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http://www.glasgowsteps.com/

A new website set-up by South-East Glasgow Primary Care Mental Health Team and is designed for members of the public to access information about common mental health problems.


A Scottish Government report evaluating the 2006-7 domestic violence campaign.

http://www.glasgowchildprotection.org.uk/

The Child Protection Committee Glasgow website has information for children, young people, parents, carers, professionals and members of the public about child abuse or neglect.

http://www1.imperial.ac.uk/resources/E79F6157-0241-4903-B3CF-1E97BF3FAD9B/


This NHS Health Scotland report is a summary of alcohol research in Scotland.