

## Agenda Item 11

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### **SCOTTISH CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS FORUM**

**Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh, 15 June 2011**

**Minute of meeting of Scottish Child Protection Committee Chairs Forum**

#### **MINUTE OF THE MEETING**

**DATE/TIME:** 15 June 2011 at 10:30 hours

**LOCATION:** Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh

**CHAIR:** Chief Constable Colin McKerracher (CM) – Grampian Police

**SECRETARY:** Jenna Mckay (JM) – Grampian Police

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>John</b>	<b>Alexander</b>	<b>Dumfries and Galloway CPC</b>
Bill	Atkinson	Perth & Kinross CPC – Chair
Safaa	Baxter	East Renfrewshire CPC – Chair
Corrine	Begg	NESCPC – LO
Rosie	Bolton	Falkirk CPC
Mike	Briggs	Dumfries & Galloway – LO
Janice	Brown	Falkirk LO
Gillian	Buchanan	Scottish Government
Scott	Byrne	Edinburgh – LO
Claire	Carthy	East & West Dunbartonshire
Ross	Drummond	Perth and Kinross Council
Norman	Dunning	South Lanarkshire (Independent) Chair
Sheila	Foggon	East Lothian
Myra	Frankland	East Renfrewshire CPC – Chair
Kate	Gabb	Shetland
Sharon	Glasgow	Renfrewshire CPC
Steven	Hatch	Fife
Pauline	Hoggan	North Lanarkshire CPC – Chair
Tim	Huntingford	Renfrewshire (Chair)
Catriona	Laird	National Coordinator
Adrian	Larwie	ELBEG Public Protection Partnership Officer

Angus	MacLeod	Western Isles CPC – Chair
Ivor	Marshall	Edinburgh CPC - Chair
Marian	Martin	HMIe
Jenna	Mckay	Grampian Police
Colin	McKerracher	Chair
David	McLavin	Renfrewshire Council
Donna	McLean	Scottish Government
Andrea	Moulding	MARS
John	Myles	Fife CPC
Gillian	Nicol	Scottish Borders CPC
John	Raine	Borders (Independent) CPC – Chair
Philip	Raines	Scottish Government
Jane	Ridgeway	West Lothian CPC – LO
Kenneth	Ritchie	Inverclyde CPC – Chair
Jacqui	Roberts	Chief Executive, SCSWIS
Sharon	Robertson	Angus CPC
Pene	Rowe	Highland CPC
Jillian	Russell	North Ayrshire CPC – LO
Anne	Salter	Stirling CPC
Jane	Scott	MARS
John	Scott	Mid Lothian
Joanne	Sharp	
John	Simmons	East Dunbartonshire Council
Beth	Smith	MARS
Donald	Urquhart	Glasgow CPC – Chair
Helen	Watkins	Shetland CPC – LO
Brian	Yule	NESCPC

**1 (a) CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

Colin McKerracher (CM) opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

**(b) APOLOGIES**

Bill	Alexander	
Karen	Anderson	SCSWIS
Alan	Baird	Dundee City Council
Eni	Bankole	Scottish Government
Lesley	Boal	Lothian & Borders
Deirdre	Cilliers	Clackmannanshire
Peter	Connolly	Orkney CPC
Douglas	Dunlop	Argyll & Bute
Lesley	Fraser	Scottish Government
Sheena	Gault	North Ayrshire CPC
Susan	Kerr	Inverclyde CPC
Jo	MacPherson	West Lothian CPC – Chair
Boyd	McAdam	Scottish Government
Anne	Mitchell	ELBEG Public Protection Partnership Officer

Anne	Ritchie	West Dunbarton
Gill	Smee	Orkney CPC - Chair
Fiona	Stevenson	Glasgow CPC – Chair
Elizabeth	Strang	Argyll & Bute CPC
Susan	Taylor	East Ayrshire CPC – Chair
Tom	Wood	

**(c) ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Members discussed whether the recorded information relating to item 3(b) Arrangements for implementing the SLWG recommendations on Significant Case Review was accurate.

Members explained that no agreement was made on this matter, contrary to what was written in the minute.

Philip Raines (PR) discussed the need for decisions on this matter.

Colin McKerracher (CM) agreed and suggested that we go ahead as proposed by the Scottish Government and if it does not work out as planned it can then be revisited at a later date.

The minute of 2 March 2011 has been amended to reflect the changes discussed at the meeting.

**ACTION:** All members to e-mail the Chair with any issues they think needs to be discussed with SCSWIS in order to adhere to the recommendations made by the SLWG on SCR's.

**ACTION:** Colin McKerracher to then take this issue to Jacqui Roberts (SCSWIS) and report back to members of the Forum in due course.

**(d) OUTSTANDING TASKS**

Please see attached Action Log.

**2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Strategic Review**

Colin McKerracher (CM) asked Catriona Laird (CL) to update members on the current status of the Strategic Review, and also asked members to note that although this may be taking some time to complete a lot of work is currently going into the review.

CL updated members of the progress of the Strategic Review and asked whether members thought a forum lead was necessary to provide updates to members. After discussion, it was agreed that CL would act as the forum lead and provide members with regular updates on items relating to the Strategic Review.

Members also discussed the need for certain items listed in the Strategic Review to be merged together (i.e. Child Trafficking, Forced Marriage, Missing Children) although these items should not just be pieced together. CM asked whether a small group should be formed to tease out the amalgamated items which had been identified by the Forum. Members agreed that a small group should be established.

