



Executive Summary Minute of the meeting of East Dunbartonshire Adult Protection Committee held on **Thursday 26 November 2020**

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- Executive Summary minute of the meeting held on 25 August 2020 was approved for upload to the Adult Protection page on the Council's website.

Matters Arising

- **NHSGGC Public Protection Forum update** Caroline Sinclair, Interim Chief Officer, East Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership (EDHSCP) reported that NHSGGC intend to form a Public Protection team which will incorporate the Board's existing Child Protection Team.
- **Large Scale Investigation (LSI)** David Aitken, Interim Head of Adult Services, EDHSCP, referred to the LSI involving a local care home which the Committee was notified of at the previous meeting. David informed the Committee that, although this LSI had now been concluded, a high level of oversight will continue. Robert Tourish, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS), advised that SFRS were undertaking virtual fire safety audits of care homes in 2020-21 and will forward details to Kirsty Kennedy, Adult Protection Coordinator.
- **Biennial Report** Kirsty Kennedy reported that East Dunbartonshire's Biennial Report and response to the national pandemic survey had been submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 October. Kirsty informed the Committee that the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS) had been commissioned to review this year's Biennial Reports for the Scottish Government and their report is due in March 2021.

Chief Officers Group (COG) update

- Caroline Sinclair informed the Committee that the COG continues to meet monthly and keeps the Public Protection risk register under review. The COG was recently advised of the growing challenge to services that, under local lockdowns, a decline in people's circumstances is not noticed at an early stage, and they are only referred for statutory intervention once harm has occurred.

ASP Performance – HSCP report for Q2

- Kirsty Kennedy presented information on ASP activity undertaken by HSCP Social Work services in the second quarter of 2020-21. Kirsty reported that Social Work continue to receive higher levels of referrals than they did in the pre-pandemic period. Performance has improved from that seen in the early weeks of the pandemic.

Quality & Development Partnership Sub-group

- Kirsty Kennedy advised that a representative from the Scottish Ambulance Service had now joined the group and a representative of the Department of Work & Pensions will join the next meeting. The sub-group has reviewed the progress being made with the Older Adults & ASP project and agreed to convene a working group to review East Dunbartonshire's multi-agency ASP guidance and procedures.

Significant Case Review (SCR) Sub-group

- Caroline Sinclair advised that the sub-group had met to consider an Initial Case Review (ICR) report and concluded that it was not necessary to initiate a full SCR as there was no multi-agency learning to be had. Kirsty Kennedy presented a revised SCR protocol for East Dunbartonshire, which incorporates the new reporting arrangements to the Care Inspectorate. The ICR report and revised SCR protocol will be submitted to the Chief Officers Group for approval at their next meeting.

Continuous Improvement Sub-group

- **Business plan for 2020-21** Kirsty Kennedy informed the Committee of action required to advance the ASP Inspection improvement plan concerning chronologies. This will be taken forward by David Aitken.
- **ASP Multi-agency casefile audit** Kirsty Kennedy informed the Committee of the options available for audit and improvement activity in 2021. The Committee agreed to defer any decisions until their next meeting.

Joint Learning & Development Sub-group

- Michelle Dearie, Lead Officer, Child Protection informed the Committee that the sub-group have developed an interim public protection training calendar and that trainers are responding to the challenges of delivering courses digitally.

Joint Public Information & Communication Sub-group

- Michelle Dearie advised that five key areas were targeted by the sub-group for public communications during the pandemic, including domestic abuse. The Public Protection bulletin continues to be welcomed by partners and is distributed fortnightly.

Date of next meeting

- 23 February 2021 on MS Teams