

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

SELF EVALUATION FOR HMIE INSPECTION 2009

Report by the Chair of the Child Protection Committee

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This paper advises the Child Protection Committee (CPC) of the work undertaken in relation to the multi agency self evaluation in preparation for the HMIE Inspection of Child Protection services. A number of actions are required by CPC members in relation to the papers presented and these are specified in section 3.

2. SELF EVALUATION PAPERS

- 2.1 Each of the CPC partner agencies has undertaken a self evaluation exercise. These have been utilised to inform the multi agency self evaluation.

- 2.1 The HMIE inspection will focus on 9 of the 25 quality indicators. These are detailed below.

- QI 1.1 Improvements in performance (paper 2);
- QI 2.1 Children and young people are listened to understood and respected (paper 3);
- QI 2.2 Children and young people benefit from strategies to minimise harm (paper 4);
- QI 2.3 Children and young people are helped by the actions taken in immediate response to concerns (paper 5);
- QI 2.4 Children's and young people's needs are met (paper 6);
- QI 5.3 Recognising and assessing risks and needs (paper 7);
- QI 5.4 Effectiveness of planning to meet needs (paper 8);
- QI 5.5 Improvement through self evaluation (paper 9);
- QI 9.2 Leadership and direction (paper 10).

- 2.2 In addition the CPC has been asked to consider 6 specific focus areas

- (1) Improvement Plan from HMIE Child Protection Inspection (papers 11 and 11a);
- (2) GIRFEC Early Intervention and Pre Referral Group (paper 12);
- (3) Child Protection Committee Development Days (paper 13);
- (4) Initial Response Team (paper 14);
- (5) Tripartite Discussions (paper 15);
- (6) Management information (paper 16);

and provide information in relation to 7 themes:

- (1) Children missing from education;
- (2) Internet safety (paper 17);
- (3) Young runaways (paper 18);
- (4) Children who may have been trafficked (paper 19);
- (5) Child protection medical examinations;
- (6) Management of sex offenders in relation to child protection;
- (7) LGBT inclusion and equalities (Paper 20).

2.3 The draft self evaluation report contains:

- (1) Introduction;
- (2) Multi agency self evaluation in relation to the specified indicators;
- (3) Specific Focus Areas;
- (4) Themes;
- (5) Good Practice Examples:
 - IRT (paper 14)
 - GIRFEC (paper 12)
 - Solihull parenting approach (paper 21)
- (6) Management Information.

3. ACTION REQUIRED

3.1 CPC members are requested to:

- Consider the contents of the multi agency self evaluation report
- Consider any areas of work that have been omitted from the report
- Consider and review the suggested gradings given for each of the quality indicators
- Consider and review the areas for improvement. Options:
 - As presented containing all areas highlighted from single agency evaluations; or
 - Consider and agree 2- 3 measurable and achievable areas for improvement for each of the quality indicators; or
 - Include single agency activity but highlight CPC priority areas for multi agency action.
- Consider and endorse the submission of GIRFEC, IRT and Solihull as the good practice examples

4. NEXT STEPS

4.1 The self evaluation will be considered by the Chief Officers Group on 5th October 2009.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 CPC members are requested to:

- (i) Consider the papers and the action required;
- (ii) Advise any comments on the papers by Friday 25th September.

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Chair of Child Protection Committee,
22 September 2009.**