



# Perth and Kinross Adult Protection Committee Minute

**Friday 29 November 2024, 10am via Microsoft Teams**

## **Attendees**

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| Alison Fairlie (AF)       | Service Manager, Social Work, Perth and Kinross HSCP      |
| Bill Atkinson (BA)        | Independent Convener                                      |
| Bonnie McDowell           | Trauma Informed Consultant, PKC                           |
| Dave Henderson (DH)       | Scottish Care, Independent Sector Lead, Perth and Kinross |
| Iain Wilkie (IW)          | Adult Protection Co-ordinator, Perth and Kinross HSCP     |
| Julie Wyllie (JW)         | Manager, Robert Douglas Memorial Care Home                |
| Jane Menzies              | Head of Integrated Services for Adults within HSCP        |
| Julie Hutton (JH)         | CEO, Independent Advocacy (AP in attendance)              |
| Michael Wilson-Wynne (MW) | Risk and Concern Hub, Police Scotland                     |
| Sheila McCole (SM)        | Councillor, Perth City South                              |
| Susan Netherington        | ASP Admin                                                 |
| Susan Torrance            | ASP Adviser, Public Protection Team, NHS Tayside          |
| Susan Hunter (SH)         | Independent Vice-Convener                                 |
| Valerie Davis (VD)        | Lead Nurse, PKC                                           |

## **Apologies**

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| Christopher Lamont (CL) | Strategic Lead for Mental Health, NHS                     |
| Erin Wilson             | Capability Scotland                                       |
| Grace Gilling (GG)      | Associate Nurse Director (Public Protection), NHS Tayside |
| Jennifer McOmish        | Safer Communities                                         |
| Karyn Sharp             | Service Manager, Social Work, Perth and Kinross HSCP      |
| Lee Stewart (LS)        | DI, Risk and Concern Hub, Police Scotland                 |
| Michelle Dow (MD)       | Service Manager, Housing, Perth and Kinross Council       |
| Sarah Peterson          | GP Clinical Lead in Perth and Kinross, NHS                |
| Winnie Burke            | Care Inspectorate                                         |
| William Young           | Scottish Ambulance Service                                |

## **Correspondence Members**

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| Arun Singh (AS) | Chief Social Work Officer |
| Amanda Welch    | Care Inspectorate         |
| Alyson Paterson | Mental Welfare Commission |
| Brian Hutton    | Improvement Officer, ECS  |
| Deborah Lally   | Perth College             |

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| Daniel Smith   | GP, NHS                                           |
| Ewan Baird     | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service                  |
| Gordon McNelis | Mental Welfare Commission                         |
| Louis Ford     | Team Leader, SAS                                  |
| Paul Boath     | DCI, Public Protection, Police Scotland           |
| Raymond Birnie | Police Scotland                                   |
| Sarah Rodger   | Legal Manager, Legal and Governance Services, PKC |

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## **1 Welcome and Apologies**

BA welcomed all and apologies were also noted as above.

## **2 Minute of Adult Protection Committee (18 July 2024)**

The minute from the last ASP Committee was shared on the screen and attendees were invited to make comment.

Minutes were accepted and approved by the Committee.

## **3 Adult Protection Sub-Committee (5 September 2024)**

The minute for the Sub-Committee was shared with those attending.

IW provided an overview of the minute and the discussions. Comments were welcomed.

## **4 Trauma Informed and ASP (Bonnie McDowell)**

BM shared an ASP presentation with the group regarding trauma informed practices and ASP. BM opened the floor to any comments.

SM said she is encouraged that there is a plan in place for Perth and Kinross and asked how we make sure the learning and understanding of trauma informed practices will be the same across the board. SM noted that it is important in a trauma situation that there is consistency of both understanding and approach. BA agreed that there is an important element of leadership in creating a culture where everybody is using the same language and common approach. BA confirmed that IW and BA will discuss this out with the meeting to understand if it should be taken to the Chief Officer.

ST thanked BM for the presentation. The information provided was helpful. ST suggested linking in with BA regarding the steering group.

The PowerPoint document was then issued to those invited following the meeting.

## **5 Mortality and Morbidity Care Home Review Report (Valerie Davis)**

The Mortality and Morbidity Care Home Review Report was shared with the Adult Protection Committee as part of today's papers. VD discussed the report and its findings.

On 13 December 2022, a Large-Scale Investigation was opened for a care home within Perth and Kinross. It closed 2 May 2023. Within this time, 9 residents died. The aim of the review was to create a safe place for collaborative participation to occur that fostered a culture which promotes learning and strives for the expert delivery of the safest care. On reviewing all cases it was noted all patients were elderly, frail and had multiple comorbidities. The report highlights that the 9 deaths were not linked with the LSI or COVID. Good practices of the home were also noted along with recommendations.

DH noted that he is familiar with the report and has spoken to VD previously regarding taking the learning forward with VD and Melanie Logan.

SM asked if there was record that family were kept up to date with regards to incidents such as falls etc. VD clarified that families were kept updated with any incidents during the LSI however there was a concern that the Care Inspectorate was not informed which was included in the recommendations made.

JW noted her interest is how we monitor improvements. JW hopes that reports such as this are not lost and do not replace the art of simply sitting down, discussing concerns, and making plans in the areas that require improvement.

VD advised that the report has been shared with the executive management team, Perth, and Kinross's HSCP clinical care and governance forum. It was also shared with the Care Home Collaborative groups who reviewed the report to ensure all aspects had been included. VD advised that she also link in with JW and DH and will share the learning any way she can such as roads shows etc.

