

ASP and Financial Harm Information Pack for Council Officer Forum

This pack contains core resources e.g. on Professional Curiosity, that inform all ASP work. It also contains Financial Harm specific resources.



East Lothian and Midlothian
Public Protection Committee



Guidance and Research

- Experience of Victims of Fraud and Cyber Crime (Jan 2025)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/experiences-of-victims-of-fraud-and-cyber-crime/experiences-of-victims-of-fraud-and-cyber-crime#findings>
- Age Scotland - Staying Safe from Abuse Guide
<https://www.agescotland.org.uk/information-advice/information-guides/legal-and-family/118-staying-safe-from-abuse>
- “They didn’t ask me”: Investigation into the care and treatment of Mr E (2024).
Has relevance to how corporate appointeeships are managed.
<https://www.mwcscot.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/Investigation%20Mr%20E%202024.pdf>
- EMPPC Newsletter Spotlight on Sextortion <https://www.emppc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Spotlight-on-Sextortion.pdf>

Guidance and Research

- **Surviving Economic Abuse website:** <https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/what-is-economic-abuse/>
- Economic Abuse Wheel <https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Economic-abuse-wheel.pdf>
- 95% of domestic abuse victims experience economic abuse. [Coerced Debt: Impact and Statistics 2020](#)
- 73% of women experiencing economic abuse report that this crisis has made it harder or impossible to leave their abusers. [Cost of Living and the impact on survivors of domestic abuse, Women's Aid 2022](#)
- 16% of adults in the UK (8.7 million people) say that they have experienced economic abuse. [Know Economic Abuse Report 2020](#)
- 60% of victim-survivors of coercive control have been coerced into taking out debt which can take many years to repay and impacts credit ratings. [SEA Coerced Debt Statistics 2020](#)
- Women who can't find £100 at short notice are 3.5 times more likely to experience domestic abuse: [SEA Coerced Debt Statistics 2020](#)
- 25% of women who have suffered economic abuse report continuing to experience it after leaving the abuser. [SEA Coerced Debt Statistics 2020](#)

Guidance and Research

- 7-minute briefing Adult Support and Protection – Financial Section 10 Requests
[https://www.iriss.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/fh_section_10_requests - 7mb.pptx.pdf](https://www.iriss.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/fh_section_10_requests_-_7mb.pptx.pdf)

Podcasts and Videos

- Predatory Marriage – Safeguarding Matters podcast <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/predatory-marriage-safeguarding-matters/> (38 minutes 11 seconds)
- [Older Adult Scammed](#) (31 seconds)
- Predatory Marriage - how did it impact on Daphne Frank's life? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjNaGNx97YY> (46 seconds)
- Inheritance Wars – Who Gets the Money. Predatory Marriage- Ch5 Catch Up (65 minutes)
- Predatory Marriage – Safeguarding Matters podcast <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/predatory-marriage-safeguarding-matters/> (38 minutes 11 seconds)
- Office of the Public Guardian presentation on OPG role <https://www.iriss.org.uk/aspire/resources/resource/aspire-2024-office-public-guardian-input-1-and-supported-decision-making-input-2-webinar> (52 minutes)

Lived Experience/Trauma

- <https://www.ladslikeus.co.uk/>

“When someone asked me those questions, it didn’t open a can of worms, it opened a door to healing.”

“Being trauma informed isn't a tick box exercise, it's a way of being. Used with professional curiosity, you will save lives. It saved ours“



Trauma and Trauma Training

- Visit [Trauma – national trauma training programme | NHS Education for \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/trauma-training/) for learning resources and the knowledge and skills framework.

Please ensure you have the correct level of trauma training for your role.

- [Opening Doors: Trauma Informed Practice for the Workforce on Vimeo](#)
- [Sowing Seeds: Trauma Informed Practice for Anyone Working with Children and Young People on Vimeo](#)
- [A piece of the puzzle: Trauma Informed Practice in dementia care on Vimeo](#)
- [Adopting a Trauma-Informed Approach | Improvement Service](#)
- [Domestic abuse- and trauma-informed practice: companion document \(improvementservice.org.uk\)](#)
- [Alcohol and drug use and trauma-informed practice: companion document \(improvementservice.org.uk\)](#)
- [Mental health and trauma-informed practice: companion document \(improvementservice.org.uk\)](#)
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) and Trauma - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Defensible Decision Making

