



Keeping Children Safe



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Welcome to our Keeping Children Safe bulletin. This is designed to give you just some of the recent information and updates in one handy place. Please let us know how useful this is to you and if there is anything you would like more information about.

Contact Marion at m.laidlaw@calachildcare.co.uk

Child Protection Concern?

Ensure you know and follow the policy and procedure of your setting including contact and availability for your CP designated officer. Remember out of hours contact: Police Scotland (101) Highland Social Work (0845 769 7284), Moray Social Work (03457 565656)

If you have a concern and are seeking further advice or will refer to SW, it will be useful to remember these 5 key questions to ensure you have the right information:

- *What is getting in the way of this child's well-being?*
- *Do I have all the information I need to help this child?*
- *What can I do now to help this child?*
- *What can my agency do to help this child?*
- *What additional help, if any, may be needed from other agencies?*

PARENTLINE

Parentline is a service that's worth considering for proactive promotion with families accessing services. Parentline is an online help and lifeline run by Scotland's National Children's Charity – Children 1st. Worried about something that has happened to you or your child, want advice or support or simply want to talk? Parentline can support – they will listen with kindness, help think things through and support you in whatever is affecting your family.

For more information go to:

<https://www.children1st.org.uk/help-for-families/parentline-scotland/what-you-can-expect-from-parentline/>

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Do you know what to do if a child fails to arrive at your ELC or Out of School Club when you are expecting them?

All this information and guidance can be found by checking your setting's policy and guidance. A sample policy is available via the CALA memberzone.

It is important that you remind yourself of the policy and what to do in this event; including the timescales for action. It's helpful to ensure that children, parents and carers are also aware of your policy and timescales.





HIGHLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The HCPC Support Team is now based at the Family Resource Centre in Inverness.

Their new contact details are as follows:

Highland Child Protection Committee
Family Resource Centre
Limetree Avenue
Inverness
IV3 5RH

Telephone Numbers:
01463 732460 (Donna)
01463 732461 (Nancy/CP Health)
01463 732472 (Laura) – Business Support CPC

Training Email:
CP.Training@highland.gov.uk

MORAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MCPC offer regular training across Moray for all practitioners, the Moray Learning & Development Group Calendar can be accessed here -

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file119860.pdf>

The contact details for Moray CPC are:

Moray Child Protection Committee
The Moray Council, Education and Social Care,
High Street, Elgin
IV30 1BX
01343 563424
mcpc@moray.gov.uk

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The following consultation is ongoing and may be of interest to you:

<https://consult.gov.scot/child-protection/amendments-to-the-law-on-child-cruelty/>

This consultation seeks views on potential changes to two criminal offences related to the protection of children, namely:

- the offence of child neglect currently legislated for in section 12 of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937; and
- the offence of sexual abuse of trust set out in section 42 of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009.

This consultation closes on 14 November 2019





Online Safety Awareness Training

The Highland Council
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

Care and Learning Alliance

This session will look at some of the current threats and challenges those working with young children are facing in the online world. We will also explore the bank of resources available to children, staff and parents which will help make digital learning more accessible and increase confidence in the online environment.

Thursday 15th November
12-2pm.
Care and Learning Alliance
Kintail House
Inverness

This training will be delivered by Robert Quigley, Highland Council in partnership with Care and Learning Alliance and is open to KCS Reference Group members, CALA staff & members working with children of all ages. Please phone 01463 222569 for any queries. Bookings to be made by 5th November 2018.

Free training session open to CALA staff, CALA members and KCS reference group members working with children of all ages.

16 places available

This session will be presented by Robert Quigley, Head Teacher at Milton of Leys Primary School who is currently developing Highland's strategy for online safety. We will look at some of the current threats and challenges those working with young children are facing in the online world. This session will also explore the bank of resources available to children, staff and parents which will help make digital learning more accessible and increase confidence in the online environment and what it can provide.

For more information and to book your place please contact our Inverness Office on 01463222569.



PARENTZONE ADVICE RE INTERNET SAFETY

Hateful or sexually inappropriate content

- You can report directly to the content provider, such as a social media or online video provider, asking them to remove hate-filled or overly sexualised content.
- Most social media platforms have simple processes in place for reporting inappropriate content. Try searching for 'Report', or look through their terms and conditions, or Help section.
- ParentPort is run by the UK's media regulators and allows you to make complaints about online content, wherever you find it. Visit **www.parentport.org.uk**
- True Vision is a police-funded site that provides information about hate crime. You can report all forms of hate crime, including online content, at **www.report-it.org.uk**. This includes racial, homophobic, transphobic, religious or disability hate crime.

Mobile phone content

You can report any unsuitable online content – film, still images or even plain text – that a child sees using their mobile phone to your mobile operator. If the mobile operator requires further advice, the query will be passed to the British Board of Film Classification

Inappropriate contact with an adult online

If you know or suspect that a child has been communicating with an adult online and you are concerned that they are in danger, report it to CEOP, part of the National Crime Agency: **www.ceop.police.uk**

Radicalisation and Extremism

If you are worried that a child is in immediate danger you should contact the police either through your local police station or calling 999. You can also report to the confidential anti-terrorist helpline on 0800 789 321.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Highland Child Protection Committee – Highland policy, procedures and training

<http://hcpc.scot/>

Moray Child Protection Committee – Moray policy, procedures and training

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_88801.html

Care and Learning Alliance – Relevant information and links for Keeping Children Safe

<https://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk/guidance-support/child-protection/>

Care and Learning Alliance E Learning Zone – Offering a range of online childcare courses. Learn in your own time, at your own pace

<https://calaelearning.co.uk/>