



## PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

held on Tuesday 15 June 2010  
in MR10/11, Pullar House, Perth at 2pm

### Minute of Meeting

#### Present:

Bill Atkinson, Chair, Head of Children & Families' Services  
David Barnes, Independent Schools Representative  
June Doull, Senior Nurse – Child Protection, NHS Tayside  
Ross Drummond, Child Protection Inter-Agency Co-ordinator  
Julie Flynn, Perth and Kinross CHP Child Health Lead, NHS Tayside  
John Gilruth, Service Manger, Housing and Community Care (depart 14.40)  
DS Dave Graham, Tayside Police  
Tricia Illsley, Integration Manager, Cultural and Community Services (late arrival)  
Alison Irvine, Service Manager, Education and Children's Services  
Peter Kaye, Senior Educational Psychologist, Education Services  
Gordon McKay, Training and Development Officer, Child Protection Committee  
Kirsty Powell, Webb Services (Deputising for Cath Graham)  
Sarah Rodger, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services  
Margaret Steel, Admin Officer, Child Protection Committee (Minute)  
DCI Greig Steele, Tayside Police

#### Apologies:

Jenny Blinkhorne, Chair, Children's Panel, Perth and Kinross Council  
Neil Campbell, Housing and Community Care  
Dr Ben Colvin, Registrar, NHS Tayside (observing)  
Jim Dean, Head of Service, Housing and Community Care  
Cath Graham, Voluntary Sector Representative  
Caroline Mackie, Service Manager, Education & Children's Services  
John Malpass, Procurator Fiscal  
Norma Ritchie, Authority Reporter, SCRA  
Christine Ross, Head Teacher, Crieff High School  
Dave Thompson, Property and Systems Manager, Perth and Kinross Leisure

	What	Who	When
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>		
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted. The Chair also welcomed Julie Flynn, Child Health Partnership representative and Kirsty Powell (Webb Services) who represented Cath Graham.		
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minute (23 February 2010) &amp; Matters Arising</b>		
2.1	The minute was approved as an accurate record, with no amendment.		
2.2	<u>Better Outcomes Conference, 22 April 2010</u> – Feedback from the conference was very positive. A report was presented to the Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership. The Partnership has agreed that the next conference theme will be on locality working and community campus work.		
2.3	<u>Marac</u> – AI reported that a further meeting had taken place. Consideration of protocols and referrals made to Police was discussed. A visit to South Lanarkshire was planned to learn from their experiences.		
2.4	<u>Bubbles</u> – Information has been cascaded to agencies. The Committee noted that there had been a prosecution within Tayside. GS advised of another substance on the market – NRG1 – similar to that of Bubbles. He advised that the government’s longer term plan was to make all substances illegal, with the exception of special dispensation.		
2.5	<u>Children’s Rights</u> – Jane Alston is in post and linking closely with the ‘Who Cares’ Officer to ensure children’s rights’ services are widely dispersed across the population of young people. The Chair advised that Jane will be invited to attend the next committee meeting to provide a presentation.  <b>Action</b> Invitation to be extended to Jane Alston to provide presentation at the next committee meeting.	MS	24.08.10
2.6	<u>Children’s Hearing Reform</u> – the Chair advised that Health had circulated a response made by the Parliamentary Committee looking at the Children’s Hearings Bill which raised a number of concerns. Committee members can obtain copies of this on request.		
2.7	<u>Female Sex Offender</u> – AI advised that Alison Strachan was now taking this forward.		
2.8	<u>Vetting &amp; Barring</u> – the scheme which considers a clearer and consistent approach to disclosure checking of people working with children has been taken forward by S Rodger who has prepared a protocol. This is available on request. Noted the developments in England and Wales, recent press reports that the entire approach to vetting and barring was under review by the new coalition government.  TI advised, for information, that a new Volunteering Policy had also been prepared.		

