



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 07 DECEMBER 2010

CHILD PROTECTION CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC) with details of the Child Protection Co-ordinators activity since the date of the last committee (September 2010).

2. CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES

- 2.1 Final comments from the EACPC were submitted to the Scottish Government and we now await publication of the procedures. Information to date has advised that the procedures should be published prior to Christmas 2010.

3. EACPC RESEARCH PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Following a tendering process in September and October the preferred applicant for conducting our research has been selected. Garth Associates placed a bid for the work to be undertaken by Moira MacKinnon, who has a wealth of experience and skills in child protection work and Pam Green Lister who has a background in social work education. Both applicants have experience in research/evaluations and file auditing.
- 3.2 Work will be completed by 31 March 2011.

4. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1 Enquiries were received from two local organisations in respect of support with child protection policies. The co-ordinator provided guidance in relation to the development of appropriate child protection policies. These were an independent Church in Cumnock and an additional Zumbatonic group.

5. CONSULTATIONS

- 5.1 A request for views on Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse (CAPSM) - Getting Our Priorities Right was received and circulated to the CPC for comment. The collated response was returned to the Scottish Government for consideration.

6. EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

6.1.1 The annual Child Protection Conference took place on Tuesday 26 October 2010 at St Joseph's Academy. Details of the conference have been provided in a separate report.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Child Protection Committee is asked to: -

- i) note the contents of this report.

Susan Taylor
Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee
7 December 2010

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