

EAST AYRSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

NOTE OF MEETING

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011

PRESENT:

Richard Stevens, Independent Chair of East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee;
Eddie Fraser, Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service: Community Care;
Donna Sinforiani, Adult Protection Co-ordinator;
Alison Findlay, Senior Manager, Social Work;
Jaine Best, Solicitor;
Liz Moore, Health Care Director, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
Superintendent Helen Swann, Strathclyde Police; and
Margaret Rooney, Locality Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

ATTENDING:

Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES:

Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; and
Maire Currie, Health Care Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

CHAIR:

Richard Stevens, Chair.

	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February 2011 (circulated) were approved.	
2.	REPORTING AND REFERRAL ACTIVITY The Committee received a report which provided an update on multi-agency progress in adult at risk reporting statistics and multi-agency referral system within East Ayrshire. It was agreed:- (i) to note the adult at risk referral activity and analysis to date in year 3 of the implementation of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007; (ii) to consider introducing a system of feedback to Police partners on referrals they have made; and (iii) otherwise, to note the report.	

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3.	<p>AUDIT OF POLICE REFERRALS</p> <p>Superintendent Helen Swann advised that a report was being prepared for the Chief Constable and the Committee would be kept up-to-date. Disparity between number of referrals received, and number of referrals resulting in action, was a common theme across the whole country, not just a Police issue, and not necessarily a result of inappropriate referrals.</p> <p>It was agreed that Committee would continue to monitor this issue.</p>	
4.	<p>PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT: BIENNIAL REPORT 2008/2010 DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which provided an overview of the proposed Communication Strategy (appended to the report) for multi-agency dissemination of the Chair's Biennial Report and Scottish Ministers' response thereon, and sought approval for these.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the arrangements for the Multi-Agency Communication Strategy appended to the report; (ii) to maximise promotion of the positive progress made in terms of the implementation of the Adult Support and Protection Act, in Police and NHS Publications; (iii) to note that within the Council, a report would be submitted to Cabinet and to the Community Health Partnership; and (iv) otherwise to note the report. 	
5.	<p>PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT: ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2010/2011 PROGRESS UPDATE</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which (i) gave an overview of progress with performance management activity and meeting the objectives and work activity identified in the Adult Protection Committee's Business Plan 2010/2011; (ii) sought consideration of any annual reporting requirements due in October 2011 and the development of an Adult Support and Protection Strategy; and (iii) sought consideration and endorsement of the membership and planning arrangements for a multi-agency self evaluation case file audit.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the continued progress made in terms of the Adult Protection Committee's Business Plan and the development of Draft National Standards for Adult Support and Protection; (ii) to note the requirement for a National Performance Framework; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) to base the Committee's Annual Report on data gathered during the year and an analysis of what has been done with the data/trends, the Business Plan, and integration of the Significant Case Review Action Plan; (iv) to develop a Strategy for Adult Protection focussed on safeguarding and prevention; (v) that the above Strategy be developed internally, reported back to Committee, consulted on and developed locally with partners; (vi) to investigate and report back to the next meeting on issues associated with undertaking a multi-agency case file audit, including timescale, make up of Audit Group, capacity, legal issues including access to files, East Dunbartonshire model, and rationale for number of files to be audited; and (vii) otherwise, to note the report. 	
6.	<p>ADULT PROTECTION INDEPENDENT CHAIRS DRAFT NATIONAL DATASET</p> <p>Dick Stevens circulated the draft National Dataset and requested feedback on this document.</p> <p>Dick Stevens also reported on the recent National Chairs' Meeting and advised that papers were available from Donna Sinforiani.</p>	
7.	<p>REVIEWING PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE: LEGAL SOLUTIONS FORUM</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which advised on the outcome of an evaluation of the East Ayrshire Legal Solutions Forum and sought consideration and endorsement of the findings and recommendations of the evaluation.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to recognise the significant role the Legal Solutions Forum had in supporting practitioners in improving skills and knowledge of applying the wider legal framework, and the benefits of this for the support and protection of adults at risk of harm; (ii) that core membership be strengthened on a multi-agency basis, to involve Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Health representation by the Child Protection Advisor; (iii) to recognise the Legal Solutions Forum as a resource to be accessed in circumstances where themes were relevant to particular areas of work; (iv) that Donna Sinforiani identify themes, agencies identify individuals to participate and Jaine Best liaise with Children and Families and Criminal Justice on their nomination(s); and (v) otherwise, to note the report. 	

8.	<p>SIGNIFICANT CASE REVIEW FINAL REPORT - MR A</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the final report on the SCR - Mr A; (ii) that an Executive Summary be used for FOI purposes; (iii) to note that a Fatal Accident Inquiry may be carried out; (iv) that the Executive Summary, Action Plan and Recommendations be submitted to the Chief Officers Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection) at their next meeting on 21 June 2011, and thereafter to the Scottish Government; (v) in the meantime, feedback be provided to the family concerned and the recommendations be progressed; (vi) Jaine Best review the procedures for SCR, in light of the independent role of the Chair of the Adult Protection Committee; (vii) a Working Group be established, chaired by Donna Sinforiani as link to the Adult Protection Committee, to report back to the Chief Officers Group at their meeting on 27 September 2011 with a detailed Plan to progress the Recommendations in the Report; and (viii) Detective Sergeant Maxine Gallacher, Yvonne Bennett, Service Manager, Mental Health Partnerships and Linda Boyd, Health Care Manager Mental Health Services be nominated to represent Strathclyde Police, Social Work and NHS Ayrshire and Arran respectively on the above Working Group. 	
9.	<p>INFORMATION ITEMS</p> <p>The Committee received for information and noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Minutes of the East Ayrshire Chief Officers Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection) Meeting held on 25 March 2011 (circulated); and (ii) Minutes of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee meeting held on 8 March 2011 (circulated). 	
10.	<p>SOCIAL WORK SERVICES AND RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE MISUSE: A REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) by the Team Manager (Addictions) which provided evidence to the effectiveness of Social Work interventions in the recovery of people with problematic drugs and alcohol use.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to recognise the significant role played by Social Work and Social Care in recovery from problematic substance misuse; (ii) to note the limited research within Scotland; (iii) to support the Practitioners Briefing Session on 22 June 	

	2011; and (iv) otherwise, to note the report.	
11.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 23 August 2011 at 1400 hours in Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.	
	The meeting terminated at 1600 hours.	