



LEARNING BULLETIN 5

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Hello! Welcome to the fifth learning bulletin in our series. We hope you find it informative. As we head into the 2026/27 training year we shall soon be releasing our provisional training programme of courses, events and learning opportunities. Look out for incoming communications soon

This bulletin is designed to keep learning & development bite sized and relevant. We welcome feedback, suggestions or contributions for future editions- particularly anything you've found helpful in your own practise. If you would like to contribute, please do get in touch using the email address below-

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Toolbox Tip



There is [research](#) to suggest that there is an elevated crossover regarding hoarding behaviours and people with autistic spectrum conditions. This [article](#) for practitioners, written by our Learning & Development Officer, highlights a strengths based approach to supporting people, the importance of tapping into a person's wavelength, and celebrating the wonderful strengths and creativities within individuals. With an additional quick read [one-page summary](#).

Domestic Abuse Services

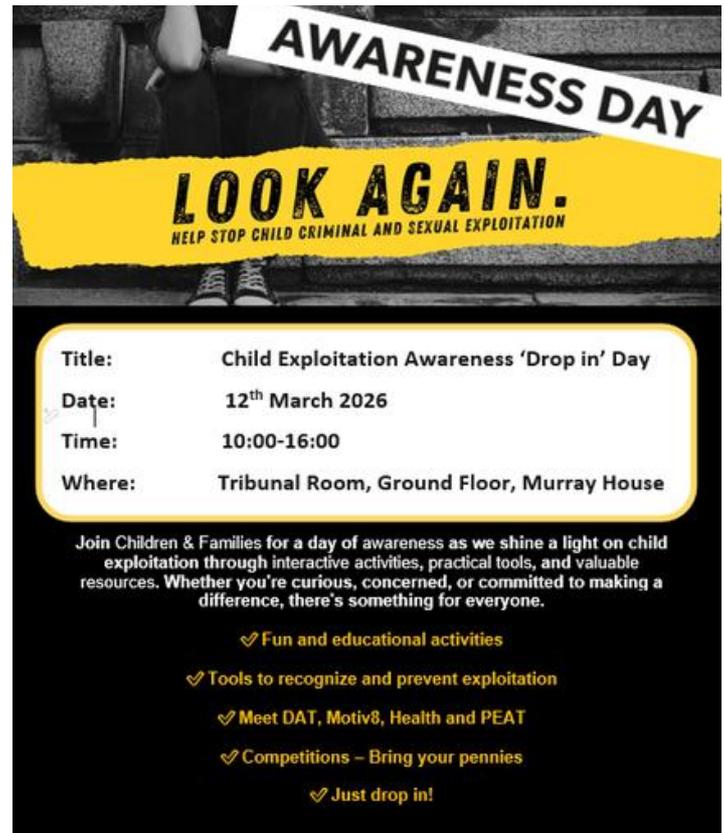
women's aid

until women & children are safe

The 2025 edition of Women's Aid [annual publication](#) provides an in-depth picture of the provision, usage and work of domestic abuse services in England during the 2023-24 financial year. The report demonstrates that whilst there have been some improvements in provision, the gap between provision and demand for domestic abuse services in 2023-24 is similar to previous years, if not slightly worse. A notable number of respondents to the annual survey expressed concerns relating to the sustainability of their services, with more than one in ten (15%) respondents telling us they had to close or reduce an area of work in their service over the past financial year

Child Exploitation Day March 12th

Manx Care's Children and Families Teams are putting on an Awareness Raising day at Murray House on March 12th (see poster for details) This is a fantastic opportunity for us all to get together and shine a light on child exploitation. It would be great if you had the time to pop down at some point to support the day. No need to book, it's a drop-in session. There will be interactive activities, practical tools and valuable resources, along with a chance to meet those who work to make a difference across health, social care, police and third sector organisations. A truly collaborative day for all.



Title: Child Exploitation Awareness 'Drop in' Day
Date: 12th March 2026
Time: 10:00-16:00
Where: Tribunal Room, Ground Floor, Murray House

Join Children & Families for a day of awareness as we shine a light on child exploitation through interactive activities, practical tools, and valuable resources. Whether you're curious, concerned, or committed to making a difference, there's something for everyone.

- ✔ Fun and educational activities
- ✔ Tools to recognize and prevent exploitation
- ✔ Meet DAT, Motiv8, Health and PEAT
- ✔ Competitions – Bring your pennies
- ✔ Just drop in!



Resource Spotlight

The Isle of Man Safeguarding Board is in the process of compiling a Resource Library for practitioners across all sectors. We want to hear your success stories, and your examples of good practise. To hear more about this initiative, read this [article](#). There is good practise and initiatives happening all across the Island, and we want to hear about it.

Youth Violence

Research in Practice has published a [podcast](#) episode looking at youth violence through a public health lens. The podcast explores: how services can work together; listening to young people's voices; and building safer communities.

Spotting signs of trauma

For Baby's Sake has published an [article](#) looking at trauma in children and adults. The article explores the impact of trauma on children and how childhood maltreatment can affect brain development, including attachment issues, behaviour problems, and an inability to self-regulate.

