

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Report by Chief Executive

ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHIEF OFFICERS PUBLIC PROTECTION GROUP 2017/18

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report provides the Community Planning Partnership with an overview of the work of the Chief Officers Public Protection Group 2017/18.

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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 by strategically directing priorities concerning risk and providing 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 Clyde
- Divisional Commander of Police Scotland G Division (East Renfrewshire)
- Chief Social Work Officer and East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee Chair
- Independent Chair Adult Protection Committee

5. In addition there are associate members that may be called upon by the core group to attend when needed and they are lead officers for Public Protection (child, adult, mappa and violence against women/girls) as well as the lead officer for prevent the locality reported 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
  - Approve annual plans, scrutinise self-evaluation activity of public protection 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/Children 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, MAPPAs, Senior Officer 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 2017/18

8. Throughout the year Chief Officer Public Protection groups considered a range of national priorities and assured oversight of implementation for local practice by providing high level scrutiny and strategic leadership in response to performance information and self-evaluation activity and learning:

- Children Protection
  - Provided the oversight assurance and scrutiny of the Significant Case Review Report Child 3 and associated action plan whilst agreeing publication arrangements
  - The review of data from Child Protection Committee to Chief Officers Public Protection Group that provides assurance concerning risk to children and young people
  - Multi Agency Audit of Initial Referral Discussions within Child Protection (IRD)
  - Multi Agency Child Protection Case File Audit
  - Support and approved the implementation of *Signs of Safety* a strength based approach to working with children and their families who are involved in Child Protection.
- Adult Protection
  - Ensured high level scrutiny of self-evaluation activity in adult support and protection
  - Provided direction and leadership on the development of data from the Adult Protection Committee to the Chief Officers Public Protection group
  - Approved partnership improvement and action planning
  - Self-Evaluation session to consider the robustness of ASP data
  - Support and promoted the need for training on adult support and protection, attended by 130 staff from a range of agencies within East Renfrewshire.
- MAPPAs
  - Evaluation of partnership MAPPAs Case File Audits
- Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Provided oversight of local implementation of the Scottish Government's Equally Safe policy on tackling domestic abuse, notably endorsing a revised pathway which offers an equitable service for all victims and increased multi-agency collaboration, allowing for the development of a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to be progressed
  - Supported and approved the development of practice through a range of large scale public protection training events over the year. This includes launching Safe and Together - A model for Domestic Abuse and the management of perpetrators, via a community meeting with over 160 delegates attending this from across East Renfrewshire.

## **DISCUSSION POINTS**

9. It is recommended that the CPP Board:
  - 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 have being kept safe.

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