



South Lanarkshire Public Protection Bulletin COVID-19 Edition 1

Dear Colleague,

Our Public Protection office is receiving a number of updates, press releases and web links related to the coronavirus emergency. It seems sensible therefore to increase the distribution frequency of our public protection bulletin. For example, the following links relate to the Care Inspectorate revised notifications, Police Scotland advice on scammers, a Poverty Alliance “Coronavirus Response”, Child Protection Information from CELCIS and COVID-19 information in other languages.

As we all know this is 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
Adult Support and Protection Committee/Child Protection Committee

Key Resources

Scottish Social Services Council – Information for Employers and Staff

The situation surrounding COVID-19 is fast moving and changing so the SSSC has brought together some key information to help social service workers and employers. They will update this page regularly (last update 19 March 2020). You can view it here: [Scottish Social Services Council - Coronavirus information for social service workers and employers](#)

Care Inspectorate – Revised Notifications

The Care Inspectorate have revised their notifications guidance. Services must notify them within 24 hours if someone using the service has:

- a suspected case of COVID-19
- a confirmed case of COVID-19
- died due to COVID-19.

They do not require to be notified about staff or self-isolation. Information is available here: [Care Inspectorate - Revised notifications guidance for care service providers](#)

NHS – COVID 19 Information in Other Languages

Doctors of the World have shared COVID-19 advice for patients in 20 languages, which were produced in partnership with the British Red Cross, Migrant Help and Clear Voice.

The guidance is based on the government's updated advice and health information. They hope it will help to ensure this important guidance reaches migrant and asylum-seeking communities in the UK and can be sourced here; [COVID 19 - Other languages](#)

They would be happy if you could please share these with your patients, service users and your networks widely so that we reach out to all communities who would like this crucial information in their own language.

[Protecting Children and Young People during COVID- 19 \(CELCIS\)](#)

Child Protection Committees Scotland is urging everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for children who may be at risk of harm, abuse or neglect during the COVID-19 coronavirus public health emergency. It's now more important than ever for members of the public to speak up if they're concerned about a child or children.

Anyone with a concern is asked to report it to their local social work office or to the police on 101.

Volunteer Scotland Advice COVID-19

Volunteer Scotland has produced information that is intended to provide practical guidance in order to minimise the impact of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) on the health and wellbeing of volunteers (as well as those that they volunteer for and with). Information available here: [Covid-19 Advice for Volunteers](#)

Coronavirus, Infection and Pregnancy

Guidance for healthcare professionals on coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in pregnancy, published by the RCOG, Royal College of Midwives, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Public Health England and Health Protection Scotland. Advice available here: [www.rcog.org.uk/coronavirus and pregnancy](http://www.rcog.org.uk/coronavirus-and-pregnancy)

Activities and Well-Being Resources from National Parent Forum Scotland

COVID-19 is an uncertain and worrying time for all of us, and children and young people will also be feeling this, especially with the recent announcement that schools had to close.

[National Parent Forum Scotland](#) has lots of resources available to support families in having conversations around COVID-19 to help manage worries and anxieties, well-being activities for children, parents, and families, as well as fun and interactive activities to take part in from home.

Scottish Association for Mental Health

Many of us are feeling worried or stressed about how coronavirus could affect our lives, as well as our loved ones. We may now be having to spend more time at home, perhaps isolated from the friends, family and other relationships that we know are vital to keeping ourselves mentally healthy. It may also be harder for us to do the things that normally help keep us well.

There are things we can do to look after our mental wellbeing during this time. On this page, we are gathering the information, links and resources that we can, to help keep you informed and protect your mental health. Support is available here: [Mental Health, Self Help and Wellbeing \(Coronavirus and your mental wellbeing\)](#)

See Me Scotland also offers additional support here: [Talking about Mental Health during the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

Community Advice Directory

[Coronavirus Community Assistance Directory](#)

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations have launched a website which co-ordinates and collates offers and requests for support from across the country.

The Coronavirus Bill

The UK Government has published emergency legislation to provide new powers to help respond to coronavirus. Information is here: [Coronavirus Bill](#)

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

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SCIE has published COVID-19 guidance for social care on preventing infection in care homes.

NHS Inform

A free helpline can give advice if you do not have symptoms, but are looking for general advice: 0800 028 2816. Information can be found here: [NHS Inform](#).

Living Life

Information is available from Living Life to support you to look after your wellbeing during challenging times. Information can be found on www.lttf.com/corona. Please share with colleagues, friends and family. A subscription is generally applied but will be free for any users up until 30 June 2020.

Care Inspectorate - Guidance on Inspection for Services

In the past couple of weeks, the Care Inspectorate have made swift adjustments to their inspections, registrations and variations practices to help services adapt their services to the current situation.

You can find new guidance on inspection, registrations and variations on our

[Care Inspectorate - Coronavirus Information for Professionals](#)

Police Scotland

Police Scotland have issued advice on scammers during COVID-19. Across the UK police are beginning to see evidence that fraudsters are increasingly targeting the public and organisations with emails, texts, telephone calls and WhatsApp messages offering advice and treatment for the coronavirus. They are setting up fake websites selling products and offering 'cures' or testing kits. Scammers have also been setting up bogus websites asking for donations for victims or promoting awareness and prevention tips. Cold callers have been contacting organisations suggesting they must have specific measures in place by a certain deadline. Important information can be found here; www.scotland.police.uk ([Shut Out Scammers](#))

Mental Welfare Commission

The Mental Welfare Commission have up to date advice on their website which can be accessed here: www.mwcscot.org.uk

We know that the coronavirus outbreak paired with current social distancing and self-isolation measures can be particularly stressful and challenging for women experiencing abuse.

If you are in this situation, we want to reassure you that you are not alone.

Many organisations, centres and groups are adjusting their services to offer helplines and remote support for those in need.

Scottish Women's Rights Centre have compiled a list of services and helplines available with current opening times. They will continue to add and review the information as necessary. This information can be accessed on the [Scottish Womens Rights Centre website](#).

