



Safer and Empowered Communities Forum – 23rd August 2023

Key updates for the Forum and wider network



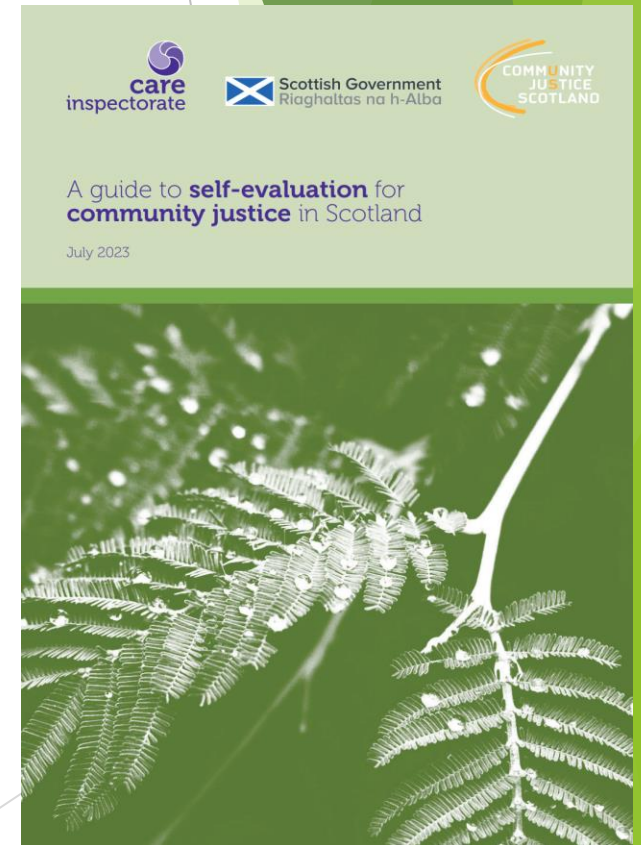
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Updated Guide to Self-Evaluation in Scotland

- The Care Inspectorate has recently published its updated guide to self-evaluation for community justice in Scotland, which reflects the 2022 Vision for Justice in Scotland and the National Strategy for Community Justice.
- It is to be primarily used by statutory and third sector groups that have a strategic responsibility to plan, deliver, and evaluate community justice services in Scotland.
- The guide promotes collaborative self-evaluation and provides a range of quality indicators to support community justice partners in considering how they contribute to improving the life chances and outcomes of people with living experience of community justice in Scotland.





Updated Guide to Self-Evaluation in Scotland

- Groups are encouraged to self-evaluate as part of continuous improvement journey.
- The quality improvement framework in this guide is framed around six key questions which are broken down to 10 key areas of focus for evaluation and improvement. The framework assists community justice partnerships to answer these questions. 
- Partners are provided with an outline statement to provide an example of what clear and reflective self-evaluation looks like. And partners are asked to provide evidence at each quality indicator.
- To access the guide, please visit the [Care Inspectorate's website](#).

- What outcomes have we achieved?
- How well do we meet the needs of people and our staff?
- How good is our delivery of community justice?
- How good is our management?
- How good is our leadership?
- What is our capacity for improvement?



An Informed Choice: Community Asset Transfer Information Session

- CVS Falkirk & District is holding an online information session on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) (with the possibility for additional sessions later), from **1pm – 3:30pm** on **Tuesday 5th September**.
- **An Informed Choice:** Community Asset Transfer is an introductory session, open to third sector organisations and groups across Falkirk and District area.
- These sessions are part of our support to the local third sector and communities around the Falkirk Strategic Property Review and the proposal to make 133 council-owned properties available for transfer to communities.
- This event is a chance to learn more about the opportunities and possible challenges of CAT and community ownership, including rights and responsibilities, and eligibility criteria.



