitions/principles-into-practice/>

25. Dementia care during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

The Care Inspectorate have published a new resource 'Dementia care during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic' for care services to support them when caring for people living with dementia.

You can read this [here](#).

