



## **EAST AYRSHIRE CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP: 22 JUNE 2010**

### **NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS: CHILD PROTECTION**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform the Chief Officers Group of the range of current national guidance which is currently issued for consideration.

#### **2. NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN SCOTLAND**

- 2.1 The Scottish Government is consulting on revised national guidance on child protection from 1 June – 17 September 2010. Once completed, this will replace the 1998 Guidance “Protecting Children – A Shared Responsibility: Guidance on Inter-Agency Co-operation.”
- 2.2 The guidance can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current>
- 2.3 The East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC) is working with colleagues in North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee and South Ayrshire Child Protection Committee to ensure that a thorough consultation process is undertaken.

#### **3. WEST OF SCOTLAND (WoS) CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES**

- 3.1 The consultation on the WoS Child Protection Procedures has ended and all views and comments submitted. Work is taking place between the WoS Group and Reconstruct to finalise the guidance.
- 3.2 The guidance will replace existing inter agency child protection procedures in East Ayrshire.

#### **4. UNDERAGE SEXUAL ACTIVITY – MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND IDENTIFYING CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS.**

- 4.1 The Scottish Government is consulting on draft guidance for practitioners working with children and young people to consider what local policy and procedures are required to effectively support those engaged in under-age sexual activity, in particular where there might be a child protection concern. The guidance reflects the principles set out by the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009.
- 4.2 The guidance can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current>

## **5. EAST AYRSHIRE RESPONSE**

- 5.1 Responses to documents 2 and 4 are being drafted by the EACPC on a multi agency basis. Any particular issues/challenges will be reported to the Chief Officers Group if necessary.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Officers Group is asked to: -
- (i) note that the EACPC is arranging for responses to be made to the range of draft guidance;
  - (ii) note that the finalised guidance documents will be reported to a future Chief Officers Group and otherwise
  - (iii) note the contents of this report

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