



Parenting newsletter April 2019



Welcome

Welcome to the [Parenting across Scotland](#) (PAS) 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](#).

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

On 28 February Parenting across Scotland manager, Clare Simpson gave evidence to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, explaining how the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child places children's rights very firmly in the context of the family. View the film on [Twitter](#).

You can read PAS [response to the consultation here](#).

Parenting across Scotland news

We are delighted to announce that we have received one years funding from the Social Innovation Fund to pilot Open Kindergartens in Scotland. In partnership with [Children in Scotland](#), [City of Edinburgh Council](#), [Midlothian Sure Start](#) and [University of Stirling](#) PAS will be piloting two services in Scotland.

Open kindergartens are an innovative model of family support developed in Sweden and replicated in other Nordic countries. They are professionally staffed drop-in sessions where parents and carers come along with their children. Parents and carers are given unobtrusive and non-judgemental assistance as well as peer support and contact.

At Stage One, a literature review and conversations with practitioners and parents and carers were undertaken to assess the feasibility of and adjustments needed to bring Open Kindergartens to Scotland.

The summary report from stage one of the project is [available here](#). If you would like further information please [contact us](#).

Social Work Scotland report, Prevention or crisis response?

Social workers have used section 12 (s.12) payments (Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968) to offer a lifeline to struggling adults, children and families. This has helped people get a bed for the night, heat homes, pay rent, get a meal and clothe children during hard times. PAS, [Aberlour](#) and the [University of Stirling](#) undertook an exploratory study of current s.12 support and what practitioners can provide.

The Social Work Scotland report, [Prevention or Crisis Response?](#) Reflections on the 1968 Act, interviews workers and families on the current picture and compares this to how councils applied s.12 support in the past.

"Love is a strong word"

We are surrounded by love and take it for granted that it is part of life. [So why has it become such a radical thing to discuss](#) in the early learning and

Early Learning and Childcare Inclusion Fund

[The fund](#) will distribute awards to registered providers to support children with additional support needs

childcare sector and indeed the wider care sector?

to access their free early learning and childcare entitlement.

The square peg and round hole story of Early Learning and Childcare

A pilot project was created in Dundee offered truly accessible day care in the heart of the community. [This article](#) discusses how this model works to give true flexibility to families.

This new resource promotes gender equality from an early age

A [new resource](#) to help boost practitioner awareness of the positive benefits from encouraging and supporting gender equality from an early age.

Events

[Our calendar lists events](#) that may be of interest to people working with parents and families.

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