

# PUBLIC PROTECTION NEWSLETTER

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## SPOTLIGHT ON DEMENTIA AWARENESS



### INTRODUCTION TO ANNA MCFARLAND, EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE'S ELDERLY PERSON'S LIAISON OFFICER

Hello, my name is Anna McFarland. I am a police constable based at Kirkintilloch police station. I am part of the community police department which is a fantastic role in the police service. It allows me to tackle issues which are causing concern in our communities, I really enjoy the interaction with members of the public and the partners I have daily.

As part of my role, I am the Vulnerable Older Person Liaison Officer. This is a new role for a police officer which has been created and implemented by the Local Area Commander in East Dunbartonshire. I remain a uniformed community police officer however I undertake additional duties to identify and support vulnerable older people in our communities.

East Dunbartonshire has an increasingly older population. Some of whom do encounter and require a police service for a variety of reasons. Some older people may also have vulnerabilities which can make them more likely to be victims of crime or need additional support in the community.

As a result of our older demographic in East Dunbartonshire an enhanced policing approach has been implemented which we call EDVOP. The vision of EDVOP is to provide vulnerable older people with exceptional policing services. We want to be an effective and influential community partner which acts to reduce the risk of harm, provides reassurance, and improves the safety, wellbeing and resilience of vulnerable older people.

We pay particular attention to people aged 65 or over who may be vulnerable due to:

- social isolation
- declining physical or cognitive abilities
- having limited family, social or community connections
- chance of exploitation from fraud, scams or other criminality
- increased risk of harm to themselves or others.



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EDVOP delivers focused policing activity to improve identification and safeguarding of vulnerable older people. Safeguarding encompasses crime prevention particularly from fraud, scams, and bogus crime. There is a focus on community safety where a vulnerable older person may present a risk to themselves or others or needs additional support due to vulnerability factors. EDVOP delivers an enhanced approach to first responder uniform policing services for older people. We are seeking to develop new partnerships and collaborations while strengthening existing relationships as a part of a local network of community supportive services.

Daily I will attend and speak with older people who have had reason to be in contact with the police. Often this is as a follow up from earlier contact with other police officers. This could be due to being a victim of crime, or where there has been a concern for their welfare reported to police. I will provide the best policing service I can to individuals and families, provide support and advice and refer when necessary to other departments in the police, or local partners such as social services or older people's mental health teams.

I have found that older people and families really appreciate my visits and the policing approach being implemented. Over the last few months, I have met with professionals within East Dunbartonshire HSCP and social services to learn more about their roles, and where I can help support good outcomes for vulnerable older people in the community through my role.

I get a great deal of job satisfaction from supporting and helping our older community, if you would like to contact me for more information or to offer support please email me on

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## HERBERT PROTOCOL

Since 2017 the Herbert Protocol has been used many times to help police and other agencies quickly and safely locate missing people who have dementia. The scheme is being rolled out nationwide from 21 September 2021.

Families of a person with the condition are asked to download the Herbert Protocol form and provide information such as places of importance to them, often visited places, health issues and places they have been found in the past if reported missing. Ownership and responsibility for updating the form remains with the family.

Following its introduction in Scotland, the Herbert Protocol has been used many times to trace missing people with dementia and return them home. It is another example of how emergency and care services are working together to keep those with dementia safe.

### ***What should I do if I'm concerned that my friend or relative is missing?***

If you believe the person is missing or at risk of harm, please call '999' at the earliest opportunity. Tell the operator you have a Herbert protocol form.

## DEMENTIA CAFÉ

Join us at our De Cafés for a warm and welcoming environment where people and families living with dementia and long-term memory problems can come together for support and socialisation.

