



## **EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 19 MAY 2009**

### **STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PERIOD - 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of Child Protection Activity in East Ayrshire for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The data informing this report has been drawn from the Social Work Information Systems.

#### **2. OVERVIEW**

- 2.1 The first quarter of 2009 has seen a decrease in the number of children on the Child Protection Register to 75 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. This represents a decrease of 14 children from the last quarter when there were 89 children on the Register.

#### **3. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF DATA**

##### **3.1 Table 1: Child Protection Contacts Source**

There were 255 child protection contacts recorded in this quarter of which 174 related to an enquiry to the child protection register.

##### **3.2 Table 2: Child Protection Investigations**

A total of 55 children were the subjects of child protection investigations.

##### **3.3 Table 3: Age at time of investigation**

Children between the ages of 0-4 years continue to be the largest age group at the time of investigations. However, there has been a reduction in the proportion of children involved in child protection investigations between 0-4 years to 38% in this quarter from 44%(October- December 2008) and 53% (July – September 2008) in the previous two quarters.

##### **3.4 Table 4: Child Protection Investigations- by category**

This quarter the category of Physical Injury accounted for 52% of referrals. This is a deviation from previous quarters when Physical neglect has consistently been the category that accounted for the highest number of referrals. Further work is required to consider these investigations and to explore the reasons for this increase in children who have been subjected to or are at risk of physical injury.

### **3.5 Table 5: Child Protection Investigations Outcomes**

In 27% of the child protection investigations, the outcome was that a case conference was required.

### **3.6 Table 6: Initial case conference outcomes**

There were 13 Initial Case Conferences held this quarter and these resulted in 16 out of 17 children being placed on the Register. This demonstrates that 94% of children who were subject to an Initial Case Conference were placed on the Child Protection Register. This is a consistent level as last quarter 95% of children considered at initial case conferences were placed on the Child Protection Register. The table also demonstrates a decrease in the number of children considered at an initial case conference from 42 children in the last quarter to 17 in this quarter.

### **3.7 Table 7: Review Case Conferences**

There were 44 Review Case Conferences involving 93 children this quarter. This quarter has seen a rise in the number of review case conferences from last quarter when only 29 review case conferences took place considering 57 children. Of the 93 children considered at review case conferences 46% were removed from the child protection register, 45% had their registration continued and 9% had their category of registration changed.

### **3.8 Table 8: Child Protection Register as at 31.03.2009**

There were 75 children on the child protection register as at 31.03.09. Forty of the registrations were for children 0-4 years which equates to 53% of total registrations for this quarter. When compared to the last quarter, there were 89 children placed on the Register and 55% of these were aged 0-4 years. This demonstrates that the majority of child protection concerns relate to the formative years in a child's life.

### **3.9 Table 9: Child Protection Register by Registration Category**

Of the 75 children on the Child Protection Register, 60% were registered under the category of 'Physical Neglect'. This is an increase from 47% in the last quarter. Throughout 2008 this was consistently the highest category for children to be registered for Child Protection concerns.

Of the 75 children on the Child Protection Register 35% were registered under the category of Emotional Abuse. This relates to a rise from 10% in the last quarter.

'Physical Injury' is the second highest category on the Child Protection Register where 24% of children were registered under this category. This compares to 31% for the last quarter.

### **3.10 Table 10: Length of time on the register as at 31.12.2008**

For this quarter, 9 children have been on the Child Protection Register for more than one year. This has increased from 4 children in the last quarter. 69% of children on the child protection register had been on less than 6 months this quarter. This is a decrease from 80% last quarter. The figures for the length of time that children have been on the register are impacted by the reduction in the number of initial case conferences this quarter

## **4. KEY AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1 The child protection statistical information presented to the Child Protection Committee is subject to review. There will be a review of the definitions and information in the contact/ referrals table. There will also be a revision in the responding format.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Child Protection Committee is asked to:
- i) note the contents of this report.

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**Chair of Child Protection Committee**  
**7 May 2009**

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**Table 1 - Child Protection Contacts  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

Source	Total
Anonymous	1
Health Visitor	2
Not Recorded	1
Other Health Staff	3
Other Local Authority	12
Other Social Work Staff	20
Police	13
Relative/Friend	8
School/Education Department	9
Standby	36
Standby - Family/Neighbours	1
Standby - Police	130
Standby - Social Work Staff	17
Vol Org, Community Group	2
	<b>255</b>

**Table 2 - Child Protection Investigations  
Between 01/01/09 - 31/03/2009**

Male	Female	Total
29	26	55

**Table 3 - Age at Time of Investigation  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
a) 0-4 years	10	11	21
b) 5-10 years	9	7	16
c) 11-15years	9	8	17
d) 16+ years	1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 4 - Child Protection Investigations by Category  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Emotional Abuse	1	1	2
Physical Injury	17	16	33
Physical Neglect	9	10	19
Sexual Abuse	1	4	5
Not Recorded	4	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>

**A Child may have more than one category of abuse recorded therefore this may differ from number in investigation tables**

**Table 5 - Child Protection Investigations - Outcomes  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Case Conference Required	4	7	11
CP Case Discussion	1	1	2
Multi Agency Meeting	2	2	4
No further Action	2	2	4
Not Recorded	18	12	30
Pre Birth Case Conference Required	2	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>55</b>

**Table 6 - Initial Care Conferences - Outcomes  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
Did Not Register Child		1	1
Register Child	11	5	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table 7 - Review Case Conferences by Outcome by Gender  
Between 01/01/2009 - 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female
Change Registration Category	3	5
Continue with Registration	23	19
De-Register	19	24

**Table 8 - Child Protection Register as at 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
a) 0-4 years	22	18	40
b) 5-10 years	12	10	22
c) 11-15 years	8	4	12
d) 16 + years	1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>75</b>

**Table 9 - Child Protection Register - Registration Category as at 31/03/2009**

	0-4 years		5-10 years		11-15 years		16+ years		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Emotional Abuse	3	4	4	3	3	2			<b>19</b>
Physical Injury	4	3	3		1	1			<b>11</b>
Physical Neglect	15	11	11	7	4	1	1		<b>45</b>
Sexual Abuse									
Failure to Thrive									
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>75</b>

**Table 10 - Length of Time on the Register as at 31/03/2009**

	Male	Female	Total
0-2 months	17	9	26
3-5 months	14	12	26
6 months - 1 year	6	8	14
1 year +	6	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>75</b>