

AGENDA ITEM 1.1

EAST AYRSHIRE CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP (CHILD, ADULT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2011 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Wai Yin Hatton, Chief Executive; and Fiona McQueen, Lead Director, Child Protection, both NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; and Eddie Fraser, Chief Social Work Officer/Head of Service: Community Care, both East Ayrshire Council; and Richard Stevens, Chair of East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee.

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Thomson, Chair of the South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Strategic Oversight Group (SWS CJA SOG) for Item 1 below.

ATTENDING: Donna Sinforiani, Adult Protection Co-ordinator; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Susan Taylor, Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee/Head of Service: Children and Families and Criminal Justice; Joyce Campbell, Service Officer, Planning and Review, all East Ayrshire Council; Chief Superintendent John Thomson, Strathclyde Police; Liz Moore, Health Care Director, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; and Dianne Burns/Elaine Wright, Child Protection Co-ordinator (job share).

CHAIR: Wai Yin Hatton, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice Chair).

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT GROUP (SWS CJA SOG)

1. The Chief Officers Group welcomed Kate Thomson, Chair of the SWS CJA SOG who reported verbally on progress with Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and it was noted:-
 - (i) SOG's have been established in every CJA area to strengthen local MAPPA arrangements;
 - (ii) the SWS CJA area covers East, North and South Ayrshires and Dumfries and Galloway;
 - (iii) Partners include Strathclyde Police, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary, North, South and East Ayrshire Councils, Dumfries and Galloway Council, the Scottish Prison Service, including HMP Dumfries and the private prison managed by SERCO Ltd at HMP Kilmarnock, NHS Ayrshire and Arran and NHS Dumfries and Galloway Health Service;
 - (iv) the SOG monitor MAPPA performance and oversee the strategic development of MAPPA in the SWS CJA, including the review of Significant Case Reviews (SCR).

There followed discussion on:-

- Governance arrangements;
- Strategic plan and priorities;
- Quarterly reports to Chief Officers Groups, with generic and area specific information; and
- Developing arrangements for significant case reviews including format, reporting and triage.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the SOG would consider principles and criteria for a sound model of SCR governance and framework for endorsement by Chief Officers Groups; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

Kate Thomson left the meeting at this point.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. There were submitted and approved as a correct record minutes of the previous meeting of the Chief Officers Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection) held on 21 December 2010 (circulated).

2.1 Matter Arising

- 2.1.1 It was agreed to confirm whether the agreement of the Divisional Commander, Strathclyde Police had been obtained in respect of the East Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership reporting directly to the Chief Officers Group during its first year of operation.

ADULT PROTECTION

ADULTS NEED PROTECTING TOO CAMPAIGN

- 3.1 There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2011 (circulated) by the Chair of the East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee which provided an overview of progress with the Adults Need Protecting Too Campaign launched on 14 February 2011.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made with the Adults Need Protecting Too Campaign;
- (ii) to commend the local aspect of the campaign; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

STATUTORY INTERVENTIONS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE ADULTS

- 3.2 There was submitted a report dated 23 February 2011 (circulated) by the Chair of East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee which (i) advised on the range of legislative routes available for protection of adults at risk; and (ii) noted the process endorsed by the Adult Protection Committee on 23 February 2011 to establish regular reporting to the Committee on legal interventions, which would facilitate full and informed consideration of all possible routes to protect within the adult support and protection agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Acts summarised in paragraph 2 of the report which could be utilised to protect vulnerable adults;
- (ii) to note that the Adult Protection Unit would establish regular reporting to Committee of all legal interventions, to enable informed consideration of resourcing and training requirements across agencies involved in adult protection activity;
- (iii) that the Adult Protection Committee give consideration to comparing statistics across Ayrshire with North and South Ayrshire Adult Protection Committees; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

CHILD PROTECTION

FATAL ACCIDENT ENQUIRY

- 4.1** There was submitted a report dated 4 March 2011 (circulated) by the Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee which advised on arrangements being made to hold a Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) in respect of a young person (Child G), who died after jumping with another young person from the Erskine Bridge into the River Clyde on 4 October 2009.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Chief Officers Group on implications for services, associated with our young people being accommodated in other Local Authority areas, or young people from other Local Authority areas, accommodated locally, being known to or in receipt of our services; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- 4.2** There was submitted a report dated March 2011 (circulated) by the Chair of the Child Protection Committee which informed on the work undertaken by East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee to understand child protection activity in East Ayrshire, identify trends and their impact on strategic planning.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the statistical information contained in the report;
- (ii) that future reports to the Chief Officers Group be developed to provide a level of analysis and evaluation of trends and actions which highlight strategic issues that the Child Protection Committee would wish to bring to the attention of the Chief Officers Group; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the report.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARTNERSHIP

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 March 2011 (circulated) by the Chair of East Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership which advised on progress with the Partnership.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress being made in establishing the Violence Against Women Partnership;
- (ii) to endorse the work plan appended to the report;
- (iii) to note the funding issues set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report in respect of which a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Chief Officers Group; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- 6.1 There were submitted for information and noted minutes of the meeting of the Adult Protection Committee held on 15 March 2010 (circulated).

CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- 6.2 There were submitted for information and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Child Protection Committee held on 24 January 2011 (circulated).

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

- 6.3 There was submitted correspondence dated 15 March 2011 from the Minister for Public Health and Sport (circulated) which provided comment on the report of the East Ayrshire Adult Protection Implementation Committee.

It was noted that the Minister recognised in her correspondence the work, leadership and innovative partnership approach to adult protection in East Ayrshire, and welcomed the particular areas for further development that had been highlighted in the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that within the Scottish Government responsibility for adult protection would change to Geoff Huggins, Head of the Mental Health Division of the Health Department;
- (ii) to note that the difficulty experienced in East Ayrshire in accessing medical examinations for adults who may be at risk of harm have also been experienced in other parts of Scotland. Scottish Government officials were working closely with the BMA to develop guidance on this issue and would ensure that local authorities and other relevant adult protection partners were involved in the development of this guidance; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the correspondence.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.