



**EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 7 DECEMBER 2010**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON 'PROTECTION' – 'IMPROVING OUTCOMES –  
MANAGING RISK' – 26 OCTOBER 2010**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC) of the outcome of the Annual Conference and subsequent evaluation from the multi agency attendees.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following on from the previous East Ayrshire Annual Conferences on 'Protection', a third Annual Conference was arranged for 26 October 2010. This Conference was held at St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock.
- 2.2 The theme for the Conference was "Improving Outcomes – Managing Risk."

**3. CONTENT OF THE CONFERENCE**

- 3.1 The Conference covered a range of topics (**Appendix 1**), providing information from both a national and local perspective.
- 3.2 Delegates had the opportunity to attend two workshops from a possible four.

**4. EVALUATION OF THE CONFERENCE**

- 4.1 There were 130 places allocated, 109 delegates who attended the Conference and 76 delegates completed an evaluation form (**Appendix 2**). The Conference evaluated very positively by all agencies. Examples of comments were as follows:

- Very positive comments included – *I found the whole conference very beneficial and highlighted the need and continuous steps towards multi agency working. I look forward to the new framework and guidance: A very worthwhile day and a well organised, informative conference.*
- Delegates are - *Looking forward to further information about national guidance and risk assessment tools: also really enjoyed the Identifying Risk workshop and thought it linked really well to Domestic Violence workshop. It was useful to learn about 'Internal radar'. It was interesting to visualise and feel and realise that assessment changes regularly depending on the*

*circumstances and that risk can vary from low, medium, high over a period of time*

- Delegates felt more confident. *It has made me think about my own practice and how I can change my practice to always make sure the child is kept at the centre of any decisions made.*
- Suggested improvements for training included – *More information concerning how the domestic violence agenda in EA works with/is integrated into CP. More inclusion of the role of Housing and emphasis around Health, Education, Social Work and Police: Would have liked to have heard colleagues in Police about their involvement and powers around domestic violence and child protection.*
- *It would be beneficial to have practitioners from legal system have their say in what brings them to the decisions they arrive at when concluding Child Protection/Domestic Abuse situations/cases*

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 The East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee is asked to:

- i) note the content of this report and;
- ii) give consideration to the topic for the annual Conference on 'Protection' for 2011.

**Susan Taylor**  
**Chair of Child Protection Committee**  
**7 December 2010**

**Report prepared by: Elaine Wright, Child Protection Co-ordinator**



East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee

# Improving Outcomes Managing the Risk

Improving Outcomes for Children through  
Effective Risk Assessment & Risk  
Management

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

St Joseph's Academy, Grassyards Road,  
Kilmarnock

## East Ayrshire Annual Child Protection Conference 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

9.00 - 9.30	Arrival/Registration/Tea & Coffee
9.30 - 9.45	Housekeeping/ Welcome
9.45 - 10.45	Dr Mairead Tagg
<i>10.45 - 11.00</i>	<i>Coffee</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Gillian Buchanan - Scottish Government
11.30 - 12.00	Moira McKinnon - CPC Principal Officer, Glasgow City Council
12.00 - 13.00	Workshops
<i>13.00 - 14.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 - 14.15	Launch of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2009/10 & Business Plan 2010/11
14.15 - 15.15	Workshops
15.15 - 15.30	Comfort Break and Return to main hall
15.30- 16.00	Fiona Lees - Chair of the Chief Officers Group
16.00 - 16.15	Questions from the floor
16.15 - 16.30	Closing Remarks & Evaluation

### **Workshops**

- 1 Gillian Buchanan - Scottish Government - Working together in Risk Assessment & Risk Management
- 2 Moira McKinnon - CPC Principal Officer, Glasgow City Council - Improving Outcomes through effective risk management
- 3 Kevin White - Girfec Development Officer - Integrated Assessment Framework (identifying risk)
- 4 Dr Mairead Tagg - Domestic Abuse - Risk and Outcomes

# East Ayrshire Annual Child Protection Conference 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## Booking Form

Please enter the names of all persons who wish a place at the Conference in the spaces below.

I will be attending the Conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Name	Organisation	Line Manager	Tel. Number	E-mail Address

Do you have any special dietary needs Yes  No

If yes please state

Do you have any specific additional requirements Yes  No

If yes please state

**Please number in order of preference from the list of workshops**

- Workshop 1 Working together in Risk Assessment & Risk Management
- Workshop 2 Improving Outcomes through effective Risk Management.
- Workshop 3 Integrated Assessment Framework (identifying risk)
- Workshop 4 Domestic Abuse – Risk & Outcomes

**RSVP:**

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**Please return your nomination form by THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**1. EVALUATION FEEDBACK**

1.1 Delegates were asked to rate aspects of the event and comment on any benefits the event had for them or their work and to give ideas for future events. 76 of the 109 delegates (54%) completed an evaluation form.

