



Perth & Kinross Adult Protection Committee Minute

Friday 15th July 2022
10:00 am
Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Alison Fairlie (AF)	Service Manager, SW (Social Work) PKC
Bill Atkinson (BA)	Independent Convener
Christopher Lamont (CL)	Strategic Lead for Mental Health, NHS
Grace Gilling (GG)	ASP Lead, NHS Tayside
Graeme Templar (GT)	DI, Risk and Concern hub, Police Scotland
Kenny Ogilvie (KO)	Interim Head of Service, HSCP
Jacqueline Pepper (JP)	Chief Social Work Officer
Julie Wyllie (JW)	Manager, RDM Home
Susan Hunter (SH)	Independent Vice-Convener
Susan Netherington (SN)	Senior Admin for ASP, HSCP

APOLOGIES

Julie Hutton (JH)	CEO, Independent Advocacy from 1 st May
Iain Wilkie (IW)	Adult Protection Coordinator, P&K HSCP
Winne Burke (WB)	Care Inspectorate
Sheila McCole (SM)	Councillor – Perth City South
Amanda Welch (AW)	Care Inspectorate

CORRESPONDENCE MEMBERS

Alex Goodall (AG)	Carer's representative
Angie McManus (AM)	AHP Lead P&K HSCP
Brian Hutton (BH)	Improvement Officer, ECS
Daniel Smith	GP Clinical Lead for P&K
Ewan Baird (EB)	Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Erin Wilson	Capability Scotland
Jenni Keenan	Team Leader, PKAVS (P&K Association of Voluntary Service)
James Fulton	Allied Health Professionals (AHP)
Lynn Blair (LB)	Independent Sector Lead - Perth and Kinross
Michelle Dow (MD)	Service Manager, Housing, P&K
Pablo Vilar	Operations Manager, Balhousie Care Group
William Young	Scottish Ambulance Service
Sarah Rodger	Legal Manager, PKC
Alisson McPherson	Locality Manager, NHS
Daniel Dutton (DD)	Community Integration Officer, PKAVS
Deborah Lally (DL)	Perth College

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>BA welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2	<p>Minute of Meeting of the Adult Protection Committee (25.02.2022)</p> <p>An overview of the previous Adult Protection Committee minute was provided by BA, and comments welcomed.</p> <p>In regard to Fire Deaths, GG confirmed that there is due to be multiagency focus groups at the end of August at a pan tayside basis. This is to obtain feedback from colleagues so that we can continue to share good practice. Since the presentation has been delivered there has been a further 2 elderly fire fatalities which will be looked into to see if they require their own individual review or if they can be included in the fire review.</p>	
3	<p>Bi-Ennial Report</p> <p>BA highlighted that the Bi-ennial report is due to be produced by October 2022.</p> <p>The Scottish Government are continuously refining the information within the Bi-Ennial report and have recently provided a template of the information they require. With the recent position statement and our annual report from last year, we are in a good position for completing this report. It will be completed on IW's return and brought to the next APC for sign off.</p> <p>BA offered for anyone that wants to be involved in the creation of the Bi-Ennial report to contact either himself or IW who will include them going forward.</p>	
4	<p>Ukrainian Update – Grace Gilling</p> <p>GG is part of the National Sub Group looking at safeguarding around the current Ukrainian situation, and was able to provide an update.</p> <p>GG confirmed there is a very robust P&K multiagency group up and running that the ASP NHS team attend and feed into the Group.</p> <p>It was recognised that small numbers of Adult and Child Protection cases are being seen, both for the Ukrainian refugees and the host families. Questions have been raised on how we monitor the impacts on Mental Health services and CALMS etc and how we can meet that demand. From August onwards it is expected to see more protection activity due to