



CHILD PROTECTION
COMMITTEE
JOINT SELF EVALUATION
REPORT

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EAST AYRSHIRE CPC POSITION STATEMENT

Within the Council, Equalities Groups are in place at corporate and departmental levels and these afford a vehicle and framework for consideration of LGBT issues.

Community Learning and Development staff have made very good progress as a service within the field of LGBT support. Full time staff have undertaken LGBT Awareness Training. The Service's Part time staff have also undergone Awareness Training and this course is now a permanent feature within their youth work training calendar.

Community Learning and Development staff have supported LGBT Youth Scotland to promote their national campaigns by distributing information and publicity material within our provisions and by our staff including their Outreach Teams.

The Community Learning and Development service has achieved the LGBT Youth Scotland Charter Mark award.

LGBT Awareness was a key feature at Community Learning and Development's Annual Youth Conference, at the request of the conference steering group's youth representatives. The topic has also been discussed and facilitated at Local Youth Forums with evaluations expressing positive impacts on participants.

The training referred above with staff has given them the knowledge and necessary techniques to support young people who may be LGBT or in transition.

The LGBT Youth Charter Mark Portfolio submitted as part of the Community Learning and Development application for Charter Mark status, outlines the training and learning outcomes covered, steps that Community Learning and Development has taken to promote LGBT issues, Training / Learning resources available to youth work provision along with all relevant Council policies relating to LGBT/Equalities.

Community Learning and Development is currently looking to develop a LGBT specific youth provision in collaboration with LGBT Youth Scotland as currently no such provision exists.

There is an agreement between the NHS and the Terrence Higgins Trust in relation to men's sexual health and advising and directing individuals towards appropriate services.