



Executive Summary Minute of the meeting of East Dunbartonshire Adult Protection Committee held on **Tuesday 23 February 2021**

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Matters Arising

- **NHSGGC Public Protection Forum update** Caroline Sinclair, Interim Chief Officer, East Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership (EDHSCP) reported that NHSGGC will deploy people into specific adult protection lead roles which mirror the existing child protection arrangements by 21 April this year.
- **Large Scale Investigation (LSI)** Kirsty Kennedy, Adult Protection Coordinator, informed the Committee that further issues have arisen in the care home subject of the recent LSI, and the LSI report will be submitted once these issues are resolved.

Chief Officers Group (COG) update

- Caroline Sinclair informed the Committee that the COG continues to meet monthly and keep identified public protection risks and responses under review. Gerry Cornes, Chief Executive, East Dunbartonshire Council, advised that the COG agenda provides chief officers with high levels of assurance and they are pleased with the performance reported over the course of the pandemic.

ASP Performance – HSCP report for Q3

- Kirsty Kennedy presented information on ASP activity undertaken by HSCP Social Work services in the third quarter of 2020-21. Kirsty reported that Social Work received 56% more referrals than in the equivalent period last year but continued to respond to these promptly and effectively despite the extraordinary conditions staff are working under. Work will continue to monitor trends and identify learning to inform future service delivery.

ASP National Dataset 2019-20

- Kirsty Kennedy informed the Committee about key points of interest arising from the draft national dataset report, which the Scottish Government have intimated they intend to publish in March 2021.

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (HT&E)

- Mark McLellan provided the Committee with a presentation on HT&E, including the new duty on public bodies to notify police of any victims of trafficking, and key topics for staff awareness. Kirsty Kennedy updated the Committee on the work of the joint Child and Adult Protection Committee Trafficking and Exploitation working group which will take forward a local action plan to improve multi-agency awareness and responses.

Quality & Development Partnership Sub-group

- Kirsty Kennedy advised that the sub-group met on 15 February and welcomed a new representative from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). The DWP have established new regional roles to help address issues around vulnerable people who are struggling with benefits and financial exploitation.

Continuous Improvement Sub-group

- **Business plan for 2020-21** David Aitken, Head of Adult Services, HSCP, advised that Social Work will undertake an audit of case chronologies to allow the completion of the ASP Inspection improvement plan concerning chronologies.
- **ASP Multi-agency casefile audit** Kirsty Kennedy presented a report on the audit undertaken in March 2020 and outlined two key areas which merit further attention: risk assessment and delays in Guardianship applications. Action is ongoing to revise Social Work risk assessment processes and it is proposed to audit Guardianship applications to determine any systematic issues which may lead to delay. The case for a pandemic-focussed multi-agency audit in 2021 will be discussed by the Committee at its next meeting.

Joint Learning & Development Sub-group

- Kirsty Kennedy informed the Committee that the sub-group have developed a full training calendar up to June this year. It is felt that online learning delivery is less effective than in-person, due to constraints on the interactive elements which are seen as crucial for staff to implement learning in the multi-agency operational context.

Joint Public Information & Communication Sub-group

- Kirsty Kennedy advised the Committee that the two priority projects have not been progressed due to the pandemic: digital consultation with adults and the development of the public protection website. National Adult Protection Day took place on 20 February and the Committee will be updated on any impacts of the campaign

Date of next meeting

- 27 May 2021 on MS Teams