



Perth and Kinross Adult Protection Committee Minute

Friday 7 February 2025, 10am in 2 High Street, Perth

Attendees

Arun Singh (AS)	Chief Social Work Officer
Bill Atkinson (BA)	Independent Convener
Christopher Lamont (CL)	Strategic Lead for Mental Health, NHS
Grace Gilling (GG)	Associate Nurse Director (Public Protection), NHS Tayside
Iain Wilkie (IW)	Adult Protection Co-ordinator, Perth and Kinross HSCP
Jane Menzies	Head of Integrated Services for Adults within HSCP
Julie Hutton (JH)	CEO, Independent Advocacy
Julie Loughlin (JL)	Council Officer, Social Work, PKC
Joel Malloch	Service User
Paul Comley (PC)	Care Inspectorate
Michael Wilson-Wynne (MW)	Detective Sergeant, Public Protection Safeguarding, Police Scotland
Susan Netherington	ASP Admin

Apologies

Dave Henderson (DH)	Scottish Care, Independent Sector Lead, Perth and Kinross
Julie Wyllie (JW)	Manager, Robert Douglas Memorial Care Home
Karyn Sharp	Service Manager, Social Work, Perth and Kinross HSCP
Lee Stewart (LS)	DI, Safeguarding Unit, Police Scotland
Michelle Dow (MD)	Service Manager, Housing, Perth and Kinross Council
Sheila McCole (SM)	Councillor, Perth City South
Winnie Burke	Strategic Inspector, Care Inspectorate
Susan Hunter (SH)	Independent Vice-Convener

Correspondence Members

Amanda Welch	Care Inspectorate
Brian Hutton	Improvement Officer, ECS
Deborah Lally	Perth College
Erin Wilson	Capability Scotland
Gordon McNelis	Mental Welfare Commission
Jennifer Reid	DCI, Safeguarding Unit, Police Scotland
Jennifer McOmish	Safer Communities
Kerry Sweeney	Scottish Ambulance Service

Sarah Peterson
Sarah Rodger
Valerie Davis
William Young

GP Clinical Lead in Perth and Kinross, NHS
Legal Manager, Legal and Governance Services, PKC
Lead Nurse, PKC
Scottish Ambulance Service

1 Welcome and Apologies

BA welcomed all and apologies were also noted as above.

2 Minute of Adult Protection Committee (29 November 2024)

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

Minutes were accepted and approved by the Committee.

3 Workstream 4 – Supported self-evaluation with emphasis on support, early intervention, prevention, and trauma informed practice – Paul Comley

Part of the Adult Support and Protection scrutiny completed by the Care Inspectorate, is the production of a Quality Improvement Framework (QIF) that was specifically for Adult Support and Protection. PC noted that the document is for the partnership to choose which elements they want to look at and not to get overwhelmed by the document as a whole.

IW and BA as well as an AP NHS advisor contributed to the developing of this QIF. The QIF has been shared with the APC previously.

Local authorities volunteered to be part of a self-evaluation project and Perth and Kinross were selected to be a part of workstream four.

Within this supported self-evaluation project, there is a focus on section 5.7 within the QIF which is 'effective support and early intervention for adults with escalating risks for whom a straightforward application of the three-point criteria is difficult to apply.' The focus of the self-evaluation being early intervention and prevention and former informed practise.

The QIF illustrates what good looks like and provides examples of what weak ASP practice looks like. PC highlighted some good practice; a partnership recognises where vulnerability and risks need to be escalated, that they have trained staff who are ready and available to match that need, and that they act quickly to assess and manage the risks that the person's experiencing.

PC feels that this is the next step in helping the sector embed some of the work that has been completed previously and show how the Care Inspectorate completes their business to support others to develop a robust self-evaluation model of their own.

There will be three phases:

- Planning and Engagement, and Methodology Development
- Collaborative evidence gathering and analysis.
- Reporting

The Care Inspectorate will not produce the report, it will be up to sector to complete. A template will be provided.

