



West of Scotland Child Protection Network

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Dear Colleague,

As you may know, the West of Scotland Child Protection Network has now been established for over 6 years.

The West of Scotland Child Protection Network brings together a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency group to look at the development of education, standards, joint working, patient involvement and service development for child protection across the health boards and agencies involved. It includes NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Forth Valley, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, NHS Lanarkshire, Local Authorities in the West of Scotland, Strathclyde Police and Who Cares Scotland.

You may be aware of some of the previous work of the Network which includes:

- A series of successful conferences under the umbrella banner "How would your life be?" Conferences have included Emotional Abuse in 2007, Child Sexual Abuse in 2008, Abuse of Infants in 2009 and Parental Risk Factors in 2011.
- The creation of a leaflet for young people on "All you need to know about a forensic medical". The leaflet shows an illustrated journey through a FME and was developed with young people.
- The development of "Guidance on the Management of Children Referred with Anogenital Warts (AGW)"
- Reporting on Workforce Planning for child protection in the West of Scotland.

The Network have been developing a workplan for 2011/2012 and this will include work on the following areas:

- Developing child protection services across the West of Scotland
- Developing and implementing an educational strategy for child protection to ensure the educational and CPD needs of professionals are met
- Developing and reviewing appropriate guidance/ standards for child protection service provision in the West of Scotland
- Involving patients and the public in the work of the Network to ensure it is patient focused
- Developing links with professionals working in areas where there are parental risk factors

In addition the Network are looking to further develop communications with professionals involved in child protection. We would therefore like to encourage anyone with an interest in this area to contact us through the Network Administrator, Michelle Nolan at michelle.nolan@ggc.scot.nhs.uk Please let us know if you are interested in being kept informed of the work of the Network or would like to play a more active role.

Yours sincerely,

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