IW advised that the APC can be assured that there is now an improved, multi-agency approach to how we support care homes, which is underpinned by the Enhanced Care Home Team and the Care Home Operational Group (CHOG). There is a lot of early intervention occurring, where the right people are going into the home at the right time. There is also better understanding of the key pressures and areas that are likely to be more at risk. IW also notes that DH visits the home following an LSI to gather feedback. Learning is then taken from that and the key themes received from that communication which is being worked on.

The review provided by VD is again assurance that given the difficult circumstances whereby several residents lost their lives, that the decision was made to undertake the review to be sure that there was nothing further that could have been done.

## **6 Joint APC/CPC/VAW Forced Marriage guidance**

IW provided a summary of the guidance and discussed the response shared as part of today's papers which was prepared by IW, Julie Baker, Child Protection Inter-Agency Co-ordinator and Jennifer McOmish, Lead Officer, VAWG Partnership.

The actions required from this guidance are:

- a) Local authorities and police will decide how best to deliver their role as a relevant third party applying for an FMPO under this provision as they do for orders under other legislation (e.g. antisocial behaviour orders).

The APC co-ordinator will lead a multi-agency short life working group to develop P and K operational guidance in relation to how we approach those who is or may be at risk from Forced Marriage.

- b) This interim position P and K paper will also be used to inform how a Tayside Multi-Agency Protocol could be used to inform a consistent Tayside approach to Forced Marriage.

SM has taken a note to raise this with the Strategic Lead for Housing and Social Wellbeing. Following discussion with the Chief Officer this morning, BA confirmed this will also be shared with the Chief Officer Group because of their responsibilities they have with regards to overseeing this.

## **7 Effective participation in ASP CCs**

This guidance stemmed from one of the ASP National Improvement Programme. IW said it is a key area of improvement for the APC, not only in terms of how we support adults within their case conference, but how we support adults and or unpaid carers throughout their whole adult support and protection journey.

IW shared a Perth and Kinross response in relation to the guidance published. IW notes there are areas that we can make improvement. There will be legitimate reasons why some adults or carers do not want to attend ASP case conferences. However, we need to ensure those reasons are clearly recorded. IW is in the process of creating an aide memoir for each of the chairs to use during any Adult Support and Protection case conference covering several areas. If this is used consistently, it would make our position much more defensible.

JH asked to discuss any improvements they need with recording with IW following the meeting today. JH also highlighted that she feels the unpaid carers are not being offered independent advocacy support enough. JH would welcome more open transparent conversation regarding this.

SH would also like to speak to IW regarding his reference to Citizen safeguarding and if that has some links with Advocacy. BA also noted that he would be interested in being involved in that conversation also and possibly it could be brought back to the ASP Committee.

SM asked about unpaid carers and what is the situation if the unpaid carer is a child as it often is. SM also agreed with JH regarding Advocacy, and it being offered to unpaid carers. Especially so if it is a child.

BA advised that the council has commissioning arrangements to support young carers that is pursued through PKAVS, there are also other mechanisms such as Barnardo's and BA is also aware that JH and her staff have supported young carers in the past. BA said that IW will take onboard the discussion regarding unpaid carers and how they are getting the support they need to actively take part in ASP case conferences.

## **8 NHS Update**

ST spoke with GG prior to today to obtain the NHS update.

ST advised that the draft Medical Examination Guidance that has been circulated will remain in draft form for some time as it is being evaluated in another local partnership with a really complex case. This case is highlighting issues from health professionals that may receive the request for medical examinations under ASP Section 9. The case is allowing us to review further how we would escalate when we face obstacles in achieving that medical examination.

Most of the current issues have been highlighted at the last ASP committee meeting. ST confirmed that staffing constraints remain. The team are prioritising the work they participate in however remains available for advice and guidance. The team are aiming where possible to attend any IRDs or ASP conferences when there are no other health representatives, or the case is particularly complex.

## **9 Police Scotland Update**

MW confirmed that Adult Protection is now detached from the Concern Hub and is now part of its own safeguarding unit which became live on 18 November 2024. The Safeguarding unit has remained with LS and then MW as Detective Sergeant, and the ASP Advisers. The Concern Hub has been moved to Inspector Kevin Mollison, this includes the concern reports etc.

MW notes there is a huge demand on the ASP team which is a small team, and they will be conducting work on how they are going to prioritise meetings going forward.

MW advised that they are looking to centralised communications. Previously it used to be the direct reps that would receive communication with the centralised email basket being copied in. Going forward there will be a Tayside allocation generic email address for all invites to be sent to. This will be communicated in due course. Depending on volume there may be a push back.

MW said there will also be a proposal of small changes issued such as the information police are being provided prior to the meeting as sometimes the information is limited therefore, they are unable to do the research and planning required.

SM highlighted that she has been given an oversight by Police Scotland of their Mental Health Working Group and their Strategic Oversight Board on how they respond to people in mental health crisis in the community. SM is aware that this may have not been shared at this time however asks if in the future and update could be considered. MW advised he is not aware of any changes to the current processes and pathway, and should there be a change this will be reviewed and communicated appropriately especially if it has any ASP implications.

**FYI** Documents for information

- NASPC update
- SWS ASP Subgroup – ASP National Plan

**AOB** ASP dates for 2025

- 7 February 2025 – In person
- 25 April 2025 – Virtual
- 11 July 2025 – In person
- 5 September 2025 – Virtual
- 28 November 2025 – In person

BA noted that the April 2025 date may change to coincide with the Child Protection community awareness event that Adult Protection may collaborate with. Information will be provided as soon as available.