



## Adult Protection Newsletter (6)

### 20th Feb Adult Support & Protection Day

20th February is National Adult Support and Protection Awareness Day for this year. Alongside highlighting the importance of caring for those in our community, we are also asking people to think about sextortion - both in its impacts and how to react to this growing concern.

Below are a short animations that can be shared with anyone you wish to raise awareness on the importance of reporting adult concerns and sextortion you can access the videos here - [ASP Day 2024 Video Resources – National Adult Support and Protection Coordinator \(naspc.scot\)](#)

You can help us spread the word by sharing our ASP webpage [Adult support and protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) as the necessary resource for people who are concerned about the wellbeing of an individual.

Join the conversation by posting with the hashtags **#ASPD2024** and **#SeenSomethingSaySomething**



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1 - #SeeSomethingSaySomething

Are you concerned that an adult is being harmed, or is at risk of harm? Remember that they may not be able to report it themselves. You can share your concerns with your local social work team - or if you think they are in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

Harm comes in many forms, including physical, psychological, financial and sexual harm - but harm can also mean neglect or self-neglect. If you're worried an adult could be at risk, it's always better to say something than do nothing. Watch the video below to find out more.

Harm can happen anywhere - in someone's home, at work, or even in a public place such as a hospital or day centre. When an adult is being harmed it is often caused by the people closest to them. Don't let someone suffer in silence. If you see something, say something.



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2 - Sextortion

Sextortion can happen to both men and women. To avoid becoming a victim, remain cautious while using the internet, stay in control of what you do, and never be pressurised into sharing sexual content if someone asks. Watch the video below to find out more.

Sextortion scams are on the rise, with criminals targeting men and women on social media sites, dating apps and live streaming sites. If someone is threatening to share explicit images of you, don't panic and NEVER pay them. Contact the Police who will treat your case seriously and in confidence.

If you're worried that someone you know could be at risk of harm from sextortion scams, you can report your concerns to your local social work team. If they have already fallen victim to a scam, you should advise them not to pay the offender and contact the Police to report it.

## Adult Protection Training



Adult Protection Training (Level 1 & Level 2) will resume in March, Please keep an eye on our website for updates [ASP training | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

All courses are bookable via Turas and Free to anyone in the **Highland Council Area**

Turas - Highland ASP Training on TURAS - [click here](#)

## National Missing Persons Framework - Good Practice Conference



Join Missing People, the only charity in the UK specialising in providing guidance and support to missing people and their families.

National Missing Person Framework - Good Practice Conference, Thu, 29 Feb 2024 09:30 - 15:00 GMT

*PLEASE NOTE THEY HAVE REACHED CAPACITY FOR "IN PERSON" ATTENDANCE AND ARE NOW OPERATING A WAITING LIST. YOU CAN STILL ATTEND ONLINE OR ASK TO BE ADDED TO OUR "IN PERSON" WAITING LIST.*

You can book your place here - [National Missing Persons Framework - Good Practice Conference Tickets, Thu 29 Feb 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

## Adult Protection Website NHS Highland



The ASP webpages

These have been arranged as **two** areas of webpages.

The first is intended for the **public** and is found here: [Adult support and protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) . It gives the contact information to use for members of the public seeking to report an Adult concern and also a map of our areas. It also has links to Other Organisations, Videos and Publications.

The second area is intended for “**protection professionals**” and has seven pages. The first page is found here: [Local ASP Procedures | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) . This page explains how professionals should report concerns and has links to the Adult Concern Form for that purpose. It also has a brief explanation of the Highland Adult Protection Committee. Towards the bottom of that page, there are six links to further pages:

**National Legislation and Guidance** – containing current legislative, regulatory and practice guidance information in respect of Adult Support & Protection.

**Local ASP Procedures** – our local procedures and processes

**News Items, Newsletters and Audits** – assorted pieces of information including the audit reports from case audits.

**Protection topics** – brief information about a wide variety of protection topics and links to further information about these.

