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The Policing Together Children and Young People Team are providing Partnership Learning Opportunities in 2026, whereby police and partners can learn together. Partners such as education, social work, support staff, NHS, third sector and charities all come together to learn and discuss important topics relating to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and young people in Scotland.

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Input	Topic	Speaker	Time	Date
Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit	Online Safety for Primary Schools	DC Ewan Ross/ DC Mark Gordon	1100-1200	21 Jan
Counter Terrorism Prevent	Counter Terrorism Safeguarding Programme Prevent and current trends	DC Craig Collier / DS Stuart Keenan	1100-1200	28 Jan
No Knives Better Lives	No Knives Better Lives Training, Toolkits and Resources	Gavin Crosby	0930-1030	9 Feb
Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit	Intimate Image Sharing (inc Sextortion) - Secondary School	DC Carole Smith	1100-1200	23 Feb
Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit	Cyber Choices – Secondary School	DCI Alasdair Penny	1000-1100	24 Feb
I Am Me	I Am Me - Primary School	Mhairi O'Rourke	0930-1030	3 Mar
	I Am Me - Secondary School		1400-1500	
Scottish Violence Reduction Unit	Understanding Behaviour: Building Relationships and Resolving Conflict Primary School	Cat Grady	0930-1030	17 Mar
	Understanding Behaviour: Building Relationships and Resolving Conflict Secondary School		1300-1400	
Insights and Engagement	The Way We See It: What young people think about violence	Denisha Killoh / Robert Dallow	1000-1100	14 May
Equality and Diversity Unit	Responding to Hate – Primary School	PC Katie Edwards	1000-1100	26 May
	Responding to Hate – Secondary School		1300-1400	27 May
Counter Terrorism Prevent	Counter Terrorism Safeguarding Programme Prevent and Current Trends	DC Craig Collier / DS Stuart Keenan	0930-1030	5 Aug
Substance Harm Prevention	Vapes	PS Natasha Evans	1030-1130	31 Aug
UNCRC Implementation Team	Police Scotland's Approach to UNCRC Implementation	Chelsea Stinson	1030-1130	16 Sept
County Lines	County Lines	Helen Norrie	0930-1030	27 Oct
Fearless	Teacher and Police Resources	Lyndsay McDade	0930-1030	17 Nov



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TOPIC OVERVIEW

<p>DC Ewan Ross / DC Mark Gordon Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit Wed 21 Jan</p>	<p>Online Safety for Primary Schools</p> <p>The internet can be a wonderful place for children and young people, from helping with school research reports, to communicating with teachers and friends, and playing interactive games. But the online world also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and scams. Police Scotland are keen to increase awareness around some of the risks associated with the digital world and to explore how you can help keep your pupils safe whilst online.</p>
<p>DC Craig Collier / DS Stuart Keenan Counter Terrorism Safeguarding Programme Prevent Wed 28 Jan & Wed 5 Aug</p>	<p>Counter Terrorism Safeguarding Programme Prevent and Current Trends</p> <p>Presentation in relation to the counter terrorism Safeguarding programme Prevent and current trends. This presentation will include a recap of what Prevent is, what it does and what changes have occurred over the past years. Also covers ideological change, charges for young persons, what is the recurring cause of these charges.</p>
<p>Gavin Crosby No Knives Better Lives Mon 9 Feb</p>	<p>No Knives Better Lives</p> <p>No Knives Better Lives - training, toolkits and resources This session will talk through the wide range of resources from No Knives Better Lives that will support you in your delivery of anti-violence work with young people. There's something for everyone from quick interventions to full programme plans, and everything in between.</p>
<p>DC Carole Smith Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit Mon 23 Feb</p>	<p>Intimate Image Sharing (which will include Sextortion)</p> <p>This session is tailored for those working with Secondary School pupils.</p>

<p>DCI Alasdair Penny Cyber and Fraud Prevention Unit Tue 24 Feb (during Cyber Scotland Week)</p>	<p>Cyber Choices</p> <p>This session is tailored for those working with Secondary School pupils. Cyber Choices Scotland is a diversionary programme for young people who are risk of using their cyber skills in an unethical and criminal way. The voluntary programme, which has been developed by the National Crime Agency, is hoped to commence in Scotland from April 2026 and will help young people understand the Computer Misuse Act and will guide them to use their skills in a positive way within the limits of the law.</p>
<p>Mhairi O'Rourke I Am Me Scotland Tue 3 Mar</p>	<p>I Am Me Scotland</p> <p>I Am Me is a small but passionate charity with a team of four, all committed to creating safer, more inclusive communities. We work closely with children, young people, and people with lived and living experience to develop interactive, engaging educational resources that tackle challenging topics in a meaningful way.</p> <p>All resources are hosted on the I Am Me Scotland Education Platform and are completely free for teachers, police officers, and practitioners across Scotland who work with children and young people. The platform also includes a dedicated Parents and Carers section, featuring videos and animations designed to help start important conversations at home.</p> <p>Our resources cover a wide range of sensitive and essential topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Awareness • Bullying • Hate Crime • Anti-Social Behaviour • Alcohol & Substances (including vaping) • Exploitation <p>With over 3,500 registered users, including educators and professionals across sectors, these resources are designed to make a real impact in promoting inclusion, safety, and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Cat Grady Scottish Violence Reduction Unit Tue 17 Mar</p>	<p>Understanding Behaviour: Building Relationships and Resolving Conflict</p> <p>This interactive session offers a practical look at how to understand behaviour, respond effectively during conflict and support children and young people in managing their emotions.</p> <p>We'll look at the foundations of relationship-based practice and the core conditions that help young people feel safe and ready to learn. You'll gain a clearer understanding of trauma and how this can affect behaviour so you can better recognise when someone is becoming overwhelmed. From there, we will explore emotional regulation techniques tailored for children and young people to help them regain control. The session will also</p>

