APEX Scotland
APEX looks to reduce re-offending by working with offenders and young people at risk of offending to help them address their employability needs and progress them towards employment, education or training.

Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland
The Tribunals hears appeals, called "references", from parents and young people on certain matters relating to co-ordinated support plans.

Adviceguide: Scotland
The Citizens Advice Bureau offers independent information and advice. This website includes answers to frequently asked questions, updates on changes to public services, and a collection of fact sheets.

Antisocial Behaviour Scotland
This site provides information and resources concerning antisocial behaviour in Scotland.

Asset - Young Offender Assessment Profile
Asset is a structured assessment tool to be used by YOTs in England and Wales on all young offenders who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

Asylum and Immigration Tribunal
The Tribunal sits to judge appeals against Home Office decisions on asylum, immigration and nationality applications. This website includes annual data on the number of appeals submitted to the Tribunal.

Barnardos
This UK children’s charity offers a wide range of support services for children, young people and their families. They also publish a number of useful resources.

Border and Immigration Agency
This is the agency of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate of the UK Home Office. Their site aims to help people understand UK immigration control and what their rights and responsibilities are when they make an application.

British Institute of Human rights
The BIHR is an independent charity based in London which raises awareness and understanding about the importance of human rights.

CJScotland
This site contains a log of news about Scottish criminal justice collected from media and other sources. It contains a searchable database containing information from October 2003 onwards.
Care Scotland
This site is a gateway to information about social work services practice and performance in Scotland. The Care in Practice section includes a collection of service area and management case studies.

This is chapter 4 of the report, 'The role of the social worker'. The recommendations were made by the 21st Century Social Work Review Group for the future of social services in Scotland.

Children First
For over 120 years CHILDREN 1ST, the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, has been working to give every child in Scotland a safe and secure childhood.

Children’s Hearings
The Children’s Hearing system provides an alternative to criminal courts for children and young people under 16. It adjudicates on both criminal offences and on cases of care and protection.

Claiming Asylum: your rights if you a refugee
This Community Legal Service leaflet introduces the asylum application procedure for refugees seeking to reside in the United Kingdom. It also outlines the appeal process should the application be refused.

Code of Guidance on Homelessness : Scottish Executive
Full text of the Scottish Executive paper "Code of Guidance on Homelessness: Guidance on legislation, policies and practices to prevent and resolve homelessness"

Community care circulars
List of community care circulars issued by the Scottish Executive Health Department.

Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Scotland
An outline of Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Scotland.

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
The COPFS is responsible for the prosecution of crime in Scotland, the investigation of sudden or suspicious deaths, and the investigation of complaints against the police.

Definition of Homelessness - Scottish Executive
The appendix to "Homelessness: an action plan for the effective response report from the homelessness task force to the Scottish Ministers" paper

Department of Work and Pensions: Pathways to Work
Pathways to Work has been developed to provide greater support to help people claiming incapacity benefits back into or closer to the labour market.

Directgov - Local Council of Scotland
The Scottish section of the Directgov website listing the websites of the principal local councils in Scotland

Duty of public bodies to promote disability equality
A list of general and specific duties to promote disability equality in public authorities.

ENABLE Scotland
This charity works to support children and adults with learning difficulties. The site includes details of ENABLE campaigns, guidance documents to download and the history of the organisation.

Equality and Human Rights Commission
On 1st October 2007 the three equality commissions, Commission for Racial Equality (CRE), Disability Rights Commissions (DRC) and Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC), merged to become the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Reports from the three legacy commissions can be found on the 'Recent publications' page.

European Court of Human Rights
The ECHR website provides general information about the court, cases, judgments, texts of the convention and rules, and press releases. Also a link to their Library and its catalogue. For ECHR Case Law see HUDOC database.
Fife Community Safety Partnership

The Partnership aims to make communities safer, reduce the level of antisocial behaviour in Fife, provide high quality services for victims of antisocial behaviour and work with local communities to determine priorities and actions. It works in conjunction with other partners and Scottish Councils.

Figures for care waiting revealed

BBC News story dated 13/06/06 reporting that 'More than 4,000 elderly people are on a waiting list for "free personal care", according to figures released by the Scottish Executive'.

Flow chart of statutory duties to be carried out during the CTO application process (Part 7, Chapter 1)

This chart outlines the key processes and personnel involved in the making of a compulsory treatment order.

Freagarrach: an Evaluation of a Project for Persistent Juvenile Offenders

This report analyses the effectiveness of The Freagarrach Project for persistent juvenile offenders was established in Central Scotland early in 1995.

Glossary of the more common Scottish legal terms

This 24 page document from the Scottish Courts website lists definitions of commonly used legal words and phrases.

