

PUBLIC PROTECTION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the summer edition of the Public Protection Newsletter. As always, we hope to bring you relevant information to support your ongoing learning and development as well highlighting national and local resources.

This edition looks at the theme of 'Risk outside the Home'. You'll find information about some local and national services as well information about the National Review of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

In this edition you'll also find a link to a survey on the Public Protection website and its usefulness for staff across East Dunbartonshire.

Thanks as always for reading and please let us know if you want to see anything in particular by emailing us at cpc@eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Website Feedback

The Public Protection in East Dunbartonshire website

protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk was developed in 2022/23 to offer help and guidance for Safeguarding, Child Protection and Adult Support and Protection. It has sections relevant to practitioners like yourself, adults and their carers, children and young people as well as parents and carers.

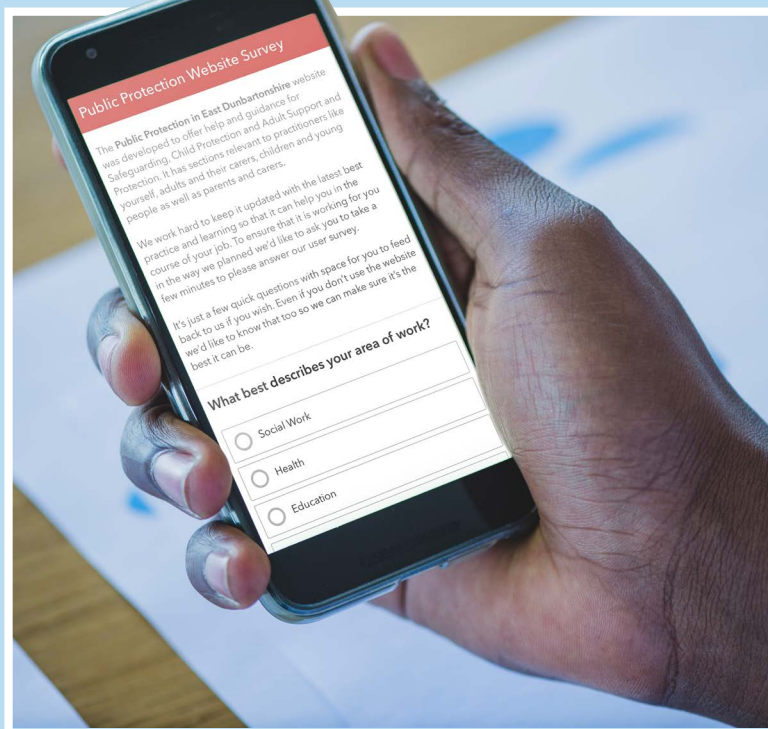
We work hard to keep it updated with the latest best practice and learning so that it can help you in the course of your job. To ensure that it is working for you in the way we planned we'd like to ask you to take a few minutes to please answer our user survey.

It's just a few quick questions with space for you to feed back to us if you wish. Even if you don't use the website, we'd like to know that too, to ensure we make it useful for everyone.

[Public Protection Website Survey June 2026](#)

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Public Information and Communication Subgroup



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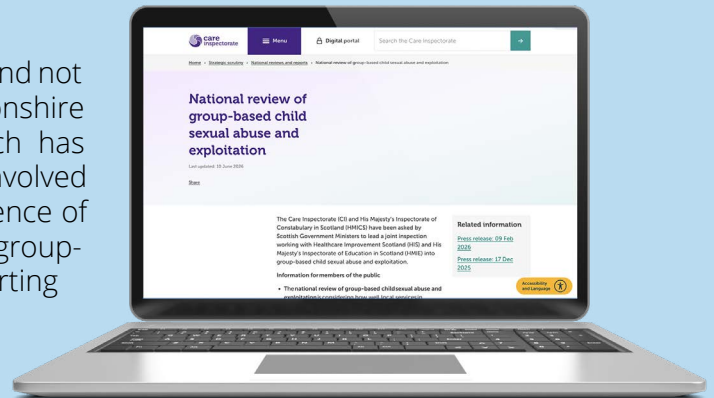
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National Review for Group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation

In December 2025 the Scottish Government asked the Care Inspectorate and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS), working with Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland (HMIE), to conduct a national review into group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation.

The review is underway and taking place in three phases and not due to be completed until later in 2027. East Dunbartonshire has almost completed phase one of the review which has been overseen by the Chief Officers Group. This has involved the collation of data and evidence relating to the prevalence of group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and group-based Child Criminal Exploitation as well as supporting documents.

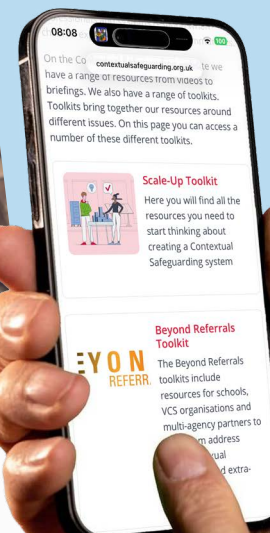
The Care Inspectorate has told us that learning from the national review will be shared in a timely way to support continuous learning across the country. If you want to know more about the review you can find it [here](#).



