

EAST AYRSHIRE CHIEF OFFICERS' GROUP (CHILD, ADULT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2010 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S CONFERENCE ROOM, EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Eddie Fraser, Interim Chair of Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee/Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Service: Community Care; and Susan Taylor, Chair of Child Protection Committee/Head of Service: Children, Families and Criminal Justice, all East Ayrshire Council; Chief Superintendent William Fitzpatrick, Strathclyde Police; Wai Yin Hatton, Chief Executive; and Fiona McQueen, Lead Director Child Protection, both NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

ATTENDING: Diane Burns and Elaine Wright, Child Protection Co-ordinators (Job-Share) and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Office, East Ayrshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council; and Donna Sinforiani, Adult Protection Co-ordinator.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. There were submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of the previous meeting of the East Ayrshire Chief Officers' Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection Arrangements) held on 10 November 2009 (circulated).

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1.1 HMIE Inspection Update

It was agreed to consider later in the meeting HMIE's draft report on the Joint Inspection of Services to Protect Children and Young People in the East Ayrshire Council area which had been circulated to Chief Officers in advance of the meeting.

1.1.2 Act Against Harm/Adult Protection Local Awareness Campaign

It was agreed, in relation to the local campaign, that the sound bites on local radio had been particularly powerful.

MULTI-AGENCY PROTECTION TRAINING

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 23 December 2009 (circulated) by the Chair of the Child Protection Committee and the Interim Chair of the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee which presented proposals for the development of joint multi-agency protection training arrangements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the background to the current arrangements for co-ordination and delivery of multi-agency protection training and related issues;
- (ii) to note the details of three options for the future co-ordination and delivery of multi-agency protection training;
- (iii) that Option 1, maintaining the status quo, was not sustainable;

- (iv) that financial constraints prohibited the establishment of a new jointly funded post located within a Multi-Agency Protection Training Team (Option 3);
- (v) to remit consideration of practical implications of Option 2, transferring one FTE post from Social Work Training Team to a Multi-Agency Protection Training Team and re-grading one of the Training Officer posts to Team Manager level, and the wider implications within the context of the Department of Educational and Social Services, to the Interim Chair of the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee and Chair of the Child Protection Committee in their respective roles as Head of Service: Community Care and Head of Service: Children and Families; and
- (vi) that the Interim Chair of the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee and Chair of the Child Protection Committee report back to the Chief Officers' Group on these matters.

CO-LOCATION

3. It was noted that a number of possibilities were being looked at to co-locate the Child and Adult Protection staff and resources, providing touchdown space for public protection staff.

It was agreed that partners report back on any options and that this issue remain on the Chief Officers' Group agenda pending identification of suitable accommodation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MINUTES OF EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

4. There were submitted for information and noted Minutes of the meeting of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee held on 28 October 2009 (circulated).

It was agreed that an integrated action plan for all East Ayrshire Significant Case Reviews and the action plan for the Significant Case Review (CL) both be submitted to the Chief Officers' Group.

MINUTES OF ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

5. There were submitted and noted Minutes of the meeting of the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee held on 22 September 2009 (circulated).

It was further noted that:-

- (i) there had been a significant increase in Adult Support and Protection Training uptake;
- (ii) "Tell Someone" would be launched to the independent sector on 21 January 2010;
- (iii) a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Chief Officers' Group on the issues arising from "Justice Denied";
- (iv) there had been a significant increase in reporting and referral activity as a result of the introduction of the Adult Support and Protection Legislation. This was being charted monthly;

- (v) the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee Business Plan would be submitted to the next meeting of the Chief Officers' Group; and
- (vi) that partners would make enquiries regarding an independent Chair for the Adult Support and Protection Implementation Committee and report back to the Chief Officers' Group.

JOINT INSPECTION OF SERVICES TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AREA

6. In relation to the draft Inspection Report received from Neil McKechnie, HM Chief Inspector on 22 December 2009, it was agreed:-
- (i) to review the draft report and submit comments, including any points for clarification or proposed re-writes, to the Chair by 15 January 2010;
 - (ii) that a response to HMIE be drafted on those issues that could be responded to based on information to date, for circulation to the Chief Officers in the first instance;
 - (iii) to seek a further meeting with HMIE for discussion and clarifications in relation to issues contained in the draft report as discussed at the meeting; and
 - (iv) to seek general clarification from HMIE on specific areas for improvement and degree of improvement required, for self evaluation purposes.

MAPPA SIGNIFICANT CASE REVIEW

7. Chief Superintendent Bill Fitzpatrick gave a verbal update on a high profile MAPPA case which had significant national implications. A single agency review had been completed by Strathclyde Police to inform organisational learning about management of the individual concerned. A multi-agency review would also be carried out under MAPPA and the case would be subject to independent scrutiny.

In light of the above, the Chief Superintendent would stand down from the Chief Officers' Group and be replaced by Alex McAllister.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. It was noted that the next meeting of the Chief Officers' Group (Child, Adult and Public Protection Arrangements) would be held on Friday 19 March 2010 at 1400 hours in the Chief Executive's Conference Room, East Ayrshire Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock.

The meeting terminated at 1625 hours.