



## **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 14 DECEMBER 2009**

### **STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY 2009 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of Child Protection Activity in East Ayrshire for the period 1 July 2009 to the 30 September 2009.
- 1.2 The data informing this report has been drawn from the Social Work Information System (SWIFT).

#### **2. OVERVIEW**

- 2.1 During this quarter there has been a further decrease in the number of children on the Child Protection Register, from 55 to 48 as at the 30 September 2009.

#### **3. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF DATA**

##### **3.1 Table 1: Child Protection Contacts**

This information highlights that the Police are the main referral source.

##### **3.2 Table 2: Child Protection Investigations.**

A total of 38 children were subject to Child Protection Investigation.

##### **3.3 Table 3: Age at time of Investigation**

Children aged 0-4 make up just under 50% of all investigations, which is a trend that has continued from the last quarter. The 38 children who were the subject of investigations were the following ages:

- 0-4 years : 20 children
- 5-10 years : 10 children
- 11-15 years : 7 children
- 16+ years : 1 children

##### **3.3 Table 4: Child Protection Investigations by category.**

Concerns about Physical Injury made up for 13 of the 38 investigations this quarter, which is the majority of recorded concerns. The categories of concern for children are as follows:

- Physical injury : 13 children
- Sexual abuse : 6 children
- Physical neglect : 4 children
- Emotional abuse : 1 children
- Failure to thrive : 0 children

15 children had no recorded category of investigation recorded, which makes it difficult to extrapolate any conclusions from the table.

One child, aged 5 years, was recorded twice, with concerns being both physical injury and sexual abuse. This accounts for the investigations by category sitting at 39, whilst children being investigated are 38.

### 3.4 **Table 5: Child Protection Investigation Outcomes**

5 of the investigations resulted in a case conferences being held. A further 4 investigation into concerns required no further action. 29 of the investigations have no outcome recorded in the system.

### 3.5 **Table 6: Initial Case Conference Outcomes**

Of the 18 children that were brought to case conference 100% were placed on the Child Protection Register.

### 3.6. **Table 7: Review Case Conferences**

Of the 58 children reviewed at case conference, 24 continued on the register with the original category of registration, 3 had the category of registration changed, 30 children were deregistered, and one child has no recorded outcome.

### 3.7 **Table 8: Child Protection Register as at 30 September 2009**

There were a total of 48 children on the child protection register, the majority (33) being under 4 years old.

### 3.8 **Table 8: Child Protection Register by Registration Category**

Out of 48 children on the register the registration categories were:

- Physical neglect : 21
- Physical injury : 15
- Emotional abuse : 6
- Sexual abuse : 6
- Failure to thrive : 0

### 3.9 **Table 10: Length of time on the Register as at 30 September 2009**

Length of time on the register is as follows:

- 0-2 months : 35 children
- 3-5 months : 7 children
- 6mth -1yr : 1
- 1yr + : 5

The children that have been on the register for more than a year are two sibling groups of 2 children and 3 children. They continue to be subject to comprehensive review and assessment with the reasons for their continued registration clearly defined within the minutes of conference meetings.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 The Child Protection Committee is asked to

- (i) note the contents of this report.

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