### **Bishopbriggs De Café**

Location: Woodhill Evangelical Church,  
Bishopbriggs, G64 2NA

Time: 2 - 3.30pm

When: First Tuesday of the month

### **Lenzie De Café**

Location: Lenzie Union Parish Church,  
Kirkintilloch Road, Lenzie, G66 4LD

Time: 1.30 - 3pm

When: Second Monday of the month

### **Killermont De Café**

Location: Killermont Parish Church, Rannoch Drive,  
Bearsden, G61 2LD

Time: 2-4pm

When: Fourth Tuesday of the month

### **Kirkintilloch De Café**

Location: The Park Centre, 45 Kerr Street,  
Kirkintilloch, G66 1LF

Time: 1.30 - 3pm

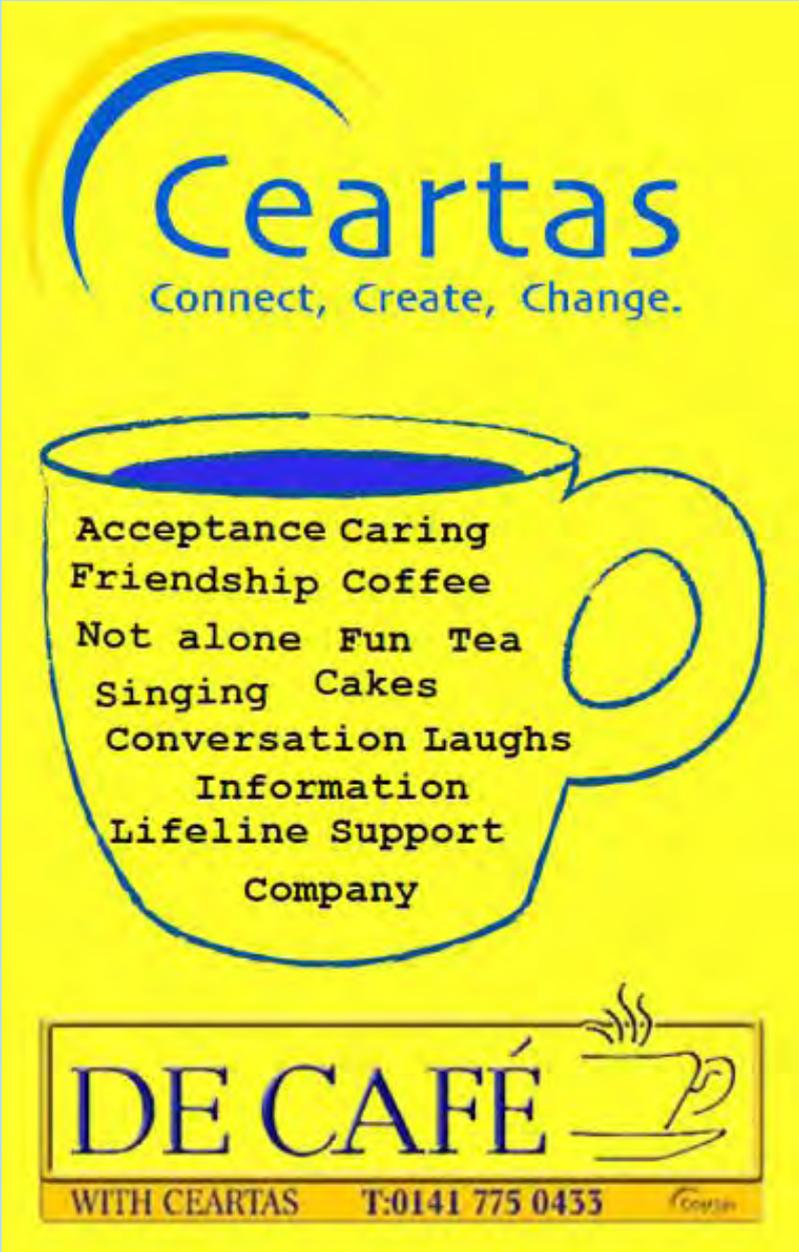
When: Last Friday of the month

### **For more information please contact us at:**

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# ONLINE HARM MODULE

A free Online Harms module has been created by a multi-agency partnership led by the Mental Health Improvement Team at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. It helps staff gain knowledge and resources around online safety concerns and understand how they can assist those they support in dealing with these issues and minimising their potential harm.

## Learning Outcomes

- Recognise and define harmful online behaviour and content
- Summarise the online harms policy landscape
- Describe types of online harm and where they can occur
- Explain the benefits of online activity.

For further information, please contact the Mental Health Improvement Team at NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde at [ggc.mhead@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.mhead@nhs.scot)



# HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction support has been provided within the Kirkintilloch Health and Care Centre (KHCC) for many years by the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Service (ADRS). To improve on service provision and support in line with the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards, the ADRS treatment room was moved and refurbished to be more accessible and trauma informed.

The previous treatment room was repurposed as a room for the ADRS Harm Reduction Service which is being led by the two senior addiction workers.

The development of this room/service ensures that there is a safe space for individuals to receive harm reduction support and advice, such as blood borne virus testing (BBV), wound care, naloxone, access to injecting equipment provision (IEP), sexual health support including free condoms and a range of information to take away.

This service is available as a drop-in, Monday to Friday within the KHCC with a dedicated mobile number to access the service. Access to the service will be available online later this year to increase accessibility and choice. Individuals do not need to be open to ADRS to access this service.

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## ALCOHOL AND DRUG RECOVERY SERVICE (ADRS)

### Harm reduction service (including IEP)

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Kirkintilloch Health and Care Centre (KHCC)  
10 Saramago Street  
Kirkintilloch  
G66 3BF

To access the service contact  
07483 948 609

Alcohol & Drug Service

<https://health.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/alcohol-and-drug-service>



### Naloxone Postal Request

[https://eastdunbarton-portal.oncreate.app/w/webpage/request?service=postal\\_naloxone\\_service\\_application](https://eastdunbarton-portal.oncreate.app/w/webpage/request?service=postal_naloxone_service_application)



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