



Agenda Item 6 (10)

East Ayrshire Chief Officer's Group

1st September 2009

Subject: Child Protection

Purpose: To advise the Chief Officer's Group of the work that is taking place on an Ayrshire wide basis in order to increase capacity through working together across the Three Ayrshire Child Protection Committees. In carrying out discreet pieces of work on an Ayrshire wide basis this will assist in reducing duplication, making more efficient use of our capacity and provide the potential for shared learning. Attached is a copy of the first note of action of the Ayrshire Wide Child Protection Committee Chairs Meeting convened by the Health Care Manager who attends all three CPCs in Ayrshire, this outlines the actions that we propose to take on an Ayrshire wide basis.

Recommendation: The Chief Officer's Group is asked to consider the work that is being undertaken on an Ayrshire wide basis and to give their support to this.

Susan Taylor
Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee

1st September 2009



Action Notes of Child Protection Committee (CPC) Chairs and Joanne Sharp Meeting on Tuesday 9th June 2009 at 10.30 am in Joanne Sharp's Office, Ayrshire Maternity Unit, Crosshouse

PRESENT

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| Joanne Sharp (Chair) | Health Care Manager, Children's, Women's and Sexual Health Services |
| Bob Neilly | Chair of North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee |
| Susan Taylor | Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee |
| Hugh Carswell | Chair of South Ayrshire Child Protection Committee |

| | | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Introduction</p> <p>Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted that as they were aware discussion had taken place within each CPC regarding the opportunity to increase capacity through doing discreet pieces of work on an Ayrshire wide basis, which in turn would assist in reducing duplication and provide potential for shared learning.</p> <p>It was agreed via the CPCs that this meeting would be convened to have a more in depth discussion regarding this proposal and the potential to develop an Ayrshire wide approach.</p> <p>Each of the CPC Chairs welcomed the opportunity to discuss this approach and felt that the time was now right to work more closely together on an Ayrshire wide basis.</p> <p>The CPC Chairs and Joanne are committed to working more efficiently across Ayrshire and to support this process each of them have agreed to lead on a significant piece of work.</p> <p>Following detailed discussion the following areas were agreed to be actioned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gillian Russell, North Ayrshire Child Protection Co-ordinator be asked to facilitate a meeting with each CPC Co-ordinator to review and make recommendations on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To review the Policy Matrix (Appendix One) with a view to updating this and identifying and making recommendations on how new policy and guidance may be developed in a more effective and efficient way for implementation across Ayrshire. b) To review current performance information regarding Child Protection and develop a Single Data Set for reporting to | GR |

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| | <p>Child Protection Committees within Ayrshire.</p> <p>c) To provide their ideas and suggestions on how training could be developed and provided more efficiently across Ayrshire.</p> <p>d) To review how we currently provide public information and engagement and to provide their views and suggestions on how this could more efficiently and comprehensively be approached from an Ayrshire wide perspective</p> <p>The Child Protection Co-ordinators in undertaking the above should link with Maureen Bell, Nurse Consultant for Vulnerable Children and the Child Protection Advisers in Health in order for them to assist and support in the production of a position paper on the above by the 20th July 2009.</p> <p>2. It was agreed that Susan Taylor will review the Significant Case Review Framework for commissioning and reporting on Significant Case Reviews on behalf of the Ayrshire CPCs.</p> <p>3. Hugh Carswell to speak to Sandra Paterson regarding progress with Non Offence Based Referrals Pathway.</p> <p>4. Hugh Carswell to lead and attend the Data Sharing Partnership Meeting representing the voice of the three CPC's in relation to Child Protection messaging and the development of Electronic Information Sharing.</p> <p>5. Joanne Sharp to lead on the implementation of CEL 16 (2009) Implementation of Action 15 of the Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better Report.</p> | <p>CPC Co-ordinators</p> <p>ST</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>JS</p> |
| <p>2.</p> | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 27th July 2009 at 2.00 pm in Joanne Sharp's Office, Ayrshire Maternity Unit, Crosshouse.</p> | |

Policy Matrix

Ayrshire and Arran CPC areas

| Policy/Guidance | In response to government policy or national child death/SIR reports | North | South | East | Comments |
|--|--|-------|-------|------|---|
| Conducting a Significant Incident Review | X | X | X | X | |
| Working with Uncooperative/threatening families | | X | | X | |
| Getting Our Priorities Right – working with parents with problematic substance misuse | X | X | X | X | |
| When parents are arrested – practitioner guidance | X | X | | | |
| Child trafficking – Practitioner guidance | X | X | | | |
| Information sharing guidance | X | X | X | X | Multi-agency Information Sharing Protocol |
| Interagency Child Protection Procedures | X | X | X | X | |
| Domestic Abuse – Good practice guideline | X | X | | | |
| Vulnerable Child & Young People – Practitioner guidance | X | X | | | |
| Risk Management of Children & Young People with problematic Sexual Behaviour | | X | | | |
| <p>The content of all guidelines/policies which are in response to government policy or national child death/.SIR reports will reflect the same principles of practice and be very similar with a few customisation to reflect local structures.</p> | | | | | |

Appendix One