



**PERTH AND KINROSS
CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**held on Tuesday 26 October 2010
in MR10/11, Pullar House, Perth at 2pm**

Minute of Meeting

Present:

Alison Irvine, Service Manager, Education and Children's Services (Chair)
John Gilruth, Service Manger, Housing and Community Care
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
Gordon McKay, Training and Development Officer, Child Protection Committee
DS Dave Graham, Tayside Police
Peter Kaye, Principal Educational Psychologist, Education Services
DCI Colin Gall, Tayside Police
Caroline Mackie, Service Manager, Children & Families' Services
Norma Ritchie, Authority Reporter, SCRA
Neil Campbell, Housing and Community Care
David Barnes, Independent Schools Representative

Apologies:

Bill Atkinson, Head of Children & Families' Services
Jenny Blinkhorne, Chair, Children's Panel, Perth and Kinross Council
Tricia Illsley, Integration Manager, Cultural and Community Services
Cath Graham, Voluntary Sector Representative
John Malpass, Procurator Fiscal
Sarah Rodger, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services
Christine Ross, Head Teacher, Crieff High School
Dave Thompson, Property and Systems Manager, Perth and Kinross Leisure
Anne Dalziel, Service Manager, Education and Children's Services
Dr Ben Colvin, Registrar, Consultant Paediatrician, NHS Tayside
Margaret Steel, Admin Officer, Child Protection Committee

In Attendance

Marion Latto, Admin Support,(minute)

	What	Who	When
1 & 2	Welcome and Apologies		
	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, introductions were offered as DCI Colin Gall joined the Committee, and apologies were noted.		
3 & 4	Previous Minute (24 August 2010) & Matters Arising		
2.1	The minute was approved as an accurate record, with no amendment. <u>Matters Arising</u>		
2.2	<u>Children's Rights</u> – BA on annual leave, update will be reported back at next meeting regards how this service will be supported. Action Discussion with W McCullough on future plans.	BA	asap
2.3	<u>Vetting & Barring</u> – Sarah Rodger was absent from this meeting, therefore matter carried forward to next meeting Action Update to be provided at the next meeting	SR	14.12.10
2.4	<u>Under Age Sexual Activity</u> – RD informed members that a response to the draft guidance had been submitted to the Scottish Government. New National Guidance expected in November 2010, a questionnaire on local guidance has been issued as local guidance/protocols will require to be reviewed to reflect the National Guidance.		
2.5	<u>Public Information Campaign</u> – GMcK advised that posters had been issued to single agencies; bin lorry banners will be fitted this week. Stopitnow Campaign – Martin Henry had met with BA and RD and a follow-up meeting with Bernadette Malone has been scheduled for November. Scottish Government keen to undertake a pilot scheme on public awareness of sexual abuse, however there is some anxiety about the potential unintended consequences of this. Action Update to be provided at next meeting.	BA	14.12.10
3	<u>CPC Self Evaluation Away Day – Follow UP</u> - 1 Focus Group meeting in early October, update given by Caroline and Ross. Although issues with the venue, this is being reviewed before the other meetings. Feedback on the sessions will be collated, however early indications show that attendees have little understanding of who their rep is at the CPC. Further Focus Groups scheduled for 28 October, November and December. John Gilruth raised a possible gap in the protection of vulnerable adults with the transition from child protection to adult protection, communication between CPC and APC. Discussion re tight criteria for Adult Conference. It is being addressed as part of overarching transitions guidance Action Further discussion required with BA <u>National CP Guidance</u> - National Guidance due out in late November, however unsure as yet the date of implementation.		
9.6	<u>GIRFEC</u> – progress being made. AI outlined current position re draft guidance and training in place.		

