



Executive Summary Minute of the meeting of East Dunbartonshire Adult Protection Committee held on **Thursday 28 May 2020**. This meeting of the Committee was held on Webex.

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

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

#### **Chief Officers Group (COG)**

- **COVID-19 Public Protection arrangements.** Caroline Sinclair, Interim Chief Officer, HSCP, informed the Committee of revised operational arrangements. The COG is meeting monthly on a virtual basis to enable tight oversight of the impact of COVID-19 and business continuity measures on public protection services. A public protection leadership group has been established which meets weekly to monitor public protection activity and escalate any urgent or enraging concerns to the COG.
- **Risk Register.** A Public Protection Risk Register has been established to track particular areas of risk, provide assurance to the COG that appropriate controls and mitigation measures are in place and otherwise highlight where it is not possible to reduce the likelihood or impact of particular risk factors.
- **Recruitment of Joint Independent Convenor.** The process to appoint into the new joint post is ongoing and Agnes Harvey has agreed to continue as Independent Convenor of this Committee in the meantime.

#### **ASP Performance – HSCP report for Q4**

- Kirsty Kennedy presented information on ASP activity undertaken by HSCP Social Work services in the final quarter of 2019-20. This showed there had been a reduction in referrals which coincided with the onset of the pandemic.

#### **ASP Multi-agency audit**

- Kirsty Kennedy advised that the audit had been carried out as planned between 2 and 6 March 2020, and presented a summary of the key findings. A full report will go to the Continuous Improvement sub-group in due course, including any recommendations for improvement action. Caroline Sinclair thanked all staff who had participated in the file-reading.

#### **Quality & Development Partnership Sub-group**

- Stephen McDonald, Joint Services Manager, Adult Fieldwork, HSCP, informed the Committee that the QDP group had met via Webex on 11 May 2020, and discussed the impact of COVID-19 on all services. Stephen noted the establishment of local Care Home Oversight arrangements. Gordon Thomson, CEO, Ceartas Advocacy, advised that staff were seeking to use technology to communicate with service users and represent their views.

#### **Continuous Improvement Sub-group**

- David Aitken, Interim Head of Adult Services, HSCP, advised that this group had not met and would be stood down until further notice.

#### **Joint Learning & Development Sub-group**

- Kirsty Kennedy informed the Committee that the group last met shortly before the national lockdown and it had been agreed to cancel all training scheduled for the April to June period. The group will meet in June to plan and scope out methods of delivering essential child and adult protection training again in the autumn.

#### **Joint Public Information & Communication Sub-group**

- Michelle Dearie, Lead Officer, Child Protection, advised the Committee that a weekly Public Protection Bulletin was being distributed to all partner agencies. Key messages urging the public to look out for vulnerable children and adults have been circulated through social media, and a poster campaign is being developed to reach people who do not use social media.

#### **AOCB**

- **Mental Health Legislation Review.** Kirsty Kennedy advised that the consultation on Phase 1 of the review had been extended to the end of May.
- **Test and Protect.** David Aitken highlighted potential phishing risks linked with this scheme which launches today.
- **Deaths in Care Homes.** Detective Superintendent Donna Duffy, Police Scotland, advised that a revised process will be agreed to review all deaths in care homes.

#### **Date of next meeting**

- 25 August 2020