An Informed Choice: Community Asset Transfer Information Session

- We will be joined by the Community Ownership Support Service (COSS), Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS), and the Scottish Land Fund, who will discuss the CAT process, the steps involved, and funding available. There will also be time dedicated to attendees' questions.
- To book your place at the “An Informed Choice” session, please contact our team by email: info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk
- Alternatively, for further information on Community Asset Transfer in Falkirk District, and the support we can offer throughout the process, visit the [dedicated page](#).



Autumn School Holiday Food and Activities Fund

- Falkirk Council's Autumn School Holiday Food and Activities Fund 2023 aims to support local organisations to deliver activities and food to children and young people from low-income families across Falkirk during the Autumn school holiday.
- Funding of up to £2,000 will be available and projects must have activities that cover a minimum number of 2 days throughout the Autumn holiday.
- **Applications submission:** from Wednesday 16th August to Friday 1st September.
- **Applications assessment and panel decision:** from Monday 4th September to Thursday 14th September.



Autumn School Holiday Food and Activities Fund

- **Response:** you should be notified with a response about your application in the week commencing 18th September. Funding expected to be with successful applicants by Monday 2nd October.
- **New online application form:** To submit your application, go to: [Community - Apply for funding for school holiday activities and food - My Falkirk](#).
- A guide to the application submission and fund restrictions will be sent after the Forum.
- If you need help or encounter an error, please contact: tatjana.sandon@falkirk.gov.uk or fairerfalkirk@falkirk.gov.uk



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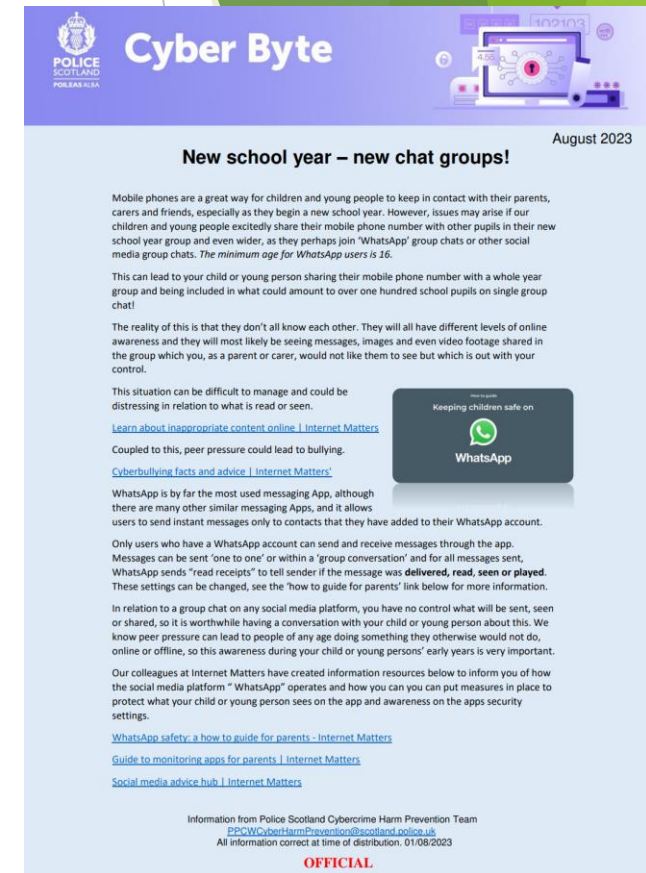
- For help completing your application, including how you can promote food and activities towards the target groups, contact: fairerfalkirk@falkirk.gov.uk
- For advice on how to organise activities for children and young people, contact: cameron.reid@falkirkcommunitytrust.org
- For help with capacity building, applying for funding, and governance support, contact: CVS Falkirk [at info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk](mailto:info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk)
- For menu ideas, portion guidance, resources, and training to support the food provision of funding, contact or visit: fv.fvcommunitynutrition@nhs.scot www.nhsforthvallery.com/nutrition