Risk outside the Home Subgroup

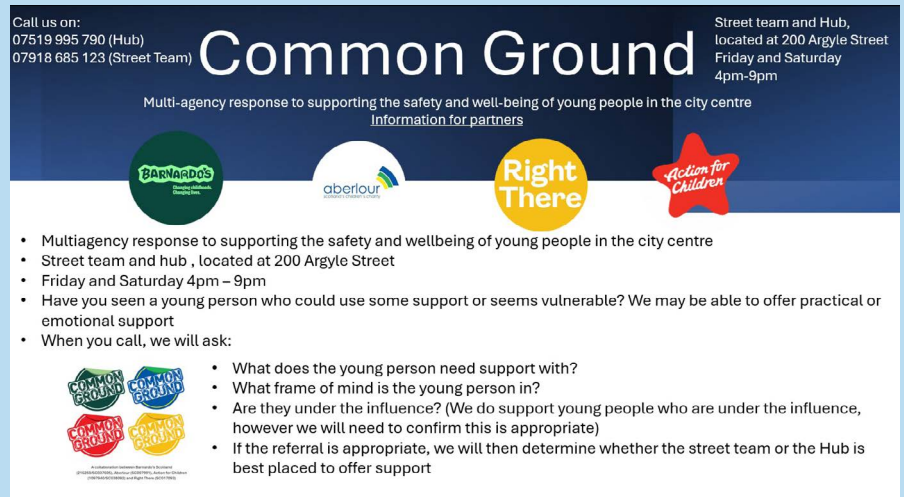
The Child Protection Committee had its first meeting of our Risk Outside the Home subgroup on 2 June 2026. The broad purpose of this group is to ensure that the East Dunbartonshire Child Protection Committee has an awareness and understanding of its roles and responsibilities surrounding risks outside the home, such as child sexual abuse and exploitation, child criminal exploitation, trafficking and children who go missing. The group will develop the use of contextual safeguarding as an approach to understand and respond to risks outside the home. This commitment is reflected in the EDC CPC's Business Plan 2025-2029.

To learn more about contextual safeguarding, the background, theory, best practices and toolkits, please visit the Global Centre for Contextual Safeguarding website [here](#).



Common Ground

Common Ground provide a range of outreach and support as well as a base for children and young people who find themselves in the city centre at the weekend and need support to keep themselves safe by providing practical and emotional support. It was founded through consultation with children and young people, asking them what would help make them feel safer in the city centre. Find more information within the poster below, including how to contact the team if you are worried about a young person you are working with.







Call us on:
07519 995 790 (Hub)
07918 685 123 (Street Team)


Common Ground

Street team and Hub, located at 200 Argyle Street
Friday and Saturday
4pm-9pm

Multi-agency response to supporting the safety and well-being of young people in the city centre
Information for partners




- Multiagency response to supporting the safety and wellbeing of young people in the city centre
- Street team and hub , located at 200 Argyle Street
- Friday and Saturday 4pm – 9pm
- Have you seen a young person who could use some support or seems vulnerable? We may be able to offer practical or emotional support
- When you call, we will ask:
 - What does the young person need support with?
 - What frame of mind is the young person in?
 - Are they under the influence? (We do support young people who are under the influence, however we will need to confirm this is appropriate)
 - If the referral is appropriate, we will then determine whether the street team or the Hub is best placed to offer support



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Aye Mind – Social Media Series Newsletter

Aye Mind is publishing a special series which looks at various social media platforms providing the features, how they're used, and helpful conversation starters which support parents, carers and professionals to develop open communication with children and young people promoting their safety online.



A special series from Aye Mind looking at popular social media platforms.

Find the link to the Instagram guide [here](#) as well as links to other useful guides across various different themes relating to online safety and digital wellbeing.

Safe Call Helpline

Safe Call provides confidential, free support and guidance for young people who have left or are thinking of leaving home or their place of care, and those at risk from criminal or sexual exploitation.

Safe Call helps young people throughout the UK navigate times of crisis, as part of the charity Missing People. Missing People also supports friends, family or professionals who are worried about a young person leaving home or being treated badly or abused.

The aim of Safe Call is to provide a safe space for young people to talk about their situation without judgment, allowing them to explore their options and needs. The team of experienced advisers provide practical advice and information, including how to find a safe place to stay, access resources, and reconnect with family or carers. They can also make referrals to other organisations and services that can provide specialised support, but always at young people's discretion and consent.

Safe Call is available to young people every day. You can call between 10am – 5pm , and text between 10am – 10pm. The dedicated helpline team is available to respond to messages via the online chat between 5:30pm – 10pm .



Feel unsafe, scared or lost?
You're not alone in this. We'll listen and help you explore your options. No pressure, no blame.

We support young people who are away from home, thinking of leaving or feel trapped in an unsafe situation.

Call or text 116 000 for free, confidential support



Let's figure it out together
safecall.org.uk

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