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Home Safety Scotland Edition

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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Working together for a safer Scotland

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Long Term Vision Consultation

SFRS have launched a public consultation for communities across Scotland to offer their views on the future direction of the SFRS and how to make the country an even safer place to live, work and visit.

The safety needs of communities across Scotland are changing. To respond to this, SFRS want to evolve the service they provide and at the same time further improve what they do so that the people of Scotland have the best fire and rescue service possible.

Their document '[SFRS – Long-Term Vision](#)' details the four key principles that outline how SFRS want to work and the eight priorities they want to achieve over the next decade and beyond.

Make your voice heard, take part in their consultation and help create a safer Scotland for all.

Watch SFRS Chief Officer Martin Blunden explain more about the consultation [here](#).

You can submit a response to the SFRS Long Term Vision Consultation [here](#).

Event: Causation factors of Unintentional Injury in the Home

2pm, Tuesday 29 June



Event: Causation factors of Unintentional Injury in the home

Every week there are 6000 deaths in the UK as a result of accidents in or around the home as well as 2.7 million people a year requiring a hospital visit. Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN) commissioned Dr Margaret Callaghan to carry out a rapid literature review to explore contributory factors and factors which helped to reduce them.

This talk will discuss the methods used to undertake this review and summarise the most useful evidence; highlighting factors that lead to accidents and what can be done to prevent them.

You can book your place [here](#).

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SCSN Animation Launch of Experiences and Perceptions of Community Safety - 2pm, Wed 16 June

Following the Experiences and Perceptions of Community Safety research and webinar in 2020, SCSN are proud to launch our new animation that captures key findings and information on how different people and groups experience community safety.

The animation is 3 minutes long and is intended to be used as a resource for practitioners working in community safety to quickly and effectively share the message that community safety is a diverse landscape with equally diverse experiences.

This 30-minute micro event will share the animation, provide a bit of background, explain the next steps, and share the animation again!

You can sign up at the last minute [here](#)!

We'll be publishing the video of the Micro Event shortly afterwards. Please share the animation far and wide!

SCSN welcomes Dave Shea as Senior National Development Officer



SCSN is delighted to welcome Dave Shea as our new Senior National Development Officer.

He brings experience from eight years as a police officer, several years as manager of a community-centred volunteering service, and time as the coordinator of an innovative criminal justice research project.

Question of the Month

Our Question of the Month for May came from I Am Me Scotland. Last month we covered the 'Keep Safe' Initiative of I Am Me. You can find out more about the Keep Safe Initiative either by reading our last newsletter, or on their website [here](#).

They simply wanted to know:

'Have you heard of the Keep Safe Initiative?'

- 86.67% said Yes (13 votes)
- 6.67% said No (1 vote)
- 6.67% said not sure (1 vote)

Question of the Month

Our Question of the Month for June is based around our newsletter's Home Safety Scotland theme, and relates to our upcoming unintentional harm in the home event.

This month we're asking:

"Have you ever had an accident in the home that resulted in an injury requiring treatment?"

You can take part in our poll [here](#).

Police Scotland Body Worn Video Camera Consultation



Police Scotland have launched a public consultation on the use of Body Worn Video. This is after a shorter consultation process last year -

'We recently asked you what you thought about our armed police officers using body worn video cameras at certain times when they are dealing with incidents. When we introduce technology like this, we want to make sure we get it right for everyone, so your views are important to us.'

'Almost 9,000 people took part in our survey.'

The public told them:

- A large majority of respondents (73%) said the use of BWV would help them feel “much

safer” (58%) or “slightly safer” (15%) and a quarter said it would make them feel “neither more or less safe”;

- Nine in ten people thought BWV should be used “always” (74%) or “often” (16%);

78% of respondents said that knowing interactions with the public are recorded would increase their trust and confidence in Police Scotland.

These views helped Police Scotland decide to go ahead with giving body worn video cameras to our armed police officers across Scotland before the end of 2021.

Police Scotland is now progressing its plans to introduce body worn video cameras to more police officers and staff across Scotland with the launch of a national three-month public consultation.

You can find out more and submit a response [here](#).

