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Feedback

If you would like to submit an article for the December **2017** issue please send it to [the editor](#) by 13 November 2017.

Thanks!

Thanks to all those who contributed to this bulletin including Andrew O'Malley, Elaine Kerridge,

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**.

Events

Parenting in a digital world

This PAS seminar will explore the risks and opportunities that the digital world offers children and families, and look at how we can best support parents and carers to manage and negotiate this world with their children.



Families Outside conference report

Nancy Loucks,
Roseanna MacDonald
and Tracey Francis.

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.

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

Stav connected!

On 31 May this year, PAS partner, Families Outside, hosted a national conference on improving support for families at the point of arrest. This report gives an **overview of the day**.

Policy

Policy update

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

Programme for Government

In September the Scottish Government announced its Programme for Government for the year ahead. We have **provided a round-up** of the parts of the programme which cover families, children and young people.

CHANGE: Childcare and Nurture Glasgow East

Children in Scotland has been awarded a grant from the Big Lottery to work with people in the Glasgow East to look at **what childcare is needed for local families**.

Childcare blog

As well as 'free hours' of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) being available to all three and four year olds, 'free hours' are also available to some two year olds. Clare Simpson, PAS manager **discusses the different options available**.

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

Food, Families, Futures

Children in Scotland's **Food, Families, Futures (FFF) project** addresses the issue of food poverty and its links with wellbeing, learning and attainment.

Practice

Power Up Power Down: Children and young people's voices can improve court processes in the context of domestic abuse

Roseanna Macdonald, Scottish Women's Aid explains how the project is aiming to **improve the experience and outcomes for children** involved in family court actions relating to contact decisions.

Parents – the key to successful transition

Parents and families are often the one fixed point in a world of change for school leavers with learning difficulties and disabilities. **We have to support them better**, says Tracey Francis from Contact.

News

Poverty in Fife

Rhona Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer, Fife Gingerbread explains how the **needs of families in Fife** have not diminished, in fact they seem to have increased over time.

UK benefits system – punishing the most vulnerable

One Parent Families Scotland has **published research** which shows the present benefits conditionality regime disproportionately affects vulnerable single parents.

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