



## Agenda Item 4

### **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 26 AUGUST 2009**

#### **STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PERIOD - 1 APRIL 2009 – 30 JUNE 2009**

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

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of Child Protection Activity in East Ayrshire for the period 1 April– 30 June 2009 (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The data informing this report has been drawn from the Social Work Information Systems.

#### **2. OVERVIEW**

- 2.1 The second quarter of 2009 has seen a further decrease in the number of children on the Child Protection Register to 55 as at 30 June 2009. This represents a decrease of 20 children from the last quarter when there were 75 children on the register.

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

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

A total of 40 children were the subjects of child protection investigations.

##### **3.2 Table 2: Age at time of investigation**

Children between the ages of 0-4 years continue to be the largest age group at the time of investigations. This quarter has seen a return to the previous pattern as 50% of investigations involved children between the ages of 0-4 years. The previous 2 quarters had seen a reduction in the proportion of children involved in child protection investigations between 0-4 years to 38% in last quarter from 44% (October- December 2008) and 53% (July – September 2008) in the previous two quarters.

##### **3.3 Table 3: Child Protection Investigations- by category**

This quarter has seen a return to the previous pattern of physical neglect being the largest category of investigations with 40%. In the last quarter there had been a deviation from the norm when physical injury accounted for 52% of referrals. This is a deviation from previous quarters when physical neglect has consistently been the category that accounted for the highest number of referrals.

#### **3.4 Table 4: Child Protection Investigations Outcomes**

In 40% of the child protection investigations, the outcome was that a case conference was required.

#### **3.5 Table 5: Initial Case Conference outcomes**

In the initial case conferences held this quarter 100% of children who were subject to an initial case conference were placed on the Child Protection Register. This is a slight rise from 94% of children considered at initial case conferences were placed on the Child Protection Register in the last quarter.

#### **3.6 Table 6: Review Case Conferences**

Of the 81 children considered at review case conferences 44% were removed from the child protection register, 47% had their registration continued and 2% had their category of registration changed.

#### **3.7 Table 7: Child Protection Register as at 30.06.09**

There were 55 children on the Child Protection Register as at 30 June 2009. 29 of the registrations were for children 0-4 years which equates to 53% of total registrations for this quarter. This is the same proportion of 0-4 years as last quarter. This demonstrates that the majority of child protection concerns relate to the formative years in a child's life.

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

Of the 55 children on the Child Protection Register, 49% were registered under the category of 'physical neglect'. This is a decrease from 60% in the last quarter but a similar level to the last quarter of 2008 when 'physical neglect' accounted to 47%. Throughout 2008-09 this was consistently the highest category for children to be registered for child protection concerns.

Of the 55 children on the Child Protection Register 22% were registered under the category of emotional abuse. This relates to a decline from the previous quarter when 35% were registered under emotional abuse.

'Physical injury' is the second highest category on the Child Protection Register where 25% of children were registered under this category. This is consistent with the proportion from last quarter when 24% were registered under 'physical neglect'.

#### **3.9 Table 9: Length of time on the register as at 30.06.2009**

For this quarter, 6 children have been on the Child Protection Register for more than one year. This has decreased from 9 children in the last quarter.

#### **4. KEY AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1 The child protection statistical information presented to the Child Protection Committee is subject to review. There will be a review of the definitions and information in the contact/ referrals table. There will also be a revision in the responding format.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Child Protection Committee is asked to:
- i) note the contents of this report.

**Susan Taylor**  
**Chair of Child Protection Committee**  
**19 August 2009**

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**Table 1 - Child Protection Investigations  
Between 01/04/09 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
	23	17	40

**Table 2 - Age at Time of Investigation  
Between 01/04/2009 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
a) 0-4 years	12	8	20
b) 5-10 years	6	6	12
c) 11-15years	3	2	5
d) 16+ years	2	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>

**Table 3 - Child Protection Investigations by Category  
Between 01/04/2009 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Emotional Abuse	2	0	2
Physical Injury	9	9	18
Physical Neglect	9	10	19
Sexual Abuse	2	5	7
Not Recorded	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47</b>

A Child may have more than one category of abuse recorded therefore this may differ from number in investigation tables

