



**PERTH AND KINROSS
CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**Virtual Meeting held on
Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 9.30am
Via MS Teams**

MINUTE

Present:

- Bill Atkinson, Independent Chair, Child Protection Committee (BA)
- Jayne Smith, Lead Nurse Child Protection, NHS Tayside (Vice-Chair) (JS)
- David Barnes, Chair, Independent Schools Child Protection Group/Children’s Hearings Representative (DB)
- Ben Colvin, Consultant Paediatrician, Community Child Health, NHS Tayside (BC)
- Elaine Cruickshank, Lead Nurse, Children & Families, NHS Tayside (EC)
- John Cunningham, Locality Reporter Manager Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration (JC)
- Rhona Corbett, Communities and Learning, Culture Perth & Kinross (RC)
- Ross Drummond, Child Protection Inter-Agency Coordinator, P&K (RD)
- Alison Fairlie, Service Manager, HSCP – Mental Health, PKC (AF)
- Sharon Johnston, Head of Education and Learning, ECS, PKC (SJ)
- Deborah Lally, Head of Student Experience, Perth College UHI (DL)
- Hazel Robertson, Head of Services for Children, Young People & Families, PKC (HR)
- Margaret Steel, Business & Management Team Leader, Services for Children, Young People & Families (MS)
- Susie Turner, Inclusion Manager / Principal Educational Psychologist, PKC (ST)
- Mary Willis, Communications Officer, Corporate and Democratic Services, PKC (MW)

Apologies:

- Ray Birnie, Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland (RB)
- Andrew Brown, Head of Contracts and Compliance, Live Active Leisure (AB)
- Sarah McLaughlan, Lead Nurse Children and Young People, NHS Tayside (SM)
- Katie Mitchell, Outreach Producer, Horsecross Arts, Perth Theatre and Perth Concert Hall (KM)
- Peter Nield, Assistant Director, Barnardo’s Scotland – North East (PN)
- Elaine Ritchie, Head of Housing Services, PKC (CM)
- Jacquie Pepper, Depute Director, ECS / Chief Social Work Officer, PKC (JP)

Minute:

- Claire Gray, Management Assistant, Services for Children, Young People & Families, PKC (CG)

	What	Who	When
1	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies		
	BA welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.		
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting, Action Points and Matters Arising		
	<p>The Minute of 7 June 2022 was approved as an accurate record.</p> <p><i>Action 1: Bill Atkinson / Hazel Robertson along with Education, Health and Police representatives to discuss / explore the increase in demand on services and report back to the CPC as soon as possible – Members noted the meeting has taken place and a further meeting is to be arranged; once that is done and reached a conclusion, BA will bring back to the CPC. Action Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Action 2: Sharon Johnston to report back to the CPC on two separate issues: a. Survey in Schools re C&YPs mental health and wellbeing; b. Exclusion rates in Schools – SJ noted in terms of the mental health and wellbeing survey, they are still in the process of pulling together the local authority report and this will be presented to the CPC once finalised. Noted the health and wellbeing strategy is also being refreshed.</i></p> <p>SJ advised that discussions have taken place with Head Teachers re the rise in exclusion rates and work is ongoing to update the Exclusion Guidance; once updated this will be followed up with learning sessions in schools and easy reads</p>		

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	<p>for parents and partner agencies will be available. Noted P&K are well below the national exclusion rate. Noted some of the concerns around challenging behaviours schools have been dealing with following COVID-19. DL noted the College were experiencing similar situations with challenging behaviours of the young people who joined last academic year and will be monitoring this year to see if the pattern continues. Action Ongoing.</p> <p><i>Action 3: Ross Drummond to discuss the SCRA data with John Cunningham and to see if they can identify via James Chiles who is best to provide the data in real time – Action Completed.</i></p>		
i.	Police Scotland Partnership Intelligence Portal – HR provided an update on some of the Tayside work on this. Agreed to postpone this item to the next CPC meeting.		
ii.	NHS Tayside ICON Pilot – JS noted Tayside is the first area in Scotland to pilot ICON – abusive head trauma programme / supporting babies / coping with crying babies. As part of the pilot NHST has set up an implementation group. Noted that further resources and information is available online – https://iconcope.org/ . NHST will be looking at a soft promotion on 26 September 2022 and within 4 weeks of that start to use ICON, initially within health and then start to roll out in other services and agencies. JS to provide an update on ICON at the next meeting.		
iii.	Next Meeting / Future Meetings – BA is not sure what the current position is for other services or agencies in terms of face-to-face meetings but wanted to keep on record that he is interested in progressing this, if members are supportive of that. HR noted there are also some good hybrid facilities now available. CG to get an up-to-date position from all CPC members.		
Action 1	Bill Atkinson / Hazel Robertson / Sharon Johnston / Elaine Cruickshank / Ray Birnie / John Cunningham / Ross Drummond to discuss / explore the increase in demand on services and report back to the CPC as soon as possible.	BA/HR/ SJ/EC/ RB/JC /RD	ASAP
Action 2	Sharon Johnston to share the Report on the Survey in Schools re C&YPs mental health and wellbeing once this has been finalised.	SJ	ASAP
Action 3	Sharon Johnston to share the Exclusion Guidance for partner agencies once this is available.	SJ	ASAP
Action 4	Ray Birnie to provide an update on the Police Scotland Partnership Intelligence Portal at the next CPC Meeting on 25 October 2022.	RB	Next Meeting 25/10/22
Action 5	Jayne Smith to provide an update on the ICON Pilot at the next CPC Meeting on 25 October 2022.	JS	Next Meeting 25/10/22
Action 6	Claire Gray to send a poll to members to see if they would want to meet face to face, hybrid or virtually for the next CPC Meeting on 25 October 2022.	CG / All	Next Meeting 25/10/22
3	CPC Multi-Agency Monthly Dataset Report		
	<p>Members noted the Report, which includes figures up to the end of July 2022. Noted the number of CCRs has fallen during the school holiday period; similar pattern to July 2021 as expected; we are starting to see more UBB referrals coming from other services and agencies; noted there has been a slight reduction in IRDs and CPIs; the CPR is a constantly moving picture; the number of children EAH has dropped; however, this is due to removing children beyond school leaving age; agreed to keep reporting on KPIs 25 – 27 which predominantly relate to the over 16's, but not able to breakdown to age brackets; to consider a way to get the number of hospitalisations for YP with MH.</p> <p>Members noted the longitudinal trends; noting there has been a 20% increase in CCRs this year; CPIs are relatively stable; Pre-Birth CPCCs has increased slightly.</p>		

