



# Parenting Newsletter December 2016



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

- [Welcome](#)
- [Policy](#)
- [Practice](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Research](#)
- [News](#)
- [Events](#)

## IN OTHER NEWS

### Feedback

If you would like to submit an article for the **March 2017** issue please send it to [the editor](#) by 10 Feb 2017.

### Thanks!

Thanks to all those who contributed to this bulletin including:

Cara Jardine, Karen Armstrong, Ruth Johnston and Emma Dewar.

## Welcome

Welcome to the **Parenting across Scotland** parenting newsletter for parenting practitioners. Whether you work directly with families or on the policies which affect them, it will keep you up to date with what's happening in parenting across Scotland.

You can also find resources for parents and carers, and practitioners on the **Parenting across Scotland website**.

## Policy

### Policy update

Check out our policy page for **a round-up of recent policy issues**, including the Named Person Supreme Court judgement, early learning and childcare consultation and new health and social care standards.

## Practice

### Careers advice from Skills Development Scotland

Emma Dewar, Skills Development Scotland explains how the national skills body has **extended the reach of its careers service** in schools to include younger pupils, their parents, carers and teachers.

### NHS Health Scotland financial inclusion referral pathway toolkit

NHS Health Scotland has created a **financial inclusion referral**

## Editorial policy

The PAS parenting newsletter will include any copy that may be of interest to its readers in the PAS community. We will notify you if we are unable to include an item. Copy submitted for publication is accepted on the basis that it may be edited to ensure coherence within the publication. The views expressed by individual contributors do not necessarily reflect those of PAS.

## Contact

**Let us know** if there's anything you'd like to share in the next issue.

**pathway toolkit** to support professionals to increase access to financial inclusion services.

## Resources

### My Diary

**A new resource** from Families Outside for children of primary school age affected by parental imprisonment, My Diary, follows a week in the life of a young boy whose father is in prison.

## Research

### Exploring the information behaviours of younger mothers

Researchers at the University of Strathclyde have begun a **major study** examining the risk of 'information poverty' among mothers under the age of 25.

## News

### Kirsty the Holyrood baby at six months old

Read Clare Simpson's **article in Holyrood magazine** describing the support that open kindergartens provide to parents in Norway and Sweden.

### Equal protection from assault

Clare Simpson, manager, Parenting across Scotland **makes the case** for children having the same protection from assault as adults.

### **Year of the Dad art competition**

As part of the Year of the Dad celebrations, Families Outside has launched an art competition involving prisoners and their children. Working in collaboration, either dad or child will start a picture, and then the other will finish it. The competition is designed to act as a stimulus for positive interaction between dads and their children, promoting the Year of the Dad message about the difference a great dad can make.

Entries are being collected from prisons across the country with a 'National winner' to be crowned in December. For more information contact Tim Haines on 0131 557 9800 or [tim.haines@familiesoutside.org.uk](mailto:tim.haines@familiesoutside.org.uk).

### **New PAS website**

The new, responsive PAS website is now live. We welcome any **feedback, comments or suggestions**.

## **Events**

The Parenting across Scotland and the Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution seminar explored how compassionate connections are crucial for the health, happiness and the well being of all young people.

**Naomi Eisenstadt, Senior Research Fellow at University of Oxford**

**John McAteer, Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy**

**Michael Shanks, Includem**

View all the presentations on our [YouTube channel](#)

### **Supporting families with disabled children**

This **Holyrood event** will explore why families with disabled children have difficulty getting their voices heard and accessing the services that they need most. From childcare to transitions into adulthood, how will current and future government policies support families and disabled children in Scotland?

**Date:** 14 December 2016

**Venue:** Edinburgh

Check out [what's coming up](#). If you are planning an event, [send us](#) the details and we'll post it on our website.

[Edit your subscription](#) | [Unsubscribe instantly](#)

Parenting across Scotland  
Level 1, Rosebery House, 9 Haymarket Terrace  
Edinburgh EH12 5EZ