**Tools and links** – links to external resources and other organisations.

**ASP Training** – information about our training courses: (nhsh.scot/HighlandASPTraining).

*At the bottom of all the pages, there is a short survey, asking people their views on the pages, which anyone can complete, if they wish.*

## ASP APP (SSSC)

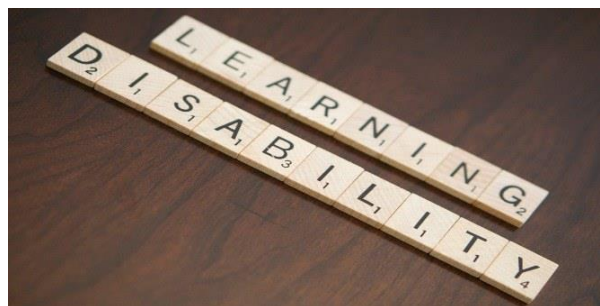


This app has been developed to be used as a reference resource for all workers whose role includes supporting or caring for adults. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the worker's own organisation's adult support and protection policies and procedures. There are sections on the signs and symptoms of harm and abuse; what workers should do if they have concerns; and the legislation that applies to adult support and protection. There is also a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section that covers common issues and dilemmas relating to adult support and protection.

Android - [Adult support and protection - Apps on Google Play](#)

Apple - [Adult support and protection on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

## Scottish Government Learning Disabilities/Autism/Neurodivergence Bill Consultation



Our colleague, Alex Davidson kindly forwarded the link for the Scottish Government Learning Disabilities/Autism/Neurodivergence Bill Consultation. Please find this below:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/learning-disabilities-autism-neurodivergence-bill-consultation/documents/>

I hope this will be of interest.

## Five Nations - ASP Safeguarding Events



This series comprises seven safeguarding learning and professional development seminars across the year. In 2024 the series is being hosted by Safeguarding Ireland, with the support of the Irish health service (Health Service Executive).

These online seminars on safeguarding, adult support and protection are a ‘must attend’ for leaders in the sector.

Each seminar will include top level speakers, experts and attendees from the Five Nations of the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

The seminars will share and discuss learning, best practice and new developments on current themes in safeguarding and adult protection. These are professional development opportunities for those working in the social, justice and financial sectors, and also policy makers.

You can register for each seminar once it is live. By doing so you will be sent the seminar LINK in advance and also notified of each future upcoming ‘Five Nations’ seminar during the year.

Any queries, email [fivenationseminars@safeguardingireland.org](mailto:fivenationseminars@safeguardingireland.org)

### Upcoming dates

- March 22
- May 10
- June 21
- September 13
- October 11
- December 6

## New National ASP Resource Hub



Throughout Autumn 2023 Iriss have been continuing to collect and collate resources, Iriss will be asking everyone who works in Adult Support and Protection to contribute resources that they find helpful in their work for a new national resource hub. The aim is that, when creating local policies, training materials, templates and tools, people will have access to all of Scotland's rich ASP knowledge in one place - and won't have to start from scratch, or spend time looking for information scattered over the internet. Iriss will be collating resources on all aspects of ASP, from chronologies to LSIs, case conferences to mental capacity, so get thinking of what you might like to share - and look out for more info soon on the [Iriss website](#)! If you have resources you would like to share please contact Jeanette Sutton at Iriss - [jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk)

### **First ASPIre (Adult Support and Protection innovation and reflection event) session – November 2023**

In Nov 23 we saw the first ASPIre (Adult Support and Protection innovation and reflection event) session via Teams. The programme included two brilliant inputs from colleagues involved with ASP as part of their daily remits. Ann Hayne provided a really interesting input in relation to the Interface between MARAC processes and Domestic Abuse legislation and ASP processes and legislation. This highlighted some of the ways in which these two pieces of legislation and related processes can compliment each other and lead to better and more robust support and protection for survivors of domestic abuse. The second key input came from Frances Toland and invited participants to explore with her the opportunities to think about how we might ensure we intrinsically embed Trauma Informed Practice within ASP processes, policy and practice.

It is the intention that the ASPIre events hopefully be scheduled 4 times per year, via teams and 1 annual face to face day, we will keep you up to date when the dates are released.



## ASP Codes of Practice



Since the introduction of [The Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Act 2007](#) in 2008, and publication by the Scottish Government of the Adult Support and Protection Code of Practice in 2014, there have been a number of policy, legislative and practice developments, both in the overall context of adult support and protection and in day-to-day activity.

