

EAST AYRSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

NOTE OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT:

Richard Stevens, Independent Chair of East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee;
Eddie Fraser, Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service: Community Care, East Ayrshire Council;
Donna Sinforiani, Adult Protection Co-ordinator;
Alison Findlay, Service Manager, Social Work, East Ayrshire Council;
Maire Currie, Health Care Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
Gordon Bruce, Inspector, Strathclyde Police; and
Stephen Wilson, Team Manager, Care Commission;

ATTENDING:

Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES:

Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing, East Ayrshire Council;
Jaine Best, Solicitor; East Ayrshire Council;
Liz Moore, Health Care Director, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
Les Browne, Procurator Fiscal, COPFS; and
Superintendent Helen Swann, Strathclyde Police.

CHAIR:

Richard Stevens, Chair.

	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 December 2010 (circulated) were approved.	
2.	IMPROVING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE The Committee received an update report (circulated) on multi-agency progress in relation to improving skills and knowledge within East Ayrshire. It was agreed:- (i) to note the ongoing progress made with adult protection training; (ii) to extend arrangements for awareness raising within further/higher education establishments; (iii) that organisations in the private sector be encouraged to take up training. The Care Commission were monitoring low take up by residential establishments; and (iv) otherwise, to note the report.	

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3.	<p>REPORTING AND REFERRAL ACTIVITY</p> <p>The Committee received an update report (circulated) on multi-agency adult at risk reporting statistics and referral systems within East Ayrshire.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the adult at risk referral activity and analysis to date; (ii) to note in relation to the breakdown of referrals by outcome table, “no further action by Social Work” statistic, that there was evidence of ongoing work with vulnerable people who were not at risk under adult protection legislation; (iii) that additional support was required for time interval reports to enable the Adult Protection Team to monitor interventions; (iv) to receive a report back on a review by Strathclyde Police of their Adult Protection referrals; (v) to note Scottish Government’s intention to develop a national data set to provide consistency for Adult Protection Committees and Partners to collate and report on referrals; and (vi) otherwise to note the report. 	
4.	<p>STATUTORY INTERVENTIONS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE ADULTS</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which advised on the range of legislative routes available for Protection of Adults at Risk and sought consideration and agreement of a process to facilitate full and informed consideration of all possible routes to protect within the Adult Support and Protection Agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the establishment of regular reporting on legal interventions (linked to Paragraph 3(iii), above). In addition to capacity and capability issues, a good data set including wider legislative options was needed (Paragraph 3(v), above); (ii) that once additional staffing resources available the Adult Protection Co-ordinator make suitable arrangements to facilitate reporting on legal interventions; and (iii) otherwise to note the report. 	

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5.	<p>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION: ADULTS NEED PROTECTING TOO CAMPAIGN</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which provided an overview of progress with the “Adults Need Protecting Too” Campaign.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the progress made with the “Adults Need Protecting Too” Television Campaign; (ii) to approve participation in and joint funding of a re-run of the advert in August 2011; (iii) to consider how to measure the impact of the campaign; and (iv) otherwise, to note the report. 	
6.	<p>REVIEWING PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE</p> <p>The Committee received a report (circulated) which provided an overview of the background to and the outcome of the report from Scottish Government on the event attended by Lead Officers on 23 November 2010.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to consider the emerging themes and developments at both national and local level; (ii) to approve future multi-agency attendance at these events; and (iii) otherwise to note the report. 	
7.	<p>ADULT PROTECTION INDEPENDENT CHAIRS MEETING WITH SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT</p> <p>The Committee noted a verbal report by the Chair, on the Adult Protection Independent Chairs Meeting with Scottish Government.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Adult Protection Co-ordinator circulate the Chair’s information from this event to Committee Members.</p>	
8.	<p>SIGNIFICANT CASE REVIEW (SCR)</p> <p>The Committee noted a verbal update by the SCR Panel Chair.</p> <p>It was further noted that a report on the review recommendations and action plan would be submitted to the Adult Protection Committee for sign off, prior to consideration by the Chief Officers Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection).</p>	

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9.	<p>ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORTS FUNDING TO SUPPORT DISSEMINATION</p> <p>The Committee noted correspondence from the Scottish Government which allocated £5,000 to each Adult Protection Committee Convener to support the dissemination of the findings and conclusions of their Biennial Report.</p> <p>It was agreed:-</p> <p>(i) to remit to the Lead Officers and Chairs Group to make proposals for expenditure and report back to the Adult Protection Committees; and</p> <p>(ii) otherwise, to note the correspondence.</p>	
10.	<p>PAN AYRSHIRE PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT PROGRESS 2011</p> <p>The Committee noted a verbal report by Donna Sinforiani on progress with Pan-Ayrshire performance and audit.</p>	
11.	<p>EAST AYRSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION UNIT - ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN WORK PLAN SUMMARY</p> <p>The Committee received and noted a report which provided an update on progress with the Annual Business Plan Work Plan Summary.</p> <p>The Committee also noted a verbal update by Maire Currie on the NHS Leads Meeting (action 16 of the Work Plan Summary refers) on the involvement of GP's in Adult Support and Protection.</p>	
12.	<p>EAST AYRSHIRE CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP (CHILD, ADULT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION)</p> <p>The Committee noted the Minutes of the Chief Officers Group meeting held on 21 December 2010 (circulated) in particular the future agreement for the APC and CPC to alternate reports to Chief Officers in regard to performance activity.</p>	
13.	<p>SG LEAD OFFICERS EVENT</p> <p>The Committee noted details of a Lead Officers event to be held on 20 September 2011 in the John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh University.</p>	
14.	<p>VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT ANTI-VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN DOMESTIC ABUSE CONFERENCE</p> <p>The Committee noted an invitation to an Anti-Violence Campaign Domestic Abuse Conference to be held on Wednesday 30 March 2011 in Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, Kincardine (circulated).</p>	

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15.	<p>CROWN OFFICE AND PROCURATOR FISCAL SERVICE: COMMITMENT TO VICTIMS AND PROSECUTION WITNESSES</p> <p>The Committee noted correspondence from C Dyer, Crown Agent and Chief Executive, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to the Association of Directors of Social Work dated 31 December 2010 regarding their commitment to victims and prosecution witnesses (circulated).</p>	
	The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.	