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	<p>RD advised the recently completed Child Protection Multi-Agency Audit, which looked at CPI's that did not proceed to CPCCs; provides assurance that it was the right decision in all of the cases examined not to proceed to CPCC, following IRDs and CPIs. HR noted the CPCC Chair arrangement has provided consistency in decision-making for CPCCs. Noted the post is funded until the end of March 2023.</p> <p>JC noted % changes with SCRA figures over the last 12 months; there is a divergence across Tayside; referrals from SW down by 41% in P&K; with increased referrals from Police and Education in P&K. Concern re workloads for frontline staff etc and looking to discuss with SW / Police colleagues on a Tayside basis – do we need a triage system etc. It was agreed to follow this up via TRIC.</p>		
4	Group Updates		
i.	<p>CPC Business Structure – BA noted this links in with previous discussions around capacity and resources of the CPC to progress some of the quality assurance and self-evaluation work; the proposal is to consider the re-establishment of a CPC Quality Assurance Working Group; which would be separate from the CPC Practice Improvement Working Group and have a specific focus on QA / self-evaluation.</p> <p>If members agree in principle, we need to start thinking about representation from the respective services and agencies to support that work; this would be a more strategic than operational group; must include core / statutory services and agencies, but also needs to consider how to involve third sector colleagues. RD suggested completing the discussions around the increase in demand on services and agencies with all the key partners.</p> <p>Members noted it can be challenging for services and agencies covering Tayside to support all these groups. RD / BA / HR to firm up the proposal and get back to health and police etc.</p>		
Action 7	Bill Atkinson / Ross Drummond / Hazel Robertson to firm up the proposal for a CPC Quality Assurance Working Group and to report back to the next meeting of the CPC on 15 October 2022.	BA / RD / HR	Next Meeting 25/10/22
ii.	<p>CPC Practice Improvement Working Group – HR noted the PIWG met on 16 August 2022; discussions around suicide prevention and agreement for Steve Sweeney to provide an input on this at the next meeting of the PIWG; discussions around School exclusions; the report / findings from the school child concern folder quality assurance audit will be shared at the next meeting; looked at the CPC Monthly Dataset Report; supporting all colleagues to participate in the CPC Improvement Plan; discussed the public protection cross cutting issues – VAW event on 23 August 2022 for front line staff only – follow up session will take place for COG during the during the 16 Days of Activism (25 Nov2022 – 10 Dec 2022) to take this forward.</p>		
iii.	<p>Independent Schools Child Protection Group – DB has linked in with RD to make sure the additional meeting in September 2022 goes ahead – LR presentation from BA / RD; also keen to make sure the different types of Independent Schools in P&K are linked into the right people in terms of the GIRFEC agenda.</p>		
iv.	<p>Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative Priority Group 5: Safeguarding and Child Protection (TRIC PG5) – RD noted Ray Birnie is now the chair of TRIC PG5; they last met on 24 August 2022; UBB and Chronologies Practitioner Guidance refreshed and will be circulated widely with a covering letter; refresh of the IRD Template and Guidance is being led by Police colleagues; Michelle Nicol's TRIC L&D post will be advertised as a secondment opportunity to help take forward the Priorities for Practice.</p>		
5	AOCB / Papers for Noting		
i.	<p>Scottish Government National Care Service Letter – Members noted the letter.</p>		

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ii.	Perth & Kinross Local Police Plan Letter – BA drew members attention to the letter which is to seek the views of interested parties.		
iii.	Recent Child Protection Reports from England – Papers for noting. BA noted there is some interesting / challenging thinking about SW in general and encouraged members to give this time to read. BA advised he would be happy to facilitate a session to go over the reports in detail if members wanted.		
iv.	NHS Scotland Accountability Framework – JS made members aware this has been signed off by the National Chief Executive Group and will be going to publication shortly. JS will share this with the CPC once it has been published.		
v.	Aberlour – EC advised she attended a new Aberlour initiative based in Dundee – recovery house for women, with children 0-5 years of age, where there has been substance misuse. Noted there will be two in Scotland – Dundee and Lanarkshire. Dundee is due to open in October 2022 and an information pack will follow for all partners.		
6	Meeting Dates 2022		
	All Meetings on Tuesday 09:30 – 12:30 25 October and 6 December 2022		