Greater protection for vulnerable groups

Scottish Executive news release on 'Greater protection for vulnerable groups' September 2006.

Guidance on care management in community care


Guide for the granting of an emergency detention certificate

Guide for medical practitioners on the granting of an emergency detention certificate under section 36 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Guide on the granting of a short-term detention certificate

Guide for medical practitioners on the granting of a short-term detention certificate under section 44 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Homelessness: An action Homelessness Action Plan - Scottish Executive

Text of the Scottish Executive's "Action plan for prevention and effective response from the Homelessness Task Force to Scottish Ministers"

House of Lords Judgments

A United Kingdom Parliament listing of judgements made by the House of Lords since 14th November 1996.

ICSP planning guidance

This guidance provides advice for local authorities, NHS Boards and other planning partners on preparing integrated Children's Services Plans covering the 3 year period from April 2005 to April 2008.

Introduction to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

An Introduction to The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, provided by NHS Education for Scotland.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation: "Foundations" text

"Foundations" written by Donald Hirsch with Jane Millar, is a round-up of what JRF has had to say about welfare reform and related issues since the late 1990s, and provides an assessment of the progress made.

Latest news from See Me Scotland

News page from the See Me Scotland campaign to challenge stigma and discrimination around mental ill-health in Scotland.

Local councils in Scotland - Directgov

Links to the websites of local governments in Scotland.
Mental Health Tribunal Scotland
The Tribunal panel decides on issues such as compulsory treatment order applications, restricted patient orders, patient appeals and cases referred by the Mental Welfare Commission.

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland
A statutory body, operating only in Scotland, which is independent of the National Health Service, Local Authorities and the Scottish Executive. The site provides access to the Commission’s role and functions, publications, and news.

National Objectives for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System: Standards - Probation
Standards and guidance for probation in Scotland.

National Objectives for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System: Standards Community Service
National standards for community service in Scotland.

National Standards for Scotland’s Youth Justice Services

National Standards for Victims of Crime
Sets out the minimum standards of service that victims of crime should receive from all criminal justice agencies and the children’s hearing system.

National review of services for people with a learning disability
Scottish Executive website for the national review of services for people with a learning disability

New Mental Health Act: a guide to Compulsory Treatment Orders
Information for service users and their carers on the new Mental Health Act: a guide to compulsory treatment orders.

Office of Public Sector Information (incorporates Her Majesty’s Stationery Office)
This site is a rich source of public sector information including the publication of easy to access legislation relevant to the youth justice system and sentencing.

Parole Board Scotland
The Parole Board endeavours to ensure that those prisoners who are no longer regarded as presenting a risk to the public safety during a period of parole may serve the remainder of their sentence in the community under the supervision of a social worker.

Prevalence of mental health problems in Great Britain
Web page from the MIND charity exploring to prevalence of mental health problems.

Principles of The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
Principles of The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 provided by the NHS Education for Scotland.

Privy Council Office: Judgements
The Privy Council Judicial Committee is a court of appeal for parties from UK overseas territories, Crown dependencies and Commonwealth countries where the Queen is head of State.

Restorative Justice in Scotland
This site provides up-to-date information and services to restorative justice community in Scotland and aims to enable the international community to gain insight into the current status of Scottish restorative justice.

Restorative practices in Scotland
A document that outlines restorative practices in Scotland.

Risk Management Authority
This national body works to safeguard the public and minimise re-offending, by assessing the risk posed by the release of people imprisoned for violent and sexual crimes.

Safeguarding Communities Reducing Offending (SACRO)
Sacro’s Mission is to reduce conflict and offending in Scotland and make communities safer.
ScoLAG
The web site of the Scottish Legal Action Group and its Legal Journal.

Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People
The SCCYP’s job is to enforce the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Commissioner has a legal duty to keep on reminding everyone of the promises and can also set up an investigation if she thinks the promises are not being kept.

Scottish Alliance for Children’s Rights
NOTE: This site is temporarily unavailable. The SACR was formed in 1995 to promote the full implementation in Scotland of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). In 1999 SACR became a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, and is comprised of a ten member board of directors, on which many of the major children’s organisations in Scotland are represented, one part time co-ordinator, and a wide membership of organisations and individuals.

Scottish Association of Law Centres
Law centres provide free professional services for clients who would not otherwise be able to pay for legal advice or representation. This association represents each law centre in Scotland.

Scottish Child Law Centre
The Scottish Child Law Centre promotes knowledge and use of Scots law and children’s rights for the benefit of children and young people in Scotland. It provides a free telephone advice service on all aspects of Scots law relating to children and young people.

Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration
The SCRA is the national body responsible for providing a world class care and justice system for all Scotland’s children. Its main responsibilities are: to facilitate the work of Children’s Reporters; to deploy and manage staff to carry out that work; to provide suitable accommodation for Children’s Hearings.

Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals
The Scottish Committee oversees, on behalf of the Council on Tribunals, the procedures of those UK-wide tribunals which take place in Scotland. In addition the Committee has direct supervision over some twenty tribunals which operate in Scotland and which are constituted under separate Scottish legislation.

Scottish Courts Web Site
Provides information relating to all civil and criminal courts within Scotland. There is an introduction to each court, including structure and presiding judges (where appropriate) under the headings Court of Session, High Court of Justiciary, Sheriff Courts, District Courts and Other Courts and Tribunals. Court opinions from 1998 can be searched for by keyword. Note only cases coming before the Sherriff Courts where there is a significant point of law or public interest are included.

Scottish Executive Justice
Section of the Scottish Executive’s website which explains the administration of criminal justice and civil law, operation of the courts, provision of legal aid and liaison with the legal profession. It also describes the operation of the police and fire services and gives an overview of preparations for potential civil emergencies.

Scottish Government
The Scottish Government is the devolved authority for Scotland. It is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

Scottish Housing Act 2006
Full text of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Law Commission
Commissioners appointed to this body work to recommend reforms and revisions to the law in Scotland. The site introduces each commissioner, outlines the current reform programme and describes current projects.

Scottish Legal System Factsheet
Scottish Executive factsheet on the Scottish Legal system

Scottish Parliament
The official site of the Scottish Parliament, it provides information on all aspects of parliamentary business and structures. There is a search facility, links to other national parliamentary websites, and extensive resources for pupils and teachers.

Scottish Parliament Health Committee Report into Care Inquiry 2006
Online version of the 2006 Scottish Parliament Health Committee Report into Care Inquiry.

Scottish Prison Service Website (SPS)
The Scottish Prison Service looks to improve and facilitate all aspects of Scottish correctional facilities.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
The SPSO provides a 'one-stop-shop' for individuals making complaints about organisations providing public services in Scotland.

Scottish Refugee Council
The Council works to provide independent advice, assistance and support to refugees living in Scotland or seeking asylum. The charity also lobbies government to uphold refugee rights.

Scottish Social Services Council
The SSSC "is responsible for raising standards in the Scottish social service workforce". Their site includes information on consultations and projects, education and training, and workforce development. There is a search facility.

See Me Scotland
The 'see me' campaign was launched in October 2002 to challenge stigma and discrimination around mental ill-health in Scotland.

Sentencing Commission for Scotland
The Commission is an independent, judicially-led body which was set up by the Scottish Executive under its policy statement "A Partnership For A Better Scotland". The Commission, which was launched in November 2003, has been given the remit to review and make recommendations to the Scottish Executive on various aspects of sentencing.

Sentencing Information for Scotland
This website is an additional information resource for Judges. It details the full range of national statutory non-custodial disposals available in Scotland as well as the complete range of national and local probation support programmes. Information on current pilot disposals is also included.

Shelter Scotland
The Website for the Scottish branch of Shelter. A housing and homelessness campaign group.

Social Work Scotland
This site was established by the Scottish Executive to help implement changes to social work services in Scotland. It provides guidance, practice examples, details of forthcoming events and discussion forums.

Summary of the Scottish Health Committee Report into Care Inquiry 2006
Online summary and recommendations of the 2006 Scottish Health Committee Report into care Inquiry.

Tribunals Service
A government agency providing common administrative support to the main central government tribunals. The Tribunals Service is an executive agency of the Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA)

Use of Antisocial Behaviour Orders in Scotland: Report of the 2005/06 Survey
This is a report of an e-mail survey of local authorities and housing associations which focused on the use of civil ASBOs in 2005/06. It forms part of a broader study examining the implementation of civil ASBOs which is due to be published in Spring 2007.

Victims of Crime in Scotland
This site contains information and support for victims of crime in Scotland.
Who's rights are they anyway? - Carers and the Human Rights Act
This 32-page report by CarersUK examines the fundamental human rights of carers. It argues that these rights are ignored and violated when social care professionals fail to support carers.

Women's Aid Scotland
Scottish Women's Aid provides counselling and a safe-house for women and children who have been abused.

Youth Justice Scotland
The Youth Justice and Children's Hearings Division is part of the Children Young People and Social Care Group of the Education Department at the Scottish Executive. They aim to improve the speed and quality of service provision to children and young people in order to reduce offending and re-offending and improve outcomes for vulnerable children through the Hearings system.

Zero Tolerance
Zero Tolerance is an organisation promoting innovative policy and practice that tackle the root causes of male violence against women and children.