Upcoming European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) Events

EFUS continues to run a programme of events of interest to those working in community safety. Over the next few weeks, these include:

Web Conference series on group violence among young people - 17 June and 7 July

The recent clashes that cost the lives of several young people in the Île-de-France region (France) have put the phenomenon of group violence among young people in the political and media spotlight. Confronted for decades with this cyclical phenomenon whose forms are evolving, particularly with social networks, local and regional authorities are mobilising.

Find out more and register [here](#).

How can cities ensure a safe post Covid recovery? - 23 June

With the increase in the percentage of the population vaccinated and the decrease in the number of infections, cities are preparing, at different paces, the relaunch of their

cultural and festive activities. Public authorities but also social and cultural actors (festival organisers, leisure facilities, etc.) are working to create the ideal conditions for a relaunch that respects all security criteria for citizens.



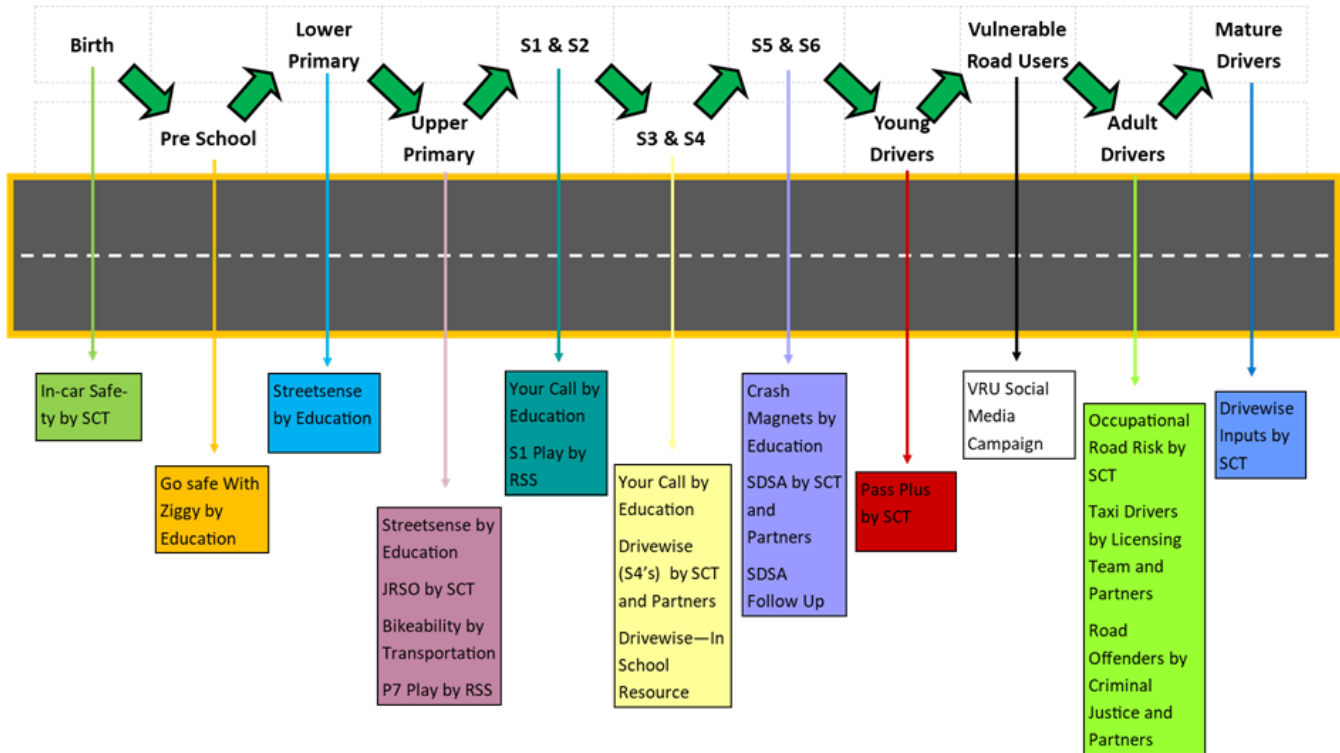
Find out more and register [here](#).

