

West Dunbartonshire Child Protection Committee
28th November 2016
1st Floor, Meeting Room 3, Garshake
MINUTE

Present:


Jackie Irvine - Head of Service / Chief Social Work Officer CHCP (Chair)
Yvonne Scott - Detective Superintendent Police (Vice Chair)
Sheila Downie - SCS Service Manager/SLT Manager
Patricia Montgomery- Inclusion Officer Education
Karen Marshall - Strategy Officer
Norman Firth - Manager Justice Services
Carol Bews - Child Protection Advisor NHSGGC
Rosie Lawrence- Senior Inspector, Care Inspectorate
Graham Cordner- Detective Chief Inspector PPU
Joanne Martin - Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Coordinator
Mags Simpson- Practice Development Nurse & Team Lead (Clydebank)
Eddie Cairns – Police Constable


Apologies:

Annie Ritchie- Manager Fieldwork Services (Social Work)
Marie Rooney - Integrated Operations Manager Mental Health
John Kerr - Housing Strategy Manager
Jackie Hamill - Senior Nurse, Children's Services
Carron O'Byrne - Manager Looked After Services
Julie Lusk - Manager Addictions Services

		Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions Introductions were made and Jackie welcomed Mags Simpson who was attending on behalf of Jackie Hamill and Joanne Martin who was attending on behalf of John Kerr. Graham Cordner was congratulated on his new post as Detective Chief Inspector and PC Eddie Cairns was welcomed along to speak to item 3.	
2.	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising The minute was checked for accuracy and agreed. A meeting to discuss the current SCR was held the first week in November. Jackie Irvine will confirm by email the details of future meetings to be held and will clarify the change of venue.	Jackie Irvine
3.	Police Scotland Youth Volunteers- Community Impact PC Eddie Cairns was in attendance to explain the role of youth volunteers and to foster links with the various departments represented by the membership of the CPC. PC Cairns' role working with the youth volunteers is an unpaid one and additional to his role as Police Constable. He explained that the volunteer scheme is not a Police recruiting tool but it provides children aged 13-18 with the opportunity to gain an insight in to police work while participating positively in their local communities. There are currently 480 volunteers and 6 adult volunteers who have delivered 2000 hours of their time and it is hoped that numbers will expand to 860 by 2018. The young people have been able to attend national events (Golf Open, Tulliallan) and to be involved in fundraising activities (£5000 raised for Hospice). They have also supported a recent missing person's enquiry by undertaking informal discussions with other young people. The feedback from communities has been extremely positive and on a personal level the young people	


	<p>have indicated that the scheme has been instrumental in them building friendships and gaining confidence. Young people have received training in first aid, peer education and leadership and by developing their abilities through volunteering they can achieve the Scottish Saltire award. This qualification is equivalent to a Higher which could secure a young person a place in further education.</p> <p>PC Cairns explained that children are identified through pastoral care teachers and 25% are classified as vulnerable. If Housing identify suitable children this could be followed up through school /named person. The project will continue as long as children can be identified and it is hoped to encourage buy in to the scheme from looked after children/children's homes and to for the national team to extend involvement to Clydebank. To this end Yvonne will write to the national team to encourage this extension and participation. Carron O'Byrne will explore linking in young people from Children's Houses and Through Care.</p>	Yvonne Scott Carron O'Byrne
4.	<p>North Ayrshire CPC</p> <p>Jackie Irvine spoke to this handout. The Ayrshire SCR highlights the recurring pattern of contributing factors identified in many other SCRs and which bring the importance of MATAC in to focus. The West Dunbartonshire domestic abuse development day had reinforced locally that incidents seen in isolation are of greater significance when viewed collectively and emphasized that communication and planning based on shared information are paramount in achieving successful outcomes for children.</p> <p>There are questions raised by this SCR about whether judgments should be changed in response to court decisions not going as planned and about the message this conveys to an offender. Rosie Lawrence emphasized the importance of services getting together quickly to plan further actions following court decisions and sentencing. It was suggested that managing a similar case as in the procedures for step down/discharge from the child protection register could be effective. The importance of communication was once again highlighted and everyone was reminded that it is unacceptable to assume that knowledge has been imparted to other services.</p> <p>The MAPPA extension has made the criteria for inclusion more flexible and now includes individuals who are assessed as being a risk of serious harm (an indictment is not necessarily needed). There has been debate about where domestic abuse fits in to the MAPPA extension.</p> <p>All were reminded to cascade the learning from the Ayrshire case down to teams and services.</p>	All
5.	<p>Consultation on a Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy for Scotland</p> <p>A reminder will be sent to members that any comments on this consultation should be sent to Jackie Irvine before the 7 Dec 2016 closing date. Police Scotland will provide a corporate response centrally. Yvonne advised that a PowerPoint presentation delivered by a private company was available to local authorities. It was decided that a SLWG to discuss the agenda for a further awareness raising session would be helpful. The development day would cover topics including human trafficking, forced marriage, genital mutilation and would flag up the working with resistance portfolio recently introduced by the CPC. Provisional "save the day" dates of 3rd and 8th February were identified – this is likely to be a half day event.</p>	Dawn Hansen