Police Scotland

– August Cyber Byte

- Police Scotland has published the August's edition of its Cyber Byte newsletter.
- This month's edition highlights social media considerations for parents, families and carers to be aware of as the new school year begins later this month, along with guides on Whatsapp safety and monitoring apps.
- View the full Byte [here](#) and if you want to receive future additions, please email PPCWCyberHarmPrevention@scotland.police.uk





Challenge Poverty Week

2nd – 8th October 2023

- The Poverty Alliance has shared five policy asks for Challenge Poverty Week 2023 (CPW). They are calling for action across **fair funding for the third sector; adequate incomes; food; housing and transport.**
- The policy asks were developed in collaboration with a short life working group with representation from public bodies, the private sector, and a variety of third sector organisations.
- **Help spread the word:** Organisations are being encouraged by the Poverty Alliance to support in raising the profile of these critical policies ahead of CPW. Orgs can utilise this toolkit or share these messages and graphic (next slide) to find out how they can support the message of these policy asks and share with wider networks.

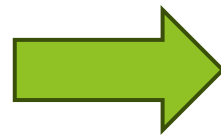


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- **Messages:** We're joining #ChallengePoverty week because we want to live in a just and equal Scotland free from poverty. Check out the policy asks for #CPW23 and join us in raising your voice against poverty www.povertyalliance.org/CPW
- Collective action based on justice and compassion can create solutions. Join us and organisations across Scotland for #ChallengePoverty week on 2nd Oct – 8th Oct. Find out more about the calls for action for #CPW23 here: www.povertyalliance.org/CPW

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- **Scotland's Programme for Government:** The Poverty Alliance will be utilising these policy calls as the basis for their advocacy ahead of the Programme for Government, due to be published in September.
- They will be sharing these briefings with relevant policy teams at the Scottish Government and will be back in touch with you to highlight further engagement opportunities.
- In the meantime, they hope that you may be able to echo these policies within your own advocacy to put challenging poverty at the heart of the Programme for Government.



Human Rights Bill Consultation

- The Scottish Government has published the consultation for its Human Rights Bill. This is one of the biggest steps forward in human rights in Scotland because the Bill will embed major international human rights treaties and the right to a healthy environment into Scots law.
- This could make it much easier for people to name and claim all their rights and drive a shift towards human rights-based decision-making - if it is done correctly.
- The Human Rights Consortium wants as many civil society organisations as possible to make their voices heard in the consultation process. You can complete the consultation [online](#) (EasyRead/BSL/Gaelic version is available), or you can attend one of the below online events to share your views:
 - [18:00 – 20:00 on 05 September 2023](#)
 - [10:00 – 12:00 on 11 September 2023](#)



Trauma Informed Training

- There are free trauma training resources from the National Trauma Training Programme which are openly available to support all members of the Scottish workforce to meet the vision of:
- *“A trauma informed and responsive nation and workforce, that is capable of recognising where people are affected by trauma and adversity, that is able to respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery and can address inequalities and improve life chances.”*
- There are resources focusing on staff wellbeing as well as Level 1 and 2 resources to support staff/volunteers to become more trauma informed and trauma skilled.





Trauma Informed Training

- There are also resources for justice workers on Turas. This includes anyone who works in the justice sector, whether paid or unpaid, and includes leaders and managers.
- Resources include the Trauma Informed Justice Knowledge and Skills Framework for Working with Victims and Witnesses, and initial bite-sized video learning.
- Find out more [here](#).



Ways to avoid re-traumatising witnesses part 1: Trauma and Credibility (9 minutes)



Ways to avoid re-traumatising witnesses part 2: Trauma Informed Approaches (6 minutes)



Ways to avoid re-traumatising witnesses part 3: Window of Tolerance (7 minutes)



Trauma Informed Sexual Offences Examinations, for Forensic Medical Examiners (50 mins) - Currently privacy restricted - contact psychology@nes.scot.nhs.uk