



# Keeping Connected - The CPCScotland Weekly Bulletin

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As you are aware, this week saw the ruling from the Supreme Court that the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Scotland) Bill are outside the devolved legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. I hope the technical issues can be resolved quickly and in the meantime we can continue to make progress in making rights for Scotland's children.

I would draw your attention to the ask from CPCScotland (number 1 in the attached document) which outlines our ask for help in identifying organisations who work with groups or individuals who might be interested in giving us their views on effective direct campaign messaging.

If you have anything from your area you think would be of interest to share across Scotland please get in touch with Susan Mitchell at

[cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk](mailto:cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk) to discuss information we could include in Keeping Connected.

Keep safe.

Alan Small CPCScotland Chair

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1 Neglect campaign seeks support from CPCScotland partners

CPCScotland have had some very interesting discussions about the language used in child protection recently and some of the feedback we received about our proposed neglect campaign caused us to pause for thought. We agree that's important to work towards language which avoids stigmatisation, particularly of families who are experiencing real difficulties, and have decided to delay the launch of the campaign until early 2022 to allow our communications specialist to undertake a consultation and listening exercise.

We are particularly looking to speak to family support groups and adults who have experienced neglect. We want to talk to them about what themes a neglect campaign should concentrate on and what kind of language we should use. We hope to start meetings/discussions towards the end of October, and discussions will be very informal. Any support you can give us to build the campaign will be gratefully received so if you have contact with any organisations who run family support groups or support individuals within your area and who might be able to help, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact details for organisations should be sent to [cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk](mailto:cpcscotland-liaison@strath.ac.uk) and will be forwarded on to our Communications Consultant who will make contact to discuss in more detail what would be involved.

## 2 UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Supreme Court Ruling

The UK Supreme Court has ruled that four provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill are outside the devolved legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. This means that these aspects of the Bill will need to be reconsidered by the Scottish Parliament.

Scottish Government Ministers have pledged that the Scottish Government is committed to incorporating the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into domestic law to the maximum extent possible after the UK Supreme Court ruling.

[Pledge on children's rights - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/pledge-on-childrens-rights)

'Together' has published a short blog article summarising the background to the case, what the judges said and what could happen next along with a social media pack to help inform communications you may wish to put out.

[Supreme Court Judgment: here's what you need to know – Together \(Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights\) \(togetherscotland.blog\)](https://togetherscotland.blog/supreme-court-judgment-heres-what-you-need-to-know)  
[Social\\_media – Dropbox](#)

[swinney\\_06-10-2021-21441.pdf \(togetherscotland.org.uk\)](#)

## **Guidance, Resources and Information**

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## **7 Cyber Scotland**

This September bulletin is now available and includes information for students and their parents as colleges and universities return.

[September 2021 – Cyber Scotland](#)

## **8 Securing Safety – the use of out of area placements, or ‘relocations’ as a response to extra-familial harm in adolescence**

Since early 2019 the Contextual Safeguarding programme has been carrying out research into the use of out of area placements, or ‘relocations’ as a response to extra-familial harm in adolescence. The Network have produced a range of resources based on the findings of this research. Resources include

A blog

## 11 Child Mental Health

The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has released a podcast discussing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), self-harm, and the importance of early childhood intervention.

[ADHD, Self-Harm, and the Importance of Early Childhood Intervention - In Conversation with Dr. Melissa Mulraney - ACAMH](#)

also have information on how to recognise genuine HMRC contact and how to avoid and report scams on their website



The Scottish Sunday Post are reporting on their investigation which has found that the number of at-risk children referred to protection agencies decreased during the COVID-19 lockdowns, and experts are concerned



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