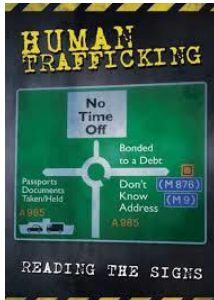


WHAT'S NEW IN ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION - AUG 17.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Adult Support & Protection Committee and Child Protection Committee are actively addressing the implications of the Scottish Government Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy 2017.



New data reveals that victims of human trafficking have been identified in 27 of Scotland's 32 local authority areas. Human trafficking is the second most profitable crime in the world, with thousands of victims discovered each year in the UK. It can involve people being exploited through prostitution, forced labour, domestic slavery, removal of organs or being forced to commit criminal acts such as benefit fraud or cannabis cultivation.

For further information see the ['Read the Signs'](#) video and [booklet](#). To report information call Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

FINANCIAL HARM



Citizens Advice have highlighted that one in five people struggling with debt has seen their credit card limit automatically increased without their knowledge. They advise that some lenders are not checking whether people can afford to take out a loan, instead offering them more credit when they already have unpaid debt, and making their financial situation

worse. For advice call the Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 or Textphone 18001 03454 04 05 06

The Adult Support & Protection Team easy read booklets ['Keeping Your Money Safe'](#) and ['Financial Harm – Scams'](#) give advice on financial harm, scams, bogus callers, and power of attorney.

NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND

The Adult Support & Protection Committee and Child Protection Committee are actively addressing the implications of the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland which aims to prevent people from going missing in the first place and limit the harm associated with people going missing.

The framework outlines four closely interconnected objectives:

- To introduce **preventative** measures to reduce the number of episodes of people going missing.
- To **respond** consistently and appropriately to missing persons episodes.
- To provide the best possible **support** to missing people and their families.
- To **protect** vulnerable people to reduce the risk of harm.

MENTAL HEALTH



'See Me' is Scotland's campaign to end mental health discrimination.

Earlier this year Fifers including members of the Adult Support & Protection Committee took part in the 'Walk a Mile' event at Silverburn Park which brought people together to speak about mental health.

See Me are working on bringing their Pass the Badge campaign to social media and would appreciate if you can give them your opinions on the future of the campaign. Please [fill out this survey](#).

SCAMS



Action Fraud are warning of 'something for you' cards designed to look like the slip posted through letterboxes when a delivery can't be made from Royal Mail. The cards ask recipients to call a 0208 number, which is not registered to Royal Mail. An automated message then asks for your details. You can check if the card is fake as it is missing the Royal Mail logo.

There has also been an increase in scams involving the sale of puppies and kittens on popular online auction websites. Once a sale is agreed and payment is made the pet does not materialise. The fraudsters will usually ask for further payments to cover courier charges, shipping fees or vet bills.

To report a fraud call Police Scotland on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. You can also use Action Fraud's [online fraud reporting tool](#).

GOOD CONVERSATIONS WITH OLDER PEOPLE

An award-winning pocket guide has been launched for care staff working with older people. Developed by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Activity Team and endorsed by the Care Inspectorate it gives tips for good quality, meaningful engagement and conversation. It is divided into five sections: communication, games, physical activity, music and culture and wellbeing. You can download the pocket guide [here](#). For more information and to watch a short video on the guide and how it can benefit older people, visit www.nhsaaa.net/activelyengaged/pocketideas.aspx

FIFE CARER SUPPORT GROUP

The "Taking Care of You Group" is a Carer Support Group facilitated by the Clinical Psychology Service for Older People. This group is for those who support and care for someone who has a diagnosis of dementia. The group will focus on how to maintain or improve carers' wellbeing.

Contact Dr Kathryn Quinn (01334) 696336 or email: kathrynquinn@nhs.net if you are interested in attending. The group will be held at the Abbeyfield Care Home in Kirkcaldy.

REMINDER:

SAFE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

If your organisation has a group who would like to be involved in the creation of new Easy Read information on 'Safe and Healthy Relationships', Engagement & Participation Coordinator Shona McEwan is keen to hear your ideas and opinions. For more info email: shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk or call 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134.

RESOURCES FOR STAFF If you are concerned about someone who is at risk of harm or neglect, visit: www.fifedirect.org.uk/reportingharm to access the Adult Protection Reporting Harm Protocol, the Inter-agency Report of Harm Referral Form, details of the Adult Protection Competency Framework, all training courses and how to access the e-learning module.

EASY READ All Adult Support & Protection information is available in Easy Read format at: www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotectioneasyread.