



Executive Summary Minute of the meeting of East Dunbartonshire Adult Protection Committee held on **Tuesday 25 August 2020**. This meeting of the Committee was held on MS Teams.

Executive Summary of the minutes of the Adult Protection Committee (APC) meeting

- Executive Summary minute of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 was approved for upload to the Adult Protection page on the Council's website.

Matters Arising

- **APC Terms of Reference** David Aitken, Interim Head of Adult Services, advised Leanne Connell has been appointed as Chief Nurse and Dr Paul Treon as Clinical Director for the HSCP, both on an interim basis.
- **Large Scale Investigation (LSI)** David Aitken advised that two care home services had been considered under the LSI framework since the Committee met in May. One of these services is currently subject to a LSI, and involves daily online meetings between the HSCP, Police Scotland and the Care Inspectorate. DCI Colin Hailstones, Police Scotland, informed the Committee that G Division has set up a dedicated team to resource LSIs which arise in the three local authorities covered by G Division.
- **Significant Clinical Incident (SCI) Review** Leanne Connell advised that the review is expected to conclude shortly.

Chief Officers Group

- **COVID-19: Public Protection Arrangements** Kirsty Kennedy, Adult Protection Coordinator, advised that arrangements agreed at the start of the pandemic were continuing. The Public Protection Leadership Group is now meeting fortnightly instead of weekly, and the Public Protection bulletin is being published fortnightly.

ASP Performance – HSCP report for Q3

- Kirsty Kennedy presented information on ASP activity undertaken by HSCP Social Work services in the first quarter of 2020-21. This showed that there had been a 47% increase in referrals after the pandemic started, compared to the previous quarter.

Biennial Report

- Kirsty Kennedy advised that there was a proposal to include the impact of COVID-19 in the Biennial Reports for 2018-20. This will be considered by the National Strategic Forum at its meeting next week. The Committee agreed that it would be helpful to include reflection on the early learning from the pandemic, as well as the planned work which had not been progressed. Kirsty stated that the Biennial Report is due to be submitted as planned on 31 October this year.

Sub-group updates

- **Quality & Development Partnership and Continuous Improvement Sub-groups.** These groups have not met. Care Home Oversight measures were introduced in May as part of the pandemic response and these are continuing. Michelle Dearie, Lead Officer, Child Protection, introduced the Terms of Reference for the new Joint Trafficking & Exploitation Working Group, which were endorsed by the Committee.
- **Significant Case Review (SCR) Sub-group.** Kirsty Kennedy advised that East Dunbartonshire's SCR protocol will need to be revised to reflect new Care Inspectorate notification requirements from 1 October this year.
- **Joint Learning & Development Sub-group.** Michelle Dearie, Lead Officer, Child Protection, and Kirsty Kennedy provided a joint update on proposals for the public protection training calendar for 2020-21. Statutory training will be prioritised. Most courses will need to be converted to digital formats and discussions are happening nationally about the resources which will be required.
- **Public Information & Communication Sub-group.** Michelle Dearie advised that public awareness messages about vulnerable children and adults continue to be posted on social media. There was a supermarket poster campaign in the early summer to reach people who might not use social media.

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- **Independent Convenor** Agnes Harvey, Independent Convenor, indicated she was happy to continue in the APC role until a new Joint Independent Convenor for the Adult and Child Protection Committees was appointed.

Date of next meeting

- 26 November 2020 on MS Teams