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2.9	<p><u>Independent Schools and Outward Bound Centres</u> – DB provided members with an update on the recent meeting with outward bound organisations. Health and safety aspects as well as consistencies of approach had been discussed. GMcK advised that the group had been keen to set up a network group to include discussions on training requirements. Those groups who had attended had indicated that they were keen for an authority representative to attend and to have an input at these network meetings.</p> <p>RD advised that this topic and the related topic of Private Fostering had been discussed at the recent National CPC Chairs' meeting who were interested in how this was being taking forward across authorities, in particular, Perth and Kinross, as it is an issue of concern across Scotland.</p>		
2.10	<p><u>Borderline Personality (Presentation by Linda Graham)</u> – In light of the interest in this area, a date outwith the normal committee cycle will be arranged after the summer break.</p> <p><b>Action</b> MS to arrange suitable date with the presenter and advertise this to the committee and any other interested parties.</p>	MS	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minute of CPC Away Day (27 April 2010) and Draft Action Points</b>		
3.1	The minute of the Away Day was approved, with no amendment.		
3.2	<p>The Draft Action Points were considered by members; colleagues/sub groups were identified take forward the key actions.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Action Points Note to be updated to reflect tasks allocated to those colleagues/sub groups identified.</p>	RD	By 24.08.10
<b>4</b>	<b>Under Age Sexual Activity</b>		
	<p>RD advised that the Scottish Government had produced draft guidance for consultation in April, which closes on 23 July 2010. A small cohort of the committee had met to discuss the draft; the group will also consult with colleagues in Tayside Police and NHS Tayside culminating in providing a collated response to the Scottish Government within the timescale set. It was recognised, however, that local protocols will need to be updated in light of the guidance. Some members requested copies of the draft guidance.</p> <p><b>Action</b> RD to issue draft guidance to J Gilruth, J Doull and K Powell.</p>	RD	asap
<b>5</b>	<b>National CP Guidance</b>		
	<p>RD advised that the Scottish Government had published the revised consultation document which ends on 17 September. He highlighted the main changes to the guidance, e.g. Chief Officer and CPC requirements, information sharing, risk assessment, child protection case conferences, and IRD (Initial Referral Discussion). He added that the Central and North East Scotland Child Protection Consortium would be meeting representatives from the Scottish Government (who are planning events across Scotland) in Perth next Monday to discuss and debate aspects of the consultation document.</p>		

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	<p>BA indicated that it was important for the committee to consider how this guidance will be implemented and embedded into practice and to ensure inclusion of all agencies. The guidance will be remitted to the Quality Improvement Sub Group to go through the document and feedback on progress to the next CPC Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Quality Improvement Sub Group to feedback progress at the next CPC Committee meeting.</p>	QISG	24.08.10
<b>6</b>	<b>Public Information Campaign</b>		
	<p>GMcK distributed copies of the posters (drawn by children from agencies and schools) for their approval. GS requested that "Policeman" be changed to "Police Officer". The posters (two from the previous campaign and three new ones) continued to reflect the theme and flow from the previous campaign. The Committee approved the posters and the cost to reproduce them. The Chief Executive will present prizes to the winners.</p> <p>The committee debated about community engagement and public debates. It was agreed to remit this theme to the Practice Sub Group.</p> <p><b>Action</b> GMcK was commissioned to proceed with the production of the posters. The Practice Sub Group to consider community engagement and public debates.</p>	GMcK PSG	
<b>7</b>	<b>Standards &amp; Quality Report</b>		
	<p>BA advised that the CPC Committee as previously reported, will no longer produce an Annual Report and Annual Plan. This will be replaced by a Standards &amp; Quality Report with the assistance from the Team Leader, Performance &amp; Scrutiny. This will include the mapping of progress in the previous year, the consolidation of all action and improvement plans into one document.</p>		
<b>8</b>	<b>National Chairs Update</b>		
	<p>RD requested members to peruse the update/briefing paper (previously circulated) on the meeting with representatives of the Scottish Government held on 9 June 2010.</p>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Feedback from Sub Groups</b>		
9.1	<p><u>Training Sub Group</u> – it was noted that CM continued her role as Temporary Chair, with June Doull as Vice Chair. The group had created a training place allocation protocol which will be published onto the web. Training was planned from 1 April to 31 March annually at Level 1 and 2. GMcK advised that all training events will be held within local authority establishments, to reduce expenditure. A Training Strategy is under development.</p>		
9.2	<p><u>Practice Sub Group</u> – AI advised that the group had focussed on the action plan and recommendations arising from the CP Audit.</p>		