Citizen Engagement in Emergency Planning - 29 June

The ALARM project, in which Efus is a partner and whose objective is to raise the awareness of local elected officials to emergency planning, invites you to participate in this exchange that will aim to introduce you to several devices facilitating the direct involvement of citizens in emergency planning, always under the guidance and supervision of civil protection officials and the police.

Find out more and register [here](#).

Fife Road Safety Timeline



There is other work ongoing in Fife by other partners regarding road safety that it still to be included within this timeline i.e. Biker Down initiative.

Road Safety in Fife - by Bill Harley, Project officer, Safer Communities Fife

Road Safety is a topic that is important to everyone, no matter your age, gender, whether you drive, are a passenger, use public transport, or in fact a footpath user it is important that you know how to be safe on and near the roads.

In Fife, we are aiming to put in place a programme of road safety resources for people of all ages from birth through to our mature road users. These resources have been developed by us and partners and deliver advice on a whole range of topics which effect people at different times in their lives, including child car safety, education within schools and colleges, new driver projects, adult drivers, cycling initiatives, motorcyclist programmes, occupational road risk and older road users initiatives.



The recent Covid circumstances have allowed us some time to look at our provision of courses and events and evaluate where we need to improve or create new inputs. This has led us to delivering inputs online for new drivers across the county and developing additional inputs for our Drivewise and Safe Drive events.

Along with partners in Road Safety Scotland, the three Emergency Services and other departments in Fife Council we will always continue to assess our inputs and resources to ensure that we are offering appropriate messages for all age groups. The road safety issues will never fully go away but by working in partnership and continuing to deliver and evaluate we can help to reduce casualty statistics from road traffic collisions in Fife.

Gas Safe Register BBQ Safety Advice

Summer's a time for relaxing and enjoying the fine weather (while it lasts), but that doesn't mean you can forget about gas safety. If you're using a BBQ, whether in the back garden or when you're on holiday, there are things you need to know to keep yourself and others safe. Barbecue safety is really important because both gas and solid fuel BBQs come with the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning if not maintained or used correctly.

Gas, charcoal and disposable BBQs are safe when used responsibly and our BBQ safety tips are designed to ensure you stay safe. Follow our BBQ safety tips and enjoy your al fresco cooking without any risks (except for a bit of overindulging!).

BBQ Safety Checklist

The following BBQ safety advice contains all the essential points to keep in mind when cooking with a BBQ:

- Never use a BBQ indoors.
- This includes any temporary outdoor shelter



- such as tents, marquees, yurts, gazebos, playhouses, shepherd huts or igloos!
- Don't take a lit or smouldering BBQ into a tent, caravan, or cabin. Even when you have finished cooking with it, a BBQ can still give off fumes that can give you carbon monoxide poisoning. You should always leave it outside.
- The cooking area should be well away from buildings and be well ventilated with fresh air.
- Be aware of the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning:
 - Headaches
 - Nausea
 - Breathlessness
 - Dizziness
 - Collapse
 - Loss of consciousness
- Always use your BBQ in accordance with the operating instructions.
- Check the BBQ for damage before use.
- When using your BBQ ensure that it is on a level ground. In the case of disposable BBQs, use on a non-combustible surface
- Ensure disposable BBQs are cold before disposing responsibly into refuse containers. Even a slightly warm BBQ could cause a fire.

Read more [here](#).

Child Safety Week 2021 in Review

Child Safety Week took place between the 7th and 13th of June.

Visit the [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#) website to see the new downloadable resources available for you to share, however you're reaching parents, including:

- Free downloadable factsheets full of bite-sized facts and safety tips
- Session cards to kick off discussions with parents
- A colourful poster to add to your displays
- Information packs full of safety tips,



Building Safer Communities Summer Safety Newsletter



Our partners at the Building Safer Communities Programme have recently published their Outdoor Safety Summer Newsletter.

With lockdown measures continuing to ease in most areas and many people in Scotland choosing to have a "staycation" this year, outdoor safety and leisure partners have pulled together to provide some key messages to help keep members of the public safe.

With contributions from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Water Safety Scotland & Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Read the newsletter in full [here](#).

