



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 28 OCTOBER 2009

PRACTITIONERS SUB GROUP REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the work of the practitioners sub group and forum.

2. PROGRESS OF THE PRACTITIONERS SUB GROUP

- 2.1 The practitioners sub group has met on one occasion since the last Child Protection Committee.
- 2.2 The following progress has been made: -

CPC Newsletter

The newsletter has been distributed to CPC members and their agencies via email, it has also been sent to a number of independent sector organisations. Due to the number of staff that are being missed via email distribution a print run of newsletters has been arranged and will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Annual Conference

The practitioners sub group has discussed possible options for the forthcoming annual conference and the theme of 'risk assessment' has been suggested. Dates and potential speakers will now be progressed

Membership

The Practitioners Sub group has recently lost membership from Anne Ritchie and Maureen MacKay, Turning Point. The group will consider expanding its membership.

Practitioners Forum

The practitioner's forum met on 2 September 2009. The forum had a presentation in relation to the forthcoming HMle inspection and met with Susan Taylor as Chair of CPC. Discussion also took place in relation to planning the forum meeting for December which will focus on supervision and support to staff

Key issues raised:

- Learning Partnerships - concern was expressed by staff that the movement away from learning partnerships may result in a loss of some of the key preventative and support work that was being done. It was also a key channel of communication between staff.

The Practitioners' sub group will review the workings of the forum meeting to ensure that it is operating in the most effective way for 2 way communication with the CPC.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Child Protection Committee is asked to:-

- (i) note the work of the Practitioners Sub Group;

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Chair of the Child Protection Committee
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