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10.1	<u>SCRA Update</u> – NR informed the meeting that the Reporters Offices in Perth will be moving to Dundee; however there will still be the capability of hearings to be held in Perth. The reporters will not be in Perth 5 days a week.		
10.3	<u>Child Trafficking</u> – Information is now available on the website and can be downloaded, along with a power point for training purposes.		
5	Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme		
	Matter delayed until Sarah Rodger is in attendance Action Update at next meeting	SR	
6	HMIe Link Inspector – Feed back from visit by Jacquie Pepper		
	<p>It was noted that BA was keen to get assurances that the work currently being undertaken by Perth & Kinross is in the right direction. It was agreed that Ms Pepper would visit P&K. Various papers were reviewed encapsulating changes having been made since last inspection, this included Education, Social Work, Police and Health. Ms Pepper thought P&K should complete this as there was merit in doing so.</p> <p><i>Events Log</i> – more focused approach, she thought we should complete and focus on this. Liked the idea of new standard and quality report, draft now being worked on around key indicators.</p> <p><i>Plans</i> – there are 7 or 8 involved, talked through with Ms Pepper and thoughts were that rationalisation of these plans was the right direction, and evidence is required to support the evaluative statements.</p> <p><i>Future Inspection</i> – notification of the next inspection may be issued before the end of the year, with a possible date of inspection in the middle of 2011.</p> <p>Members noted that the meeting had been successful and Ms Pepper had accepted an invitation to attend the next CPC Committee Meeting scheduled for 14 December 2010.</p>		
7	Draft Standard & Quality Report		
	<p>RD explained how the report has been structured; the contents page is colour coded to reflect the Quality Indicators. He then gave a quick resume of the report and requested members to provide him with articles for inclusion within sections 8 and 9, particularly on recently completed or current projects and/or initiatives.</p> <p>NR thought the report as it stood was very good, however wondered who the report was for – other committee's, communities etc. Still some work on outcomes and looking ahead. Reports would be good for inspections.</p> <p>Targeting early December for final draft and taking it to the Strategic Partnership Committee meeting.</p> <p>Action Input required for sections 8/9 and 11</p>	All	

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8	Visual Recording of Interviews		
	<p>DG confirmed the installation of the equipment for Visual Recording of Interviews will be undertaken prior to the official opening of Almondbank House. There was training scheduled for OOHS and Fieldwork team on the use of the equipment installed.</p> <p>There is also the possibility of refresher training on joint interviewing techniques.</p> <p>The equipment is mobile therefore could be taken elsewhere if there was a requirement to do so.</p> <p>It is planned that Court Officials will visit the facility and inspect the equipment in order to give their seal of approval for future witness interviews to be undertaken throughout the UK remotely.</p> <p>The Reporters' Office may also consider utilising the equipment in the future.</p>		
9	National CP Stats		
	<p>Members noted the paper containing local and national child protection statistics. RD outlined the detail of the paper which reported an overall rise in referrals equalling a 19% increase in child care concerns locally.</p> <p>There was a significant drop in the September CP Registration figures, which after investigation by AI was found to be the removal from the register of two multiple children households, plus unborn/new babies being placed into 'relative care'.</p> <p>Early Intervention Inter-Agency liaison meeting, now screening with unborn baby decisions.</p> <p>Reporters Office has noticed a month on month increase in the number of referrals, of which a significant amount are going to hearings.</p>		
10	Feedback from Sub Groups		
10.1	<p><u>Training Sub Group</u> Various Protocols have been reviewed and revitalised and now in place.</p> <p>As yet not managed to secure a Chair for the Sub Group, however June Doull has taken on the role of Vice Chair.</p> <p>A note is being kept of attendances at meetings, deposes have been identified, although there is still not a high attendance ratio.</p> <p>Three pilot Parental Mental Health training sessions have been undertaken with two more planned for early next year. Feedback on evaluations show vast majority thought course was very useful; thought three hours was not sufficient, therefore perhaps this maybe increased to a longer session.</p> <p>Difficult, Dangerous and Evasive training is being organised between Ross Drummond, Roger Bromage and Alison Irvine. There are Protocols required. Discussion over Difficult, Dangerous and Evasive people being different, have different issues, therefore perhaps separate Protocols/Standards required.</p>		

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	NHS Protected Learning day took place with 170 attendee's including GP and Practitioners, evaluation will be shared by NHS; thanks to all speakers from Police, Health, Education, etc		
10.2	<u>Practice Sub Group</u> Info Sharing Protocols, there is a pilot currently ongoing on Chronology Guidance, further work required on Sexually Active Under Age and also the CP Audit Action Plan being progressed		
10.3	<u>Quality Improvement Sub Group</u> this group has not met since the last CPC meeting.		
10.4	<u>Voluntary Sector Sub Group</u> Cath Graham is currently working on the areas for inclusion within the Standards & Quality Report.		
10.5	<u>Child Protection Messaging Sub Group</u> A paper was presented to BA with statement from group about cost and benefits, he will take this to the SMT before going any further.		
10.6	<u>GIRFEC Implementation Sub Group</u> the work of this group is continuing to make progress; a number of presentation materials have been produced as well as training sessions delivered. A Newsletter is being drafted which will be distributed in the near future.		
11	AOCB		
	<u>Children's Reporter's Update</u> – NR advised that SCRA is focusing on the new requirements set within the new Bill. The Bill is likely to go through Scottish Parliament in early 2011.		
12	Date of Next Meeting		
	The next meeting will be held on 14 December 2010 at 2pm in Meeting Room 10/11, Pullar House.		