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9.3	<p><u>Quality Improvement Sub Group</u> – BA reported that the recent meeting had focussed on the proposed Standards &amp; Quality Report.</p> <p>It was agreed to set up lunch time focus groups across Perth and Kinross to discuss key improvement areas, consider differing perspectives and priorities in locality settings. The finding/evaluation of these events will be reported within the Standards &amp; Quality Report. It is anticipated that there will be two groups in Perth, one in Crieff, Blairgowrie, Kinross and Pitlochry. A flyer will be issued to all agencies, schools etc.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Notification of Focus Group Events to be issued to all agencies and schools.</p>	MS	asap
9.4	<p><u>Voluntary Sector Sub Group</u> – KP advised that this group met regularly and continued to share information and resources. They also were considering what the focus would be in the future and with this in mind, will be liaising with Caroline Mackie.</p>		
9.5	<p><u>Child Protection Messaging Sub Group</u> – RD advised that the group met on 25 May. B McGuinness (IT Services, SEEMIS Click + Go) and Cara MacLean (Swift Team) had produced a resources paper outlining costs and impact on capacity.</p> <p>He indicated that no authority in Scotland with Swift was transmitting CP messaging. He further outlined the various difficulties being experienced across Scotland. Police were not “connected” in the messaging process at all. Updated costs from Northgate (Swift) were required.</p> <p>The Swift team in PKC had competing business demands and could not commit to supporting this area until sometime in 2011.</p> <p>Within PAN Tayside, Angus was partially running CP messaging (transmitting from the social work system to health system) with some positive feedback (via survey gizmo).</p> <p>BA acknowledged the difficulties, cost implications and pressures etc. There was a need to obtain detailed feedback from authorities about the added value and whether the costs were justified in taking forward this project. A report will be submitted to the Children &amp; Young People’s Strategic Partnership (C&amp;YPSP) for their consideration.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Further feedback from authorities required. Report to be submitted to the C&amp;YPSP</p>	RD BA/RD	
9.6	<p><u>GIRFEC Implementation Group</u> – AI advised that the group had not met recently, although various pieces of work continued. Initial and comprehensive assessments should be completed by the end of the summer with the aim of piloting this through the Unborn Baby process and Equally Well test site in Blairgowrie. It was planned to roll out further training in August.</p>		

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<b>10</b>	<b>AOCB</b>		
10.1	<p><u>Domestic Abuse Perpetrators' Programme</u> – JG updated the committee on the work of the programme which is a scheme offered to men who have appeared before the Court following an offence of assault against their female partners and has also been offered to men where violence is a problem. He indicated that the attrition rate is high in the first few weeks. A mid-way review has been undertaken for those convicted prisoners being released earlier. Links with the Child Protection Duty Team still continues and new links will be forged with the new Out of Hours Duty Service. JG indicated that there were a number of cases proceeding directly to Court and not being processed through the established system. GS undertook to raise this concern with the Procurator Fiscal regarding the referral route.</p> <p><b>Action</b> GS undertook to liaise with the Procurator Fiscal on referral issues.</p>	GS	
10.2	<p><u>Tayside Short-Term Prisoner Protocols Launch</u> – JG advised that the launch of this will take place on 25 June by Kenny McAskill, Justice Minister. This is a groundbreaking partnership project that aims to prevent short-term prisoners at Perth Prison ending up back in jail after their release.</p>		
10.3	<p><u>"GOPR" (Getting Our Priorities Right)</u> - JG informed members that the final training session for health and social work staff will take place on 28 July.</p>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>		
	<p>The next meeting will be held on 24 August 2010 at 2pm in MR10/11, Pullar House, Perth.</p>		