



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 19 MAY 2009

THE FUTURE OF CHILD PROTECTION IN SCOTLAND: EXAMINING PROTECTION AND SOCIAL SERVICES - 27 MARCH 2009

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Committee of the above Conference, which took place on 27 March 2009, and to advise of the key themes arising.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Conference was organised by Holyrood, Edinburgh and Chaired by Jacquie Roberts (Chief Executive of the Care Commission). Ms Roberts believes 'it's people who protect children: not systems, registers, processes, case conferences, committees or case files'.
- 2.2 The aim of the Conference was to bring together an important group of people who reflected on how best to support families and professionals to protect children.
- 2.3 It is acknowledged in the 21st Century in Scotland professionals are facing major challenges from the growing number of children born into families where addiction is a serious problem.

3. CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 3.1 The conference agenda included: -
- Looking out for Scotland's Children: Adam Ingram (MSP, Minister for Children & Early Years)
 - Protection in practice: how far have we come since the release of "It's everyone's job to make sure I'm alright?": Stella Perrott (former Principal Professional Advisor to S.G. on CP Reform)
 - Regaining vision and purpose: the need for change from within: Alexis Jay (Chief Inspector, SWIA)
 - Redefining the role of the Chief SW Officer: Convenor (C&F Standing Committee, ADSW)

- From recognition and response to meaningful intervention: Prof. Brigid Daniel, University of Stirling & founding member of the SCCPN)
- Recognising danger and responding to key situations: D.S. Lesley Boal (Chair, ACPOS CP Working Group)
- Learning lessons and moving practice forward – Panel Discussion
- Becoming part of the solution: Maggie Mellon (Director of Services, Children 1st)
- Improving Scrutiny: learning lessons and moving forward: Neil McKechnie (HM Chief Inspector, HMIE)
- Scotland's First Online Child Protection Register: Alistair Gaw (Vice Chair, Fife CPC)

4. LINK TO SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 To access presentations, go to the **Holyrood Conferences** website: <http://conferences.holyrood.com> then, in the 'User Login' section towards the bottom right of the screen, enter the username and password below to gain access to the files.

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5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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Chair of Child Protection Committee
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