**Table 4 - Child Protection Investigations - Outcomes  
Between 01/04/2009 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Case Conference Required	11	5	16
CP Case Discussion	0	1	1
Multi Agency Meeting	0	0	0
No further Action	0	2	2
Not Recorded	11	10	21
Pre Birth Case Conference Required	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>

**Table 5 - Initial Case Conferences - Outcomes  
Between 01/04/2009 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Did Not Register Child	0	0	0
Register Child	10	13	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>

**Table 6 - Review Case Conferences by Outcome by Gender  
Between 01/04/2009 - 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Change Registration Category	2	0	2
Continue with Registration	21	17	38
Not Recorded	0	2	2
Case Conference Reconvened	3	0	3
De-Register	19	17	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>81</b>

**Table 7 - Child Protection Register as at 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
a) 0-4 years	16	13	29
b) 5-10 years	8	10	18
c) 11-15 years	4	4	8
d) 16 + years	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 8 - Child Protection Register - Registration Category as at 30/06/2009**

	0-4 years		5-10 years		11-15 years		16+ years		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Emotional Abuse	2	2	4	1	2	1	0	0	<b>12</b>
Physical Injury	4	2	2	4	0	2	0	0	<b>14</b>
Physical Neglect	10	9	2	4	1	1	0	0	<b>27</b>
Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Failure to Thrive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 9 - Length of Time on the Register as at 30/06/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
0-2 months	13	15	<b>28</b>
3-5 months	8	6	<b>14</b>
6 months - 1 year	3	4	<b>7</b>
1 year +	4	2	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>55</b>

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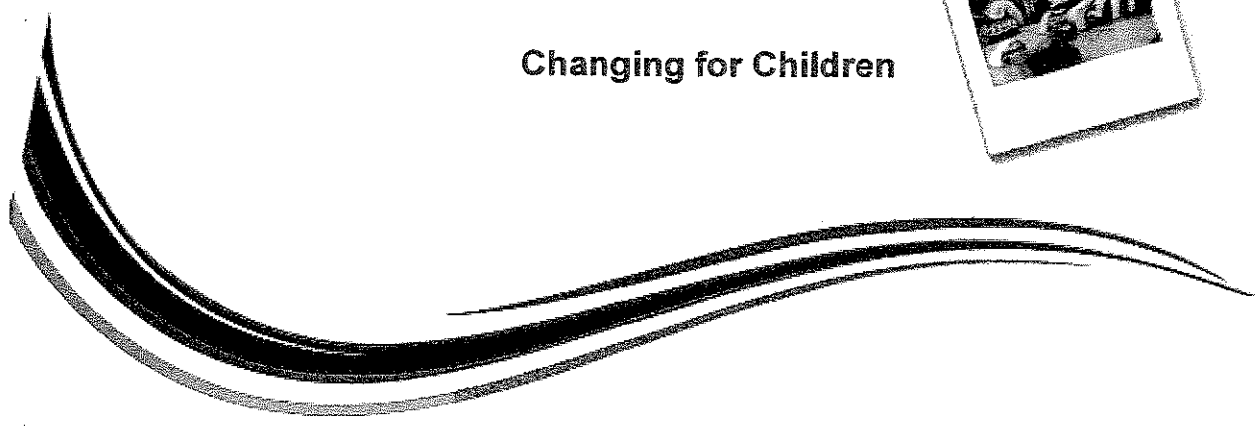
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## Table Glossary

Table	Description
1	<p>Table displays the number of referrals received and the number of children received split by grounds code for the reporting period. This is restricted to grounds a-g only.</p> <p>Note: Children may be referred for more than one ground code in a period and will be counted once against each. Children therefore cannot be summed</p>
2	<p>Table displays the number of children referred in the period split by age and ground code for the reporting period</p> <p>Note: Children may be referred for more than one ground code in a period and will be counted once against each. A child may also be referred in more than one age bracket and will be counted once for each. Children therefore cannot be summed</p>
3	<p>Table displays the number of offence referrals, non-offence referrals and total referrals received split by source for the reporting period</p> <p>Note: A referral may contain both offence and non-offence grounds and will be counted for both</p>
4	<p>The table displays the number of CPO referrals and the number of children that received a CPO referral in the reporting period</p>
5	<p>The table displays the number of children with an SR in force at the end of the period and a subset of these children whose SR is marked at Secure</p>
6	<p>This table displays the number of children received, number of non-offence children received and the number of offence children received in the period</p> <p>Note: Children may be referred on both offence and non-offence grounds in the period and will be counted in both categories. They will only be counted once in the total</p>
7	<p>The table displays the number of Hearings held in the period. This is a count of all hearings - this includes grounds, reviews etc</p>
8	<p>The table displays the number of Children placed on a Place of Safety Warrant by a Children's Panel</p>
9	<p>The table displays the number of Children subject to Non-Disclosure Conditions. This includes children subject to Non-Disclosure versions of the following : Supervision Requirements, Court Warrants, Hearing Warrants, Child Protection Orders</p>
Notes	<p>Non offence referrals are referrals with grounds A - L with the exception of i which is offence</p>