ROSPA Blog: Looking back at 2020 Drowning prevention in Scotland

The National Water Safety Forum ([NWSF](#)) has released its 2020 data on water-related fatalities for the United Kingdom. The statistics show that there were 631 water-related fatalities across the UK, 254 of which were accidental.

In Scotland specifically, there were 99 water-related fatalities, with 39 of these being accidental. A complete trend report has been created for Scotland which highlights the 2020 data in detail and can be accessed [here](#). However, there are a number of noteworthy findings:

Firstly, 2020 is the first year that the number of overall water-related fatalities has gone above the three-year average baseline used by [Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy](#) (2020: 99 fatalities vs baseline: 97 fatalities). 2020 has seen the highest number of overall water-related fatalities in Scotland since 2015.

Accidental fatalities made up 39 of the overall 99 water-related fatalities – well below the average of 50 fatalities a year. However, caution must be used when interpreting these figures due to the fact that the “Not Recorded” outcome has seen a huge increase

to 32 fatalities. This could be partially due to post mortem outcome delays from the Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit (SFIU) as result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The data on accidental fatalities in 2020 provides us insight into a different picture this year. The statistics usually show a relatively even split between coastal and inland waters, with coastal fatalities taking slight predominance. However, the 2020 data shows that inland waters accounted for 79 per cent of accidental fatalities – a departure from previous years.

Likewise, the data have previously shown that the most common age group for accidental fatalities comes from those in their middle ages. However, 2020 data shows a shift to that of the age group between 20 – 29 years. Accidental drownings during recreational activities has also been the predominant category of accidental drownings but this again shifted in 2020 to everyday activities such as walking next to water and unexpectedly falling in.

Read this blog in full [here](#).

ABERDEEN RNLI WATER SAFETY TIPS SUMMER 2021



1. Stop and Think
Have a plan - check the weather forecast, tide times, wind direction and read local hazard signage.

2. Stay Together
Keep a close eye on your friends and family, on the beach and in the water, don't allow them to swim alone.

3. Don't use inflatables
They are meant for pool use only and are high risk on the beach.

4. If you fall into the water unexpectedly, FLOAT TO LIVE
Fight your instinct to thrash around, lean back, extend your arms and legs, and float.

5. In an emergency dial 999, look for beach signage, and ask for the Coastguard

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY ➔ **FOLLOW SAFETY ADVICE** ➔ **SAVE LIVES**



Managing risk of harm in the community: A guide for practitioners and managers working with children - Children and Young People's Centre for Justice



Meeting the needs of children who pose a risk of serious harm to themselves or others, whilst upholding their rights and managing and reducing risk, is inherently complex. To assist practitioners in navigating this, the CYCJ have produced a guide to support the implementation of children's rights under Article 37b of the UNCRC, reducing the need to deprive children of their liberty, while maintaining the safety of children and others. The guide provides a structure to help practitioners and their managers with children and managers at a service and strategic level. As a resource for practice, CYCJ encourage those using it tailor it in any way that is useful.

Download the Guidance [here](#).

The SCSN backs campaign calling for reduction in remand prison population

The SCSN has backed a joint campaign by the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and the Howard League to reduce the remand prison population.

The total number of people on remand in Scottish prisons has risen during the Covid-19 pandemic to 27% of the prison population prompting calls for action to be taken immediately.

A collective of individuals, including members of The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and Howard League Scotland are leading on a week of social media activity (24 -28 May) to raise awareness of the issue using the hashtag #DemandLessRemand

In the last year Covid-19 has exacerbated delays in court proceedings which has meant

that more prisoners are being held on remand for longer periods. This is often the first experience of prison for many people, most of whom are remanded for trial. About 10% of the remand population will be awaiting sentence.



#DEMANDLESSREMAND

[Figures show](#) between April 2020 and April 2021 the remand population in Scotland grew by 78% (982 to 1959) with one in four men (24%) and women (26%) being held on remand.

On 30 April 2021, 1753 people in custody were untried. Young people are especially vulnerable to being held on remand: 15 out of the 18 16–17-year-olds in Scottish prisons were on remand on April 30th 2021.

Read this story in full on our website [here](#).