- [Decision making and social work in Scotland: The role of evidence and practice wisdom \(iriss.org.uk\)](http://iriss.org.uk)
- [Time, the Written Record, and Professional Practice: The Case of Contemporary Social Work - Theresa Lillis, Maria Leedham, Alison Twiner, 2020 \(sagepub.com\)](http://sagepub.com)
- [Using professional judgement and language in writing Archives - WiSPER \(writinginsocialwork.com\)](http://writinginsocialwork.com)
- [Bing Videos](#) (4 minutes and 25 seconds). Five tips to Improve Your Critical Thinking:
 1. Formulate your question
 2. Gather your information
 3. Apply the information
 4. Consider the implications
 5. Explore other points of view

Transferrable learning to support critical thinking
in ASP work.

Professional Curiosity

- https://www.iriss.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-07/g20_hoarding_learning_review_october_2023.pdf G20 Learning Review
- Professional Curiosity in Safeguarding Adults (Research in Practice) https://www.researchinpractice.org.uk/media/z5nl0yiw/adults_professional_curiosity_sb_web.pdf
- [Bing Videos](#) Professional Curiosity (short version- 2 minutes)
- [Bing Videos](#) Professional Curiosity (full version- 27 minutes and 1 second)
- [Professional Curiosity \(angus.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Professional curiosity – Caring Social Work \(wordpress.com\)](#)
- [Exploring how practitioners support and protect ad.pdf](#) Exploring how practitioners support and protect adults at risk of harm in the light of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (Especially Recommendations: Pg. 118-122)

Professional Curiosity: Wonnacot's Discrepancy Matrix

<https://adultsdp.researchinpractice.org.uk/media/yaroympj/tool12.pdf>

Discrepancy matrix

Can be used to focus thinking to inform your inquiries.

E.g. what do you know and have evidence for, compared with what is an assumption.

		Strong evidence		
		What do I know (evidence)?	What is ambiguous?	
Strongly held view				Unclear or no view
		What I think I know (assumption)	What is missing (what action is needed)?	
		Weak or no evidence		

Barriers to Professional Curiosity

- [Professional Curiosity \(angus.gov.uk\)](https://www.angus.gov.uk) (includes outline of 10 barriers to professional curiosity)
- [Bing Videos](#) What is Confirmation Bias? (2 minutes 49 seconds) Some Barriers to Professional Curiosity
- [Sue Woolmore talks about disguised compliance and the importance of professional curiosity - Bing video](#) (4 minutes and 13 seconds)

Code of Practice and Local Guidance

- Code of Practice (Sections of particular relevance, e.g. on financial harm on pg. 23-24 and pg.31) should be read in conjunction with other sections which are not financial harm specific but are nonetheless relevant to the specific case e.g. Banning Order Order) [adult-support-protection-scotland-act-2007-code-practice \(4\).pdf](#)
- EMPPC Practitioners Guidance on Financial Harm <https://www.emppc.co.uk/resources/>

EMPPC Escalating Concerns Procedure



When to Consider Using the Escalating Concerns Procedure?

If the adult does not meet the '3-point test', or any other legislative criteria, but are still at high levels of risk, the Council Officer should inform the referrer of the outcome of the DTI within one working day. At this stage, the referrer should be advised that they can make a referral under the Escalating Concerns Procedure. The referrer can obtain a copy of the referral form from the Council Officer or emppo@eastlothian.gov.uk.

If the adult is already being risk managed under Adult Support and Protection Procedures, all risk management options within these procedures have been exhausted, and there is unanimous agreement that levels of risk remain high, a referral can be made by the Chair of the APCC, within one working day of the decision.

Find the procedure here:

[Resources | emppc.co.uk](https://emppc.co.uk/resources)

ASpire Hub

- [ASpire Hub | Iriss](#)

The ASpire Hub, hosted by Iriss, is “a place to share resources and good practice in Adult Support and Protection”.

It has a range of resources across several different topics that could inform your ASP practice.

Please have a look!

Our website – empppc.co.uk

Concerned about a child or adult?



East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee Website



Our website – who it is for?

This website is for staff, volunteers and decision makers who work in East Lothian and Midlothian and who need to know more about Public Protection. It includes procedures and guidance documents, and resources to learn more about Adult Support and Protection, Child Protection, Violence Against Women and Girls and MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements).

This website is also for members of the public who want to know what to do if they are concerned that a child or adult might be at risk of harm. This could be from abuse or neglect caused by another person, self-neglect or self harm or the child or adult may be at risk and need support and protection.