Members agreed that the next step for the Strategic Review Working Group would be to update the spreadsheet then in order to fill in the blanks – see who could take the lead on certain gaps within the Strategic Review. The last stage would be to approach Phil Raines to see what can be done.

**ACTION:** Members of the Strategic Review Working Group to meet again prior to the next SCPCCF meeting to take matters discussed forward.

#### **(b) Presentation on the work of the SCPCCF Public Awareness Group**

Pauline Hoggan (PH) updated members on the current status of the Public Awareness Group and noted that the group has a wide range of members including Scottish Government, CPC's and SCSWIS.

PH introduced David McLavin from Renfrewshire who gave a presentation to members (presentation attached for information).

After the presentation PH handed out questions to each table which were collected by the chair of the group, all information recorded will be taken back to the group.

#### **(c) Clarification re Section 58 of the National Guidance on Underage Sexual Activity**

Adrian Lawrie (AL) updated members of the clarification he sought with regards to Section 58 of the National Guidance. AL asked Phil Raines (PR) to clarify the Scottish Government's position in relation to the following bullet point under the local protocols.

- Incorporate monitoring procedures to ensure that practice is consistent and appropriate.

PR confirmed that Child Protection Committees should only be responsible for monitoring with respect to those cases of underage sexual activity that lead to child protection concerns and action. Monitoring of the wide range of support for all children and young people involved in underage sexual activity is an issue that should be addressed by the wider community of relevant services, and not be restricted to child protection.

#### **(d) UK's response to missing children – CEOP take national lead**

This paper was noted by members.

**(e) Introduction to NSPCC Scotland and launch of NSPCC Helpline Mobile Phone Texting Service**

Philip Raines (PR) informed members that no information had been received by Scottish Government on this matter.

NSPCC are in the process of a national campaign which neither the Scottish Government or CPCs were informed about. Various members informed the forum that they have met with a representative from NSPCC and think that very poor information is being presented at schools. Many members also thought that this was more of a marketing campaign.

PR informed members that the Scottish Government would not be able to dictate what messages the NSPCC show. PR suggests that he meets with a NSPCC representative to get a regular update on this matter which can be shared with the forum.

**ACTION:** Colin McKerracher and Philip Raines to meet with the NSPCC representative to discuss the helpline.

**ACTION:** Members are to e-mail specific points which are to be raised at the meeting with the NSPCC representative.

**3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/UPDATE**

**(a) Digitalisation of the recording of investigative interviews**

John Myles (JM) updated members on the paper submitted and asked members if they had any questions.

Members discussed various concerns including;

- The confusion surrounding the recording of interviews;
- The cost;
- The location of the interviews and;
- Training requirements

JM informed members that the responsibility for the purchase of equipment for the JII equipment has been allocated to ACPOS. The equipment will allow a 3 tiered system which would include dedicated interview rooms, pre-wired multiple use rooms and mobile equipment for use at any location. With regards to the training requirements although training will be required the actual process of interview techniques will not be changed.

**(b) MARS/SCCPN update**

This paper was noted by members.

**(c) National Coordinators Update**

Catriona Laird (CL) updated members on the paper submitted and informed members that work is currently on-going which she is keen to develop. In order for this work to be developed CL is keen to attend various CPC's and asked members to send invites directly to herself inviting her to their respective CPC's. The paper was thereafter noted.

**(d) Inspection Updates**

No inspection updates were provided at this meeting.

**(e) Significant Case Review Updates**

No updates were provided at this meeting.

**4 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Scottish Government Written Update**

CM invited Philip Raines (PR) to provide members with the Scottish Government update.

Key updates included:-

- Children's Hearing Act – changes to the child protection guidance.
- Refreshing of national guidance – December 2011 – PR would like to progress this work through the forum.
- Adult Protection – New co-ordinator is based within MARS – AP colleagues are looking for something that would bring CPC's and AP officers together i.e. an organised event.

**ACTION:** Colin McKerracher agreed to look into some form of dialogue between Adult Protection officers and Child Protection Chair's.

**ACTION:** Phil Raines to provide an update on children's hearing information to members.

**(b) Presentation by Jacqui Roberts of SCSWIS**

Jacqui Roberts (JR) updated members on the current status with SCSWIS and added that SCSWIS are making a commitment to work with the forum and would likely need a representative from the forum whilst SCSWIS are being developed.

JR gave a presentation to members which is attached for information.

Members discussed the hopes for SCSWIS, JR added that there is now a chance to have a look at the current processes and see what changes should or could be made in order to progress matters.

**(c) A presentation on the future of MARS/SCCPN**

Beth Smith (BS) provided a presentation to members on the current proposals for MARS.

Presentation attached for information.

After the presentation CM thanked BS for her presentation and asked members if they had any questions for BS.

Philip Raines (PR) informed members of the Scottish Government perspective. PR said that we have an opportunity to take forward and evolve a resource which can help tackle local and national items which we currently do not have a handle on. What happens with regards to the future of MARS needs to be a collective effort as the Scottish Government may not have the resources to fund the project at the same level.

BS added that post 2012 there will still be a few members of staff in post, for instance Catriona Laird's post is funded until 2013.

**5. AOB**

**6. Date of next meeting**

14 September 2011