<p>6.</p>	<p>Demands and Workload</p> <p>Jackie tabled figures (<i>see attached</i>) and explained that on reviewing the statistics Annie and her team had noted a 20% increase on last year. The elevated Christmas figures could have been a seasonal anomaly but a consistent increase on previous years was apparent. The reasons behind the increased demand were discussed at the previous CPC and it was suggested that smaller case loads or prevalence of higher HPIs on a caseload could be contributing to staff's available time to make referrals.</p> <p>Providing Police cover at review meetings was proving difficult, however agreement had been reached that additional information could be provided where attendance was not possible. A further analysis of demands/workload in health visiting had not been actioned due to staff absence. A group comprising Social Work and Health (Ailsa King, Mags Simpson and Annie Ritchie) will undertake an initial assessment of demand through case load management and then pull in Police and Education (Graham Cordner & Pat Montgomery) to explore any changes in referral agency profile, similar rises elsewhere with a different demographic profile and to gauge the impact on families and workload.</p> <p>Jackie has already raised the impact of this rise in CP referrals and activity with the Public Protection Chief Officers Group, whereby the PPCOG agreed to the provision of some agency social work staff to address the vacancies whilst the recruitment process takes place.</p> <p>The work of the SLWG will come back to the CPC for full discussion and consideration and then to the PPCOG.</p>	 Monitoring Indicators CP.pdf Ailsa King M Simpson Annie Ritchie G Cordner Pat Montgomery
<p>7.</p>	<p>Awareness Raising for Night Time Economy</p> <p>Jackie indicated that the information from Perth and Kinross was a good basis on which to build a West Dunbartonshire document. Pat will review the condensed one page draft template created for West Dunbartonshire and build on it. Yvonne has access to a master list of licensed premises and can provide assistance with targeting and issuing the document when finalised.</p>	Pat Montgomery Yvonne Scott
<p>8.</p>	<p>Police Scotland Child Protection Inter-Agency Referral Discussions Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)</p> <p>Although it was agreed that consistent approaches are necessary, there are difficulties producing a single document which provides direction for 3 separate agencies across the country. Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of flexibility across the country with regards to existing inter agency working practices, use of language and whether the revised model can provide a better outcome than that which currently operate in local areas. There is no research to validate that the IRD assures better outcomes.</p> <p>Within West Dunbartonshire the escalation process is working well by allowing concerns to be raised by agencies at any stage.</p> <p>When meeting with Child Protection Inspectors some staff still indicated that their impression was that decision making lay with Police and Social Work. It was agreed that the presentation and training on staff roles and responsibilities in child protection decision making, provided by Moira McKinnon would be revisited and IRD added to another half day training session in order to reinforce the need for collaborative working.</p>	Annie Ritchie & Training Group

	<p>Carol Bews advised that within the CPU teleconferencing is going well with approximately 10 being held per day. Education participation in Glasgow is limited. There are challenges in getting free time and although decisions are being made quicker, teleconferencing has not led to a reduction in paperwork for the other authorities out with West Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>Jackie advised that this is why the preference in WD is for recording to be primarily within Carefirst with the other agencies recording in their case records.</p> <p>SOP will be discussed at CPC Scotland in December and Jackie Irvine will feed back at the next CPC.</p>	Jackie Irvine
9.	<p>Working with Resistance-Practitioner Portfolio</p> <p>This is a West of Scotland Child Protection Consortium document and therefore does not have a WD CPC specific logo. A distribution list will be agreed and the document will be circulated. Jackie Irvine and Pat Montgomery will explore topics to bring to a learning communities' session and will include this document and the guidance on human trafficking on the agenda.</p>	J Irvine Pat Montgomery
10.	<p>CSE Self-Evaluation Tool</p> <p>Carron was not in attendance however the evaluation is complete and will be circulated.</p> <p>Revised Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation for Scotland</p> <p>Jackie Irvine expressed that this was a useful 1 page document which helped to clarify the perception of a victim and complimented and accentuated the work completed by Carron O'Byrne at the CSE workshop.</p>	
11.	<p>Large Scale Training Events-Child Protection, Adult Protection</p> <p>Work is underway to develop an online training tool and a waiting list currently exists for training requests. Jackie will follow this up with Annie Ritchie and Noreen McCarthy. Carron O'Byrne and Angie MacDonald can also be involved with this training design and delivery and once numbers are known a venue can be identified for early 2017.</p> <p>Pat is currently working with Mark Wrethman about designing an additional module.</p>	Jackie Irvine A. Ritchie N. McCarthy P. Montgomery
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop to Listen Posters were drawn to members attention. Jackie tabled the document "3 Minute Brief" (<i>see attached</i>) and encouraged members to read the policy drivers and associated documents. A draft report based on the consultation feedbacks is expected late December/early January. CPC dates for 2017/18 will be circulated. Yvonne advised that there will be no national campaign at Christmas around domestic abuse this year however there will be something in the local media. Members were advised of the local "PREVENT" training session being held on 16th January 2017 at 1.30 at Vale of Leven Hospital. 	 3 Minute Brief.pdf
13	<p>Standing Item</p> <p>CPC Improvement Plan</p> <p>CPC/011- completed</p> <p>CPC /021- update: meeting with SACRO- talk to fiscal re required involvement pre</p>	



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	<p>and post conviction. Not diversionary programme. Look at wider partners. Prevention at young age. CEDAR- extended funding. Yvonne to send briefing paper to Dawn. Members to provide any further updates to Dawn before next CPC.</p>	<p>Yvonne Scott All</p>
	<p>Papers/ Items for Note Members were asked to note papers circulated for attention. Jackie also tabled a briefing from Social Work Scotland "Briefing 2: Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry" (<i>see attached</i>) and advised members that when a file is requested the inquiry team will accept responsibility for transferring documents and redacting information. Compliance with the requirements pertaining to record retention has already been established.</p>	 Briefing 2 Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.p
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017, 2pm, 1st Floor Committee Room 3, Garshake.</p>	