	<p>provide you with practical communication tools, including ways to actively listen, respond assertively and effectively repair relationships.</p> <p>This training is supportive, engaging, and full of strategies that can be implemented in your classroom to create a more positive and resilient learning environment.</p>
<p>Denisha Killoh & Robert Dallow Insights and Engagement</p> <p>Thur 14 May</p>	<p>The Way We See It: What young people think about violence</p> <p>This session will showcase the work of 'The Way We See It: What young people about violence' - a joint engagement project between Police Scotland's Youth Engagement team and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU). The Way We See It is led by youth engagement specialists to engage children and young people using interactive methods to understand the prevalence of violence in their lives and what solutions they require to keep them and their communities safe and free from violence. So far, the team have engaged with hundreds of children and young people (those under the age of 26) across Scotland in primary and secondary schools, care settings, and youth organisations.</p> <p>The Way We See It project's evidence base has been further strengthened by data from Young Scot's 2025 Truth About Youth survey which included questions on violence and its drivers, providing the national picture of children and young people's views on violence in their communities.</p> <p>This session will equip you with valuable insights from children and young people themselves to support your work to prevent violence.</p>
<p>PC Katie Edwards Equality and Diversity Unit</p> <p>Tue 26 May - Primary & Wed 27 May - Secondary</p>	<p>Responding to Hate – Primary & Secondary inputs</p> <p>Research shows that hate crime is reported less than non-hate crimes. Hate incidents targeting an individual or group can have a devastating impact upon the victims, their families, and wider communities.</p> <p>We are passionate about providing an empathetic, professional, and consistent approach to the communities we serve. This CPD session will explore the critical need for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (ED&I), build your confidence in recognising and responding to hate and develop your understanding of a victim centered approach and the impact of hate within communities.</p>
<p>PS Natasha Evans Substance Harm Prevention</p> <p>Mon 31 Aug</p>	<p>Vapes</p> <p>The illegal vapes market in the UK is a significant concern, with criminal gangs flooding the country with dangerous products targeting our children and young people. These vapes are untested, unregulated and contain dangerous levels of nicotine and other harmful substances. Nearly 2000 vape liquids from 114 secondary schools in England were taken by police and tested by the University of Bath. Some 13% contained spice. Our session aims to highlight the emerging trend and harms associated with vapes. We will also look at the work Police Scotland has been doing with the University of Bath to quickly test vapes and inform public health as a part of their Rapid Action Drug Alerts and Response (RADAR)</p>

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<p>Chelsea Stinson UNCRC Implementation Team Wed 16 Sept</p>	<p>Police Scotland’s Approach to UNCRC Implementation</p> <p>This session will look at what Police Scotland’s approach to implementing and embedding the UNCRC across all our work to ensure that we’re meeting our obligations under the new act. We will focus on our progress in relation to leadership commitment, training, children’s participation and engagement, and children’s rights impact assessments (CRIAs).</p>
<p>Helen Norrie County Lines Tue 27 Oct</p>	<p>County Lines</p> <p>Operation Marron is the overarching national response to County Lines in Scotland. County Lines encompasses several high threat crime areas including, Criminal Exploitation, Drugs, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Firearms, Mental Health and Serious and Organised Crime. Whilst many of the crimes and behaviours are pre-existing, it is this exploitation of children and vulnerable young people that poses the greatest risk.</p> <p>Police Scotland work in partnership with County Lines Coordination Teams in England and Wales and the National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC) funded by the Home Office to maximise understanding of the threats and identification of crossovers within Scotland and the UK. This is achieved by capturing national performance in a consistent matter and shared nationally. The shared threat, risk and harm identified allows for learning and best practice to develop policy and guidance to support existing and emerging County Lines investigations.</p> <p>This session will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a County Line• Threat, Risk and Harm in Scotland• Cuckooing – Spot the Signs• Adult & Child Criminal Exploitation – Spot the Signs• Police Response• Multi Agency Responsibility/Response
<p>Lyndsay McDade Fearless Tue 17 Nov</p>	<p>Fearless</p> <p>Fearless enables young people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously.</p> <p>This session Lyndsay will discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Fearless?• Where to find the resources• How to deliver them to young people