

Event: Learning & Development

Following on from the successful Learning Review event in 2025, APC and CPC will host two multi-agency learning & development events on **23 and 24 November**.

These half day events are open to frontline practitioners and staff, where they can engage in reflective sessions utilising Learning Reviews to delve into practice areas, such as, neglect, professional curiosity and working alongside service users and families. The session will also offer information on contextual safeguarding approaches and what it might mean for practice.

Details on how to nominate candidates will be released soon.

Neglect Strategy

Neglect remains a consistent reasoning for Child Protection Registration and has been a contributing factor within Learning Reviews with Adult and Children's services. As such, we aim to develop a strategy that bridges both adults and children, into a comprehensive response to neglect. A working group will be convened to consider the scope of the strategy and oversee the implementation.

Learning Reviews and Updated Guidance

Currently, we have one active Learning Review commissioned by the Child Protection Committee. All 3 Learning Reviews commissioned by the APC are now complete with improvement actions monitored through the Committee's Improvement Plan. Learning Reviews are a source of reflection and multi-agency practice improvements. We have again updated the local Guidance to reflect local and national developments, which you can read [here](#).

Learning Reviews that have concluded and Executive Summary Reports published can be viewed [here](#).

Adult Protection Committee (APC)

The APC is the strategic planning and governance body for the delivery of multi agency adult support and protection services in West Dunbartonshire. Further information on the Committee and the partnership can be found here - [Adult Support & Protection Committee - West Dunbartonshire HSCP](#)

Working together to protect Adults

APC Update (Sept 2026)

National Review – Group Based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) & Child Criminal Exploitation

CPC completed our submission to the national Review in May of this year. A follow up interview was held with the Joint Inspection Team. This process was replicated across the country, and the subsequent phase 1 report can be viewed [here](#).

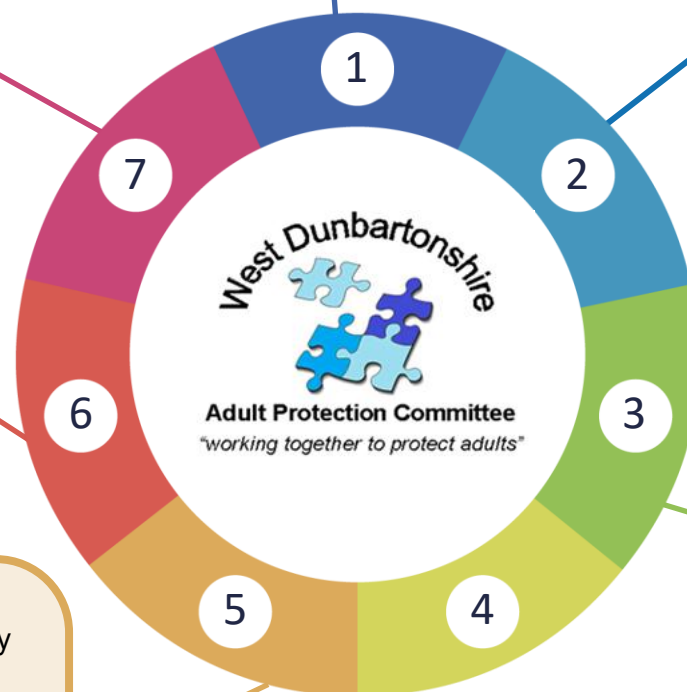
Phase 2 of the Review has now been paused by the Scottish Government. During this time CPC has held a workshop to consider the development of a local contextual safeguarding approach to address risks out with the home [ROTH]. While this work has to date been led by the CPC it is applicable to adults at risk of harm and particularly during periods of transition between adult and children's services.

Large Scale Investigations

Large scale investigations are a specific and time limited form of ASP Investigation where a particular service or alleged harmer may be placing more than one vulnerable person at risk of harm. Our local Guidance can be accessed here: [apc-lsi-guidance-may26-final.pdf](#) and includes a 7 Minute briefing. Iriss have also produced useful information for practitioners: [Large scale investigations – Iriss](#). A local LSI has now completed in relation to a provider of services for older people including dementia services.

Self-evaluation – Independent Advocacy

To strengthen representation, active participation and 'voice' during any ASP referrals which progressed to inquiry stage Social Work staff were asked to refer for Independent Advocacy as part of a test of change. The test of change saw an increase in referrals. Direct feedback from people accessing the service noted that they felt listened to and treated with respect. The process has now been agreed as 'business as usual' and is part of the service guidance.



7 Minute Briefing