This revised version of the Code of Practice aims to capture these changes and inform the development of local and national multi-agency adult protection procedures, processes and training across Scotland. It will also help to support the care and protection of adults who may be at risk of harm. This Code is for all those who may know adults at risk of harm whether they work in the local authority, health, police, or the third sector. The approaches set out build on the culture and ethos of partners who believe, as I do, that while there are specific duties associated with certain professional roles and public bodies, adult support and protection is "everyone's business". We all have a part to play in supporting the care and protection of adults who may be at risk of harm and are unable to safeguard themselves.

You will find the Codes here - [Supporting documents - Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Act 2007: Code of Practice - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

## Serious Organised Crime Taskforce: progress report 2023



This progress report details some of the advances made by the Serious Organised Crime Taskforce and its partners.

[Serious Organised Crime Taskforce: progress report 2023 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) The Divert Strand probably has most correlation with ASP issues - but definitely worth a look at.



## Trauma Informed Working with people with Learning Disabilities



NHS Education for Scotland (NES) have created a new animation to highlight the specific issues for people with learning disabilities in relation to psychological trauma – watch this seven-minute animation [here](#).

A new online learning resource on the use of the law when supporting adults who lack capacity to make some or all of their own decisions was launched in June by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland and NHS Education for Scotland (NES). The learning site is for professionals working in Health, Social Work and Social Care across Scotland. It follows a major report in 2021 by the Mental Welfare Commission on the use of the law when discharging individuals from hospital to care home. This is a great resource for everyone to learn more about the Adults with Incapacity legislation.

The learning site is only available for people with Turas account. To register for a Turas account, click [here](#)

## National LSI Guidance work



Iriss and the Scottish Government are pleased to announce that work has begun on developing National Guidance for Large Scale Investigations (LSIs). It will build on the work published in 2023 by Iriss, the [Adult Support and Protection National Large Scale Investigation Framework](#). The aim of the forthcoming Guidance is to increase the consistency and quality of LSIs across Scotland – how they are instigated, conducted, concluded and reported.

The Guidance is being developed via a short-life working group of Adult Support and Protection professionals from across Scotland, all of whom have considerable experience in LSIs. The first meeting took place in January – it was a very productive session, where everyone shared good practice and highlighted issues that the guidance needs to address. We plan to meet on a 4-6 weekly basis for the first half of 2024, and then the Guidance will be written up in the second half of the year.

Already some key issues to be addressed by the Guidance have come to light – these include clarity over the start and end of an LSI, the role of prevention, joint working across different professional disciplines, being alert to LSIs in the community and health settings (as well as in care homes), and working positively with providers. We hope it's going to be of real, practical use to all working in Adult Support and Protection in Scotland.

For more information, please contact [jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.sutton@iriss.org.uk) – she's particularly keen to hear from you if you have experience of LSIs in health or community settings.

## Margaret Fleming Significant Case Review published



AN independent inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of Margaret Fleming has been published, Wednesday 18 October 2023, with a series of wide-ranging recommendations being proposed.

The inquiry, known as a Significant Case Review (SCR), was commissioned to examine the role of all the agencies that were involved with Margaret and the circumstances that led to her death.

An SCR is normally held when a person involved with health and social care services has died or suffered significant harm.

In Margaret Fleming's case, the SCR was jointly commissioned by the Adult Protection Committee and Child Protection Committee and led by Professor Jean MacLellan OBE.

Prof MacLellan spoke to more than 100 people, including Margaret's family and friends, during the course of the wide-ranging review and a series of recommendations have been made for all agencies involved to consider and look to implement.

Additional workings and research carried out as part of the extensive review has also been published to help with learning for professional organisations and individuals.

[Margaret Fleming Significant Case Review published - Inverclyde Council](#)

## COA Week



### #COAWeek202411-17 February 2024

COA Week is the annual campaign to raise awareness of children affected by a parent's drinking.

#URNotAlone

COA Week is a campaign to raise awareness of children affected by parental alcohol problems, celebrated internationally each year during the week in which Valentine's Day falls.

In the UK, COA Week is led by the charity Nacoo UK who provide year-round support. Please join us in our 15th year in the UK. Together we can increase awareness of this hidden problem and the support available. Find out how you can help children of all ages know they are not alone. [Nacoo: Helping everyone affected by their parent's drinking - Nacoo](#)

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ASP Website: [Adult support and protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/highland/adult-support-and-protection)

ASP Professionals Website [Adult protection | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/highland/adult-protection)

Adult Protection Training Website [ASP training | NHS Highland \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/asp-training/)