Within the self-evaluation we will look at planning documents, strategic documents, what staff say, what the records say and for there to be coloration between the three.

The result of this evaluation is hoped to be a self-evaluation tool that focuses on QIF 5.7 and that the Local Authority and the Care inspectorate will jointly review the evidence to agree the strengths and improvement areas using a six-point scale from unsatisfactory to excellent. The findings will then be taken to the Committee and hopefully embed the good practice and improve the others. The Adult Protection team will produce an overview report.

Key dates:

- Starts on 9 June 2025
- Week 1 – document analysis
- Week 2 – data analysts of the Care Inspectorate will review
- Week 3 – receive information from data analysts to review
- Week 4 – Focus groups with staff and arrange when to meet ASP committee

Positive feedback was provided and interest in the outcome.

GG highlighted that three Tayside partnerships have been accepted to be included in this project and would ask that consideration is made for Police and Health who will be involved in all three. PC noted that where he can, he will work flexibly.

4 NHS Update

GG highlights that within the National Health Leadership Group, the guidance for allegations of harm against NHS employees. An increase has been seen in all Tayside

areas, where health is seeing perpetrators whether it be through the MARAC process, Child Protection or Adult Protection and no guidance was there previously.

A National benchmarking exercise is being completed across all board areas to map out the workforce along with what agendas are included in the public protection teams as this differs.

GG said that there has been discussion within Jamie Aarons and Brenda Walker at a national level around capacity assessments and the increasing challenges around securing capacity assessments by GPs because it is not part of the SLA and the issue now around financing them and requests for payment where there is no agreed model template or cost, or whose budget it is coming out of. It was also acknowledged that some GPs do not have the necessary capacity assessment skills, particularly where capacity is complex.

The Adult Protection NHS team has some vacancies due to reduction in hours for one member of staff. Someone else is retiring, and another is moving to a new post. This brings about opportunities but for now there is that gap. GG highlighted that there may be some challenges within the team with activity therefore they are moving to a hub model, where there would be 2 Adult Protection advisers on the advice line, answering emails to the generic email and attend any IRDs that come in that day or emergency MARACs.

Medical examination guidance has been drafted, and GG hopes that the Medical Director will sign that off to be shared. IW advised that he has not had any feedback from those that have seen the draft with any concerns. GG confirmed that she has spoken to several GP leads who are happy with it and is confident that it will be approved.

5 Police Scotland Update

MW confirmed that previously Adult Protection sat within the Risk and Concern Hub, however now they are a stand-alone team. Previously there were three core members of staff within the team there is now essentially six, which includes the dedicated missing persons representative. Another member that has expertise in financial harm will take the lead regarding any concerns within Tayside regarding financial harm.

This change will not affect how we work currently but will provide more dedication to Adult Support and Protection within the Police.

6 Input from Joel and Julie Loughlin

Joel shared his experience of being subject to both the Adult Support and Protection Act and the Mental Health (Scotland) Act. This was powerful and insightful. Joel shared a film that he made as part of his presentation.

JL shared her own views of being council officer to Joel and the ethical challenges that she had to navigate in order to safeguard Joel.

Joel is currently working with colleagues from IRISS on developing his presentation so that he is able to share this nationally.

FYI For information

- ASP week 17 to 21 February 2025

Draft multi-agency audit 2024/25 issued to those invited.

AOB Next ASP Committee

It was highlighted that the next ASP Committee arranged for 25 April 2025, was scheduled to be via Microsoft Teams however, it will now be held in person, within the Letham Hub.

This will be a joint meeting with Child Protection and Adult Protection along with Letham Community to ask them what Adult Protection and Child Protection means to them. Also, what matters to them, and once we know what the Community will be interested in, a series of events will be arranged. Initial thoughts indicate that this will include financial harm, scamming along with vaping etc.