



## Adult Protection Newsletter (4)

### Adult Support & Protection Training



Please remember you **refresh to your highest level** of completed training. For example, if you have completed up to Level 2 that is the only course you should refresh or if you have completed Level 3 then that is the only level you are required to refresh.

Please see our website or Turas for information on the training pathway and course descriptions.

To sign in or register on TURAS please go to <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot>

## Gender based violence Training



Highland Violence Against Women Partnership have launched training dates for GBV & MARAC up until June 2023.

**Gender based violence Training: understanding gender inequality and VAWG [level 1] [2 half days]**

**Gender based violence : MARAC and risk assessment (RIC training) [level 2]**

You can find these on the events page [Events – Highland Violence Against Women Partnership \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/events/highland-violence-against-women-partnership) (which has instructions on how to book on). Alternative you can go straight to TURAS for booking.

## Safe & Together OVERVIEW Session

### Safe and Together™ Principles



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#### Overview Training

##### Who should attend?

Front line staff, managers and leaders who want to learn more about Safe and Together **but do not have** direct responsibilities in relation to assessment and planning for children, young people and families in child protection and domestic abuse.

##### What will the training cover?

This training provides participants with an introduction and overview of the Safe & Together Model. The presentation provides participants with information about the principles and components of the Model and information about the framework behind building competency and confidence in children's wellbeing around domestic violence.

**As a trial the training is being delivered in one session on Thursday 22/11/2023 – 1000 to 1400**

Please contact [Mary.Cameron@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Mary.Cameron@highland.gov.uk) for more information

## Sharing Resources - Iriss



You may be aware that over this summer and into the Autumn, Iriss colleagues are reaching out to folk in the ASP Community to encourage them to share their ASP resources. I am aware from the National work I am involved in, just how many great, relevant resources there are out there, developed by staff in local areas.

This will be our opportunity to share these resources so that we can all benefit from them. There are opportunities to share all types of resources, with each area being able to outline to what extent the resource can be amended to suit other areas etc.

More information is available at: <https://www.iriss.org.uk/news/news/2023/07/25/adult-support-and-protection-resource-hub-callout-content>

We hope to house the resources together at a single site under a helpful framework which will make finding the resource you might be looking for really easy and straightforward.

If you have any further questions or want to check something out for suitability etc - contact Jeanette Sutton from Iriss at: [jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk)

## NHS 24 STRATEGY 2023 - 2028



Please see below and attached information in relation to the NHS 24's Strategy for 2023 - 2028.

<https://www.nhs24.scot/strategy>

## Self-Harm Network launches new digital portal



### Self-Harm Network launches new digital portal

Self-Harm Network Scotland (SHNS) has launched a new online self-harm support service for people aged 12+ across Scotland. The new online service is in addition to its [three existing locality-based services](#) which recently opened up across Dundee, Glasgow and the Highlands and Islands. People can visit the online service here: [selfharmnetworkscotland.org.uk](http://selfharmnetworkscotland.org.uk)

The SHNS service is operated by [Penumbra Mental Health](#), a pioneering charity providing dedicated services for people with mild to serious enduring mental ill health.

SHNS is funded by the Scottish Government.

People who experience self-harm will be able to access support via the portal and receive a response within 24 hours of the team receiving their details. From there, the team will provide and/or connect people to the most suitable ongoing support.

The portal was created to provide recovery-focussed support, tools and information that anyone can access to enable people to support themselves and others. This includes sections for those who self-harm, people supporting someone who self-harms, and professionals working with someone who self-harms.

## Mental Welfare Commission – investigation into the care and treatment of AB



On the 3rd August, the [Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland](#) published an investigation report into the care and treatment of AB, a vulnerable person with learning disabilities and physical ill health, who died in hospital after being under the influence of another individual for many years and despite multi-agency concerns about the impact of this influence.

The investigation is anonymised, as are all Mental Welfare Commission investigations.

The report illustrates the importance for health and care professionals of fully assessing an individual's capacity for decision-making; balancing human rights and considering the potential for undue influence.

The details of the case are of course, quite distressing – so please be aware of that if you decide to read the [full investigation report](#).

## ASPIre event - Invite from Iriss



The National Adult Support and Protection Learning and Development Network would like to invite you to the very first event of our ASPIre (Adult Support and Protection innovation and reflection event) programme. This will take place via a Teams call on **Thursday 9th November – between 9.30am and 1pm**.

Our learning agenda will include inputs from key speakers in relation to how to embed a Trauma Informed Approach into ASP processes and practice and additionally a presentation on Undue Pressure and Coercive Control in relation to ASP cases – this has resonance with the learning points highlighted by the Mental Welfare Commission in the case featured above – relating to AB:

*Considerations apply to coercive control or undue pressure. In such situations the control exercised over a vulnerable person may render them unable to take or action decisions that would protect them from harm. It is therefore important to understand the person's decision-making processes. This should include an understanding of any factors which may have impinged on, or detracted from, their ability to make and action free and informed decisions to safeguard themselves. In these circumstances an affected person should be regarded as unable to safeguard themselves.*

The Network feel that this first event will be of particular interest to those with an operational and management responsibility for ASP processes and practice and a reasonable prior knowledge of ASP policies and practice will be required to get the most out of this first event.

If you would like to register to receive an invite to this event, please email me on Brenda Walker – [brenda.walker@iriss.org.uk](mailto:brenda.walker@iriss.org.uk)

This is the first of a programme of ASP learning events which we hope to facilitate around 3 times a year, going forward. Future events may well be aimed at a wider audience and have a broader appeal to those who have less formalised links with the ASP Agenda – watch this space!

## SARCS - Sexual Assault Response Coordination



SARCS (Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service) is [a dedicated NHS service](#) which offers healthcare and support following rape or sexual assault.

A re-run of the Turn to SARCS campaign is live this month, consisting of outdoor, digital, search and social media advertising supported by PR activity.

SARCS offer a self-referral service, meaning that anyone aged 16 or over can access healthcare and request a forensic medical examination in the days following an assault, without first having to make a report to the police.

Across Scotland, SARCS will look after people's immediate healthcare and wellbeing needs and can support people to have a forensic medical examination if appropriate, subject to professional judgement. This includes collecting certain forensic evidence (which can be kept for up to 26 months) should they want to report to the police at a later date.

[Visit the SARCS campaign webpage on NHS Inform.](#)

## Useful Information



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[Recording Practice Project](#)

[Scottish Families Affected by Drugs & Alcohol Support](#)

[Renfrewshire ASPC - Communication](#)

[Iriss online Training](#)

[Suicide thoughts and behaviour in later life](#)

[Hoarding Toolkit for Staff](#)

[Publication of the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 – Updated 2023](#)

[Bank staff defy customers to prevent £55m of fraud in 2022](#)

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