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Feedback

If you would like to submit an article for the September **2017** issue please send it to [the editor](#) by 25 August 2017.

Thanks!

Thanks to all those who contributed to this bulletin including:

Welcome

Welcome to the **Parenting across Scotland newsletter**. 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

Visit our **policy pages** for a round-up of the latest Scottish consultations and legislation.

Equally protected? Parents' role in defending children's rights

There is substantial research that links physical discipline with a variety of negative outcomes for children. The **Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland office argues** that it is time for Scotland to commit to legal reform.

Childcare blog

Pauline McIntyre,
Thomas Lynch, Claire
Halliday, Alison Parkes,
Nikki Slowey and Jen
Nash.

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.

Childcare blogs

In the first of our series of **childcare blogs**, PAS manager, Clare Simpson, discusses PAS' response to the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare. Future blogs will cover flexibility, parental consultations, childminding and more.

Baby boxes

From mid August 2017, all new parents in Scotland will be eligible to receive a **baby box**; the box will provide a safe place for the new baby to sleep and will contain bedding, clothes and other essential items that baby and the new parents will need in the first six months.

Parental involvement in schools

The National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS) **publishes the Review** of the Impact of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

Scotland's most family friendly employers

The awards celebrate progressive organisations that recognise the importance of family friendly working.

Practice

Shining a light on the needs of armed forces children and young people

Find out how children and young people of armed forces families are being supported in Scotland.

Antenatal classes for dads

Stay connected!

Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and check out our [YouTube](#) channel for conference and seminar presentations.

Thomas Lynch from Dads Rock explains how they worked with NHS Lothian in January 2016 to **provide free antenatal classes** in Edinburgh specifically aimed at dads.

Research

Father-child relationships and children's socio-emotional wellbeing

A new report looks at how the quality of father-child relationships is associated with children's socio-emotional wellbeing.

News

Additional support for learning - are we getting it right for every child?

Since the introduction of the 2004 Additional Support for Learning Act many children who otherwise may have fallen through the gaps in support are now identified and offered additional support. But this isn't the picture for all, **Dr Jonathan Sher discusses the improvements that are needed** to fully realise the potential benefits of full implementation.

Events

The nurture factor: supporting better environments and learning for two-year-olds

This one-day training workshop has been designed to provide an opportunity for all practitioners working in the early learning and childcare sector to focus on the particular needs of two-year-old children.

Preventing and mitigating child poverty

This event will provide an opportunity for participants to systematically explore the evidence and issues surrounding actions to tackle child poverty. It will launch 'Tackling child poverty: Actions to prevent and mitigate child poverty at the local level' an accessible, action-oriented evidence review produced by What Works Scotland's Evidence Bank.

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

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