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## 1. Number of referrals and children split by ground codes a-g

Grounds code	Number of Children Received	Number of Referrals Received
a	4,433	6,399
b	2,380	2,666
c	15,320	18,627
d	18,621	26,105
e	1,375	1,463
f	615	640
g	15	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,777</b>	<b>53,918</b>

## 2. Number of children split by age and ground code

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l
0	<5	93	1,741	1,527	121	91	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
1	<5	97	1,335	1,568	89	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	5	90	1,318	1,460	90	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	8	86	1,229	1,377	97	24	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
4	14	102	1,074	1,338	92	39	<5	10	0	0	0	<5
5	22	92	1,049	1,176	98	33	0	59	0	<5	0	0
6	53	102	969	1,125	96	32	0	67	<5	0	0	<5
7	96	98	947	1,112	98	35	<5	56	<5	0	0	0
8	114	103	970	1,187	88	49	<5	93	106	0	0	0
9	129	124	897	1,180	90	43	0	74	234	<5	<5	0
10	152	104	880	1,162	94	46	<5	101	374	<5	0	<5
11	270	140	855	1,118	90	40	<5	129	664	14	0	<5
12	488	168	802	1,092	76	25	0	324	1,213	73	7	<5
13	779	256	749	1,121	57	35	<5	544	2,182	222	10	7
14	1,309	367	726	1,226	48	31	<5	821	3,447	413	<5	6
15	1,220	377	551	1,115	53	21	<5	470	4,585	483	<5	9
16	129	40	41	70	5	0	0	<5	668	17	0	<5
17	17	6	5	<5	<5	0	0	0	137	<5	0	<5

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## 3. Number of referrals split by source and offence/non

Source	Number of Referrals Received	Number of Offence Referrals Received	Number of Non-Offence Referrals Received
education	3,257	<5	3,256
father	105	0	105
health	394	0	394
mother	91	0	91
other	251	<5	248
other relative	76	0	76
pf	134	62	72
police	74,026	26,146	47,962
reporter	26	<5	25
rp - other	21	0	21
rst justice	7	0	7
sheriff court	144	29	115
social work	5,210	9	5,201

## 4. Number of CPO referrals and children received

Number of Referrals Received	Number of Children Received
683	661

## 5. The number of children with SR in force and secure SR in force split by gender

Gender	Number of Children with Secure SRs In Force	Number of Children with SRs in force
F	28	6,070
M	38	7,452
U	0	<5

## 6. The number of children received split by off/non

Number of Children Received	Number of Non-Offence Children Received	Number of Offence Children Received
47,178	39,105	11,805

## 7. The number of Hearings held

Number of Hearings
42,866

## 8. The number of Children with Place of Safety Warrants from a Hearing

Warrant Type	Number of Children
s.66(1)/66(2)(a)(ii) warrant issued - child may fail to comply with s.69(3) requ	<5
s.66(1)/66(2)(a)(i) warrant issued - child may not attend hearing	16
s.66(1)/66(2)(b) warrant issued - necessary to safeguard or promote child's welf	1519
s.69(7) - warrant issued where children's hearing continued for further investig	781
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2078</b>

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## 9. The Number of Children subject to Non-Disclosure Measures

Total Non-Disclosure Children	Number of Children with ND Supervision Requirements in Force at Period End	Number of Children with ND Hearing Warrants in Period	Number of Children with ND Court Warrants in Period	Number of Children with ND CPOs Received in Period
1,904	1,457	478	100	432

The grounds for referral are a series of conditions that may exist in relation to a child as detailed in section 52(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. One of these conditions must be shown to be present before the child is considered in need of compulsory measures of supervision. They are:

- (a) is beyond the control of any relevant person
- (b) is falling into bad associations or is exposed to moral danger
- (c) is likely (i) to suffer unnecessarily; or (ii) be impaired seriously in his health or development, due to a lack of parental care
- (d) is a child in respect of whom any of the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (offences against children to which special provisions apply) has been committed
- (e) is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom any of the offences mentioned in paragraph (d) above has been committed
- (f) is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed any of the offences referred in paragraph (d) above
- (g) is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person in respect of whom an offence under sections 1 to 3 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 (incest and intercourse with a child by a step-parent or person in position of trust) has been committed by a member of that household
- (h) has failed to attend school regularly without reasonable excuse
- (i) has committed an offence
- (j) has misused alcohol or any drug, whether or not a controlled drug within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- (k) has misused a volatile substance by deliberately inhaling its vapour, other than for medicinal purposes
- (l) is being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority under s25, or is the subject of a parental responsibilities order obtained under section 86, of this Act and, in either case, his behaviour is such that special measures are necessary for his adequate supervision in his interest or the interest of others
- (m) is a child to whom subsection (2A) below applies: \*

(2A)

(a) A requirement is made of the Principal Reporter under s12(1) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act (asp 8) (power of a Sheriff to require Principal Reporter to refer case to Children's Hearing) in respect of the child's case;

and

(b) the child is not subject to a Supervision Requirement.

\* This ground of referral was added by the Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004

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**1. Number of referrals and children split by ground codes a-g**

Grounds code	Number of Children Received	Number of Referrals Received
a	beyond control 146	324
b	bad assoc none danger 93	98
c	lack of parental care 199	221
d	Schedule 1 offences 1,142	1,653
e	living in same household as abuser 44	47
f	" " 17	19
g	in household - incest 0	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>2,283</b>

**2. Number of children split by age and ground code**

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
0	0	6	30	102	6	8	0	0	0	0
1	0	<5	20	106	0	<5	0	0	0	0
2	0	<5	17	93	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
3	0	5	19	83	<5	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	6	16	87	<5	0	0	0	0	0
5	<5	<5	16	80	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
6	<5	<5	13	65	6	<5	0	<5	0	0
7	<5	<5	10	69	<5	0	0	<5	0	0
8	0	5	11	73	0	<5	0	<5	6	0
9	<5	<5	6	57	<5	0	0	<5	5	0
10	6	5	9	89	<5	0	0	<5	6	0
11	7	<5	5	64	<5	0	0	<5	26	0
12	11	<5	6	47	<5	0	0	8	32	0
13	15	6	7	68	<5	<5	<5	11	56	0
14	53	14	8	71	<5	0	0	23	115	<5
15	50	17	7	79	<5	0	0	14	154	<5
16	10	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	30	<5
17	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0

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## 3. Number of referrals split by source and offence/non

Source	Number of Referrals Received	Number of Offence Referrals Received	Number of Non-Offence Referrals Received
education	102	0	102
father	<5	0	<5
health	8	0	8
mother	<5	0	<5
other	6	0	6
other relative	<5	0	<5
pf	<5	<5	<5
police	2,810	778	2,034
rp - other	<5	0	<5
sheriff court	10	0	10
social work	177	0	177

## 4. Number of CPO referrals and children received

Number of Referrals Received	Number of Children Received
29	29

## 5. The number of children with SR in force and secure SR in force split by gender

Gender	Number of Children with Secure SRs In Force	Number of Children with SRs in force
F	<5	227
M	<5	233

## 6. The number of children received split by off/non

Number of Children Received	Number of Non-Offence Children Received	Number of Offence Children Received
1,752	1,490	384

## 7. The number of Hearings held

Number of Hearings
1,428

## 8. The number of Children with Place of Safety Warrants from a Hearing

Warrant Type	Number of Children
s.66(1)/66(2)(b) warrant issued - necessary to safeguard or promote child's welf	56
s.69(7) - warrant issued where children's hearing continued for further investig	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>65</b>

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**9. The Number of Children subject to Non-Disclosure Measures**

Total Non-Disclosure Children	Number of Children with ND Supervision Requirements in Force at Period End	Number of Children with ND Hearing Warrants in Period	Number of Children with ND Court Warrants in Period	Number of Children with ND CPOs Received in Period
56	34	19	17	23