1.2 Rating aspects of the event on a 1 (excellent) to 6 (unsatisfactory) - scale showed: -

**Score Breakdown (%)**

	<b>Excellent 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory 6</b>
<b>Speaker 1</b>	75%	22%	1%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Speaker 2</b>	33%	43%	18%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Speaker 3</b>	36%	41%	17%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Workshop 1</b>	13%	51%	13%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Workshop 2</b>	32%	37%	13%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Workshop 3</b>	50%	32%	13%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Workshop 4</b>	63%	37%	8%	3%	0%	0%

1.3 Delegates rated Dr Mairead Tagg highest of all with particular positive comments for both her speakers input and her workshop.

1.4 82% of delegates rated the IAF risk assessment workshop as either excellent or very good.

**2. VENUE AND MATERIALS**

2.1 Delegates were asked to comment on the accommodation, the catering and the preparation and presentation of materials.

## 2.2

	<b>EXCELLENT</b> 1	2	3	4	5	<b>UNSATISFACTORY</b> 6
Accommodation	21%	39%	30%	5%	3%	0%
Catering	41%	37%	13%	4%	0%	0%
Preparation & Presentation of materials	33%	50%	12%	3%	0%	0%

2.3 The vast majority of delegates felt the accommodation, catering and preparation of materials was good, very good, or excellent. However 2 delegates (3%) found the accommodation to be weak. Comments on this included the piercing bell and the heat in the library.

## 3. INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE

3.1 Delegates were asked to comment on “How well has the conference increased your knowledge base?”

The overall rating on a 1 to 6 basis was:

<b>Excellent</b> 1	2	3	4	5	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> 6
24%	55%	12%	3%	0%	0%

## 4. USEFULNESS OF CONFERENCE

Delegates were asked to comment on “Overall, how did you rate the usefulness of the conference?”

The overall rating on a 1 to 6 basis was:

<b>Excellent</b> 1	2	3	4	5	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> 6
46%	39%	7%	1%	0%	0%

## 5. COMMENTS

- *As I work with children, I feel that Child Protection Training should be on a regular basis to keep up to date with any changes and also to keep minds fresh in relation to CP when working with children*
- *What interests me most about the toolkit would be the signposts to relevant up to date information to back up causes of concern and decisions*
- *Look forward to further information about national guidance and risk assessment tools*
- *Information sharing could be more prominent. It is not being shared as easily as it could be, especially the agencies under the EAC umbrella*
- *The conference was extremely interesting and very informative. It would be beneficial to have practitioners from legal system have their say in what brings them to the decisions they arrive at when concluding Child Protection/Domestic Abuse situations/cases*
- *Hopefully, given the current financial climate, we continue to strive for early intervention where needed. In the past (before the current recession) the emphasis still seemed to be crisis intervention in many cases*
- *Mairead Tagg was an absolutely inspirational speaker, thoroughly enjoyed her speech and workshop*
- *Annual conference very good however, additional multi-agency training sessions throughout the year about CP and Domestic Violence would be helpful*
- *Additional information received on attachment disorder very helpful*
- *Given the increasing use of the internet and social network sites with the dangers for young people could there be a systematic roll out of safe internet use/ workshops for young people. Some isolated pockets of work in this area is/has happened but there has been no systematic approach. This is a danger that comes right into the young person's home and often room*
- *A very worthwhile day and a well organised, informative conference. I particularly enjoyed Dr Tagg's input re the impact, effects and issues emanating from domestic violence*
- *Would be beneficial if other members of staff had the opportunity to come along. After all the speakers I feel more empowered to make a difference in young people's lives*
- *Perhaps some kind of session could be delivered to Early Years workers who work in the rooms. They seem to miss out and are not given opportunities to participate in this type of conference*
- *Always learning from such events*
- *Multi agency approach always very useful and creates a great learning environment*
- *Copies of slides used would be useful*
- *I also really enjoyed the Identifying Risk workshop and thought it linked really well to Domestic Violence workshop. It was useful to learn about 'Internal radar'. It was interesting to visualise and feel and realise that assessment changes regularly depending on the circumstances and that risk can vary from low, medium, high over a period of time*
- *Would like to get all presentations emailed*

- *Excellent conference, especially the knowledge base of the key speakers which was very interesting and informative. It has made me think about my own practice and how I can change my practice to always make sure the child is kept at the centre of any decisions made*
- *How do we easily and more promptly get action for children requiring Counselling/mental health well being input as there are huge obstacles/ waiting times for children I know requiring these services 'urgently' re referral pathways/resources/ non-acceptance of referrals*
- *Very interesting although a long day*
- *It occurred to me that the Council should have a mechanism for recording and making public "near misses and successes" whereby without the intervention of the agencies children would have undoubtedly been harmed.*

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Child Protection Committee are asked to: -

- i) Note the contents of this report.

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