Survey for serving Police Officers: To what extent is evidence based practice embedded into policing?

Retired Police Inspector Mike Hope is conducting research funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) on the subject of evidence-based practice (EBP) in UK policing. The aim of the study is to establish the extent to which EBP is currently a part of UK policing. The survey seeks to capture your understanding and experience of evidence-based practice in your workplace.

Find out more and take part in this survey [here](#). (Survey closes 20/06/2021)

Focus on Pride Month 2021



SCSN on Pride Month

Every year in June, LGBTQI+ people across the globe celebrate Pride Month. Whilst celebrating human rights and equality gains is a big part of Pride Month, it is also a time to focus on the ongoing challenges that LGBTQI+ people face.

At SCSN, we've regularly been raising awareness of LGBTQI+ equality and community safety issues over the past few years, most recently via our major new [Community Safety research](#) where we conducted a focus group with members of the LGBTQI+ community on their experiences and perceptions of Community Safety.

Back in February, our [newsletter](#) was themed on LGBT History Month, and among many LGBTQI+ stories & research pieces, included a [blog post](#) and [interview](#) with our Communications Officer David Barbour, discussing his role with the [Glasgow LGBTQI Substance Use Partnership](#), and LGBTQI+ health inequalities and experiences of safety.

Last month we were delighted to include the Glasgow LGBTQI+ Substance Use Partnership's Community Champions Project's Community Discussion Event videos, featuring an [opening talk](#) from Matthew Todd, author of the book 'Straight Jacket' - and [panel discussion](#) with members of the LGBTQI+ community, along with Professor Carol Emslie of Glasgow Caledonian University, and Giorgios Pappas of new alcohol free LGBTQI space, QuTo.

Another little change we've made is to introduce our preferred pronouns on our email signatures!

We believe that it's important for us all to work with LGBTQI+ inclusivity in mind the whole year round, and we'll continue to embed LGBTQI+ equality in all we do.

If you'd like some suggestions about how your organisation can become more LGBTQI+ inclusive, the Equality Network has a lot of great [free resources](#) that can help.

You may also consider working with LGBT Youth Scotland to attain their LGBT Charter for your organisation. Find out more about the LGBT Charter [here](#).

Glasgow Community Fund Failing LGBTQI+ communities

The Glasgow LGBT+ Voluntary Sector Network last month published a report criticising the Glasgow Community Fund for a lack of funding awards to LGBT+ projects.

Evidence gathered from Network members found:

- Of £47.6m announced through Glasgow Communities Fund (over 2.5 years) LGBT+ Network projects accounted for just over £150k of this with only one project funded – the equivalent of 0.32% of the overall budget available.
- 3 out of 4 of Network members projects were unsuccessful.

- Of the £8.2m funding allocated to projects described as 'communities of interest / equalities', LGBTI projects received 1.87% of this total.
- No Equality Impact Assessment was completed detailing the impact of funding decisions, which has had an adverse effect on the protected characteristics groups of sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

The Glasgow LGBT+ Voluntary Sector Network has called for an immediate levelling-up emergency funding package to support LGBTI organisations to sustain vital work over the next 2.5 years.

Read this story in full [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch SCOTLAND



Neighbourhood Watch Week 2021

As we come out of the restrictions brought about by Covid-19 many communities are realising that neighbourliness and community spirit are just as important as they have ever been. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland is much more than just crime prevention; it is all about building friendly, inclusive and cohesive communities that support people to reconnect, celebrate what's local and gives an opportunity to reach out to help support people within your neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland fully supports this year's Neighbourhood Watch Week 2021 that ran from 5 – 11 June and look forward to the developing relationship with Neighbourhood Watch England and Wales that will see us fully participating next year.

You can find out more about Neighbourhood Watch Week [here](#).

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland Summer newsletter

"There's a lot packed into this season's newsletter, but I want to focus my comments around people, the very centre of what we're about. The AGM late last year reassured me that there was a real appetite and passion out there for how we adapt and strengthen our contribution to community safety. To do this we need to provide national support for local activity, and having strong membership representation at board level helps us better understand what's wanted. So it's been a huge pleasure to welcome new board members Jack, Kathryn, Easton, Ron and Derek, who are already contributing well, and I look forward to eventually actually meeting them in person!

