

Report by Chief Executive

ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHIEF OFFICERS PUBLIC PROTECTION GROUP 2018/2019

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provides the Community Planning Partnership with an overview of the work of the Chief Officers Public Protection Group 2018/2019.

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PURPOSE OF THE CHIEF OFFICERS PUBLIC PROTECTION GROUP

2. The Chief Officers Public Protection Group provides strategic leadership, scrutiny and the oversight of quality assurance and improvement of public protection arrangements within East Renfrewshire. This is achieved by providing strategic direction on priorities concerning risk and clear expectations for partnership arrangements on the safe delivery of services that keep people and their communities safe. It ensures that partnership working within East Renfrewshire meets with national standards around risk management and in addition considers how effective the local planning arrangements are within services and the partnership in managing risk.

3. The core business of the group is as follows:

- Child Protection
- Adult Protection
- Violence against Women and Girls
- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) & Offender Management (specifically sex offenders and high risk violent offenders)

MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTION

4. The group is chaired by the Chief Executive of East Renfrewshire Council and has the following core members:

- Chief Executive East Renfrewshire Council
- Chief Officer Health & Social Care Partnership
- Nurse Director NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Divisional Commander of Police Scotland G Division (East Renfrewshire)
- Chief Social Work Officer and East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee Chair
- East Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee Independent Chair

5. In addition there are associate members that may be called upon by the core group to attend when needed. These include; the Lead Officers for Public Protection (child, adult, MAPPA and violence against women/girls), as well as the Lead Officer for Prevent, the locality Reporter (SCRA) and the Director of Education. The group meets bi-annually in May and November.

6. A summary of the functions of Chief Officers Public Protection Group are as follows:

- Provide leadership and accountability across all public protection arrangements within East Renfrewshire
- Coordinate strategic developments within public protection

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- Approve annual plans, scrutinise self-evaluation of public protection activity and approve associated improvement plans.
- Review and direct improvements on performance and audit
- Provide direction to chairs and members of Child Protection Committee, Adult Protection Committee, Violence against Women/Girls on local priorities
- Approve and consider the learning from Significant Case Reviews and be provided with assurance that the improvements and actions required are in place across the local authority.

7. Public Protection arrangements require agencies and partnerships to work together strategically, operationally, and effectively and this is supported through robust planning and quality assurance processes. Partners are required to provide significant commitment and contributions through the Child Protection Committee, Adult Protection Committee, MAPPA Strategic Oversight Group and Violence against Women/Girls, by contributing to the development of strategic plans and measures that identify and mitigate risk as well as promoting best practice. Alongside these statutory plans the Chief Officers are provided with regular data, quality assurance and improvement activity that assures that people and communities are kept safe from harm.

SUMMARY OF AREAS OF ACTIVITY 2018/2019

8. A highlight for 2018/2019 has been the first East Renfrewshire Public Protection Conference which was held on 26 November 2018. The conference launched the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign and focussed on the lived experiences of people who experienced violence and abuse. The conference was attended by approximately 180 delegates and their feedback was overwhelming positive.

9. In 2018/19 the Chief Officers Public Protection Group met on two occasions. During this time the group considered a range of national priorities and assured oversight of the implementation of local practice, by providing high level scrutiny and strategic leadership in response to performance information, self-evaluation activity and learning:

Child Protection

- Oversight and scrutiny of Child Protection Committee activity, including child protection data, audit activity, CPC subgroups and the CPC improvement plan;
- Ensuring a robust multi-agency training and development programme, based on audit and self-evaluation activity;
- Monitored the attendance and report submission of professionals at Initial and Review Child Protection Conferences as per data below. The increase in attendance and report submissions is due to the discussions held at COPP meetings and the Chief Officers raising this in their respective organisations and they continue to address the lower attendance at Review Child Protection Case Conferences.
 - 77% of agencies attended Initial Child Protection Case Conferences - 18% increase;
 - 67% of agencies submitted a report for the Initial Child Protection Case Conference – 12% increase;
 - 45% of agencies attended Review Child Protection Case Conferences – 1% decrease;
 - 59% of agencies submitted a report to the Review Child Protection Case Conference - 17% increase;
- Continued support of the implementation of the Signs of Safety model which is an evidence based model focussing on relationship base practice, using strengths within family networks to improve safety plans for children and young people;

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- Chief Officers Public Protection Group held and participated in the annual self-evaluation day for the Child Protection Committee;
- Ensured that child protection concerns can be reported easily through a clear link to the Child Protection Committee website on the Council's website.

Adult Protection

- Oversight and scrutiny of Adult Protection Committee, its subgroups and improvement activity;
- Oversight and scrutiny of data relating to adult support and protection activity:
Most recent performance figures February 2019 – April 2019
 - 58% of all Adult Support and Protection (ASP) inquiries completed within 5 working days
 - 100% of all adults at risk have their views taken into account when attending case conferences
 - 100% of those adults agreed to be at risk have an ASP protection plan in place;
- In 2018-19 quality assurance activity in adult support and protection identified a number of areas for improvement. An improvement plan was implemented, which included a new pathway to manage ASP referrals and investigations, as well as an extensive programme of training and audit.
- Staff/management development through development days, ASP practitioners' forum (41% attendance) and development programme;
- ASP practitioners' forum attended by Chief Social Work Officer;
- Independent review of ASP case files, as well as a full multi-agency audit;
- Large Scale Investigation into a care home.

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA)

- Oversight of activity and performance of MAPPA;
- In line with national recommendations, a local ViSOR improvement plan was taken forward to ensure compliance with minimum standards and revised vetting requirements.

Violence against Women and Girls

- Oversight and scrutiny of the Violence Against Women & Girls Partnership, subgroups and improvement activity, including data, audit and self- evaluation;
- Implementation of the new Domestic Abuse Pathway;
- Implementation of MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference);
- Implementation of Routine Sensitive Enquiry and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Training;
- Implementation of Safe and Together;
- Implementation of the East Renfrewshire Domestic Abuse Campaign;
- Trauma Needs Assessment and workforce development training;
- Aligned improvement planning with the new Community Justice Partnership;
- Improving Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Interventions for Victims of Domestic Abuse;
- Self-evaluation and data in respect of the national Equally Safe Performance Framework.
- Women's Aid Refuge visit by the Chief Social Work Officer and Chair of the Chief Officers Public Protection Group

DISCUSSION POINTS

10. It is recommended that the CPP Board:

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- i. Discuss the high level public protection activity outlined within the report and identify any areas for improvement to the Chief Officer Public Protection group on public protection partnership arrangements within East Renfrewshire.
- ii. Agree the East Renfrewshire Chief Officer Public Protection Group continues to provide annual updates to the CPP concerning public protection scrutiny and improvement activity that provides assurance that people and communities are being kept safe.

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