At the same time, a grateful goodbye to Bill Gray, who leaves us after many years of service. Bill made me extremely welcome from the outset, stayed on longer to maintain membership representation and gave me great advice on the way, for which I thank him sincerely.

And finally, my thanks to the NWS staff team, who through these ongoing difficult times have continued to support each other and all of our membership so well. As we gradually move out of lockdown we'll all be able to see more of each other out there, and regain some of the contact most of us so sorely miss. But as you can see from this newsletter, they and you have ensured that Neighbourhood Watch remains a growing and valuable part of Scottish community life." - Stewart Prodger, Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland



Download the NWS Summer Newsletter [here](#).



Latest news from the Home Safety Scotland Forum

Home Safety Scotland still seeking new members!

Home Safety Scotland is an open, inclusive, diverse, trusting and safe space for those working or with an interest in home safety in Scotland. Meetings are in the style of a virtual forum for people to share best practice, exchange knowledge, learn and work collaboratively to advance practise and raise awareness.

We're looking for new members to join our group! If you work in or are interested in home safety and would like to join our forum - please contact josh.box@scsn.org.uk. Follow Home Safety Scotland on Twitter: @HomeSafetyScot

Next Meeting of Home Safety Scotland

The next meeting of the Home Safety Scotland forum will take place on 23rd June at 1pm. The theme of the next meeting will be gardening and garden activities, and will be led by Louise Richardson from Absafe.

We welcome new forum members or participants, as well as anyone who would like to present on this topic to join our meeting. Minutes from the last Home Safety Scotland meeting are available here. Contact josh.box@scsn.org.uk if you'd like to present or to attend.

A dark grey banner with a colorful, abstract graphic of overlapping diagonal stripes in yellow, orange, pink, and blue. On the left, the text 'THE CONNECTED CONSUMER' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, in smaller white text, are the dates '09.00 - 12.00 WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER & THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER'. On the right, the text 'ELECTRICAL PRODUCT SAFETY CONFERENCE 2021' is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the 'Electrical Safety First' logo is displayed, featuring a stylized 'e' in a circle and the words 'Electrical Safety First' in white.

Electrical Product Safety Conference - 24 & 25 November 2021

Now in it's 13th year, the Electrical Product Safety Conference brings together experts and leaders from across the industry to explore critical issues, solutions and insight in safer electrical products – from conception, through manufacture and production to sale.

We encourage our speakers not only to share their best practice cases, but also to look to the future on upcoming developments the electrical product sector.

Find out more about the conference and book your place [here](#).

In other news...



New Drug Treatment Standards mean people can access same day support

New standards for treatment for drug users will ensure everyone has access to the support which works best for them.

The 10 new standards, published today by the Drug Deaths Taskforce, will reinforce a rights-based approach for people who use drugs and the treatment they should expect, regardless of where they live.

Funding from the additional £50 million for drugs services announced by the First Minister in January will ensure that all Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) are supported by the

Scottish Government to embed the standards by April 2022. They make clear that people must be able to start receiving support on the day that they ask for it and emphasise the importance of allowing people to make informed choices about the type of medication and help available to them.

These 10 standards apply to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) which is the term used to refer to the use of medication, such as opioids, together with any psychological and social support, in the treatment and care of people who experience problems with drug use.

Read more and view the new Treatment Standard [here](#).

Drinking Transitions During Lockdown—Event Report, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems

Read the [event report](#) for Dr Emily Nicholls' webinar on drinking transitions during lockdown.

The 'Drinking in Lockdown' project consisted of 12 one-to-one, semi-structured interviews and four household focus groups undertaken online with 20 current UK drinkers between the first and second national lockdowns in England. Headline findings focussed on home drinking (the home as both an enabler of and a constraint on drinking; alcohol revitalising familiar home environments; wanting the home to be 'alcohol-free') and drinking transitions (the role of alcohol pre-lockdown, during lockdown and possible post-lockdown transitions).



You can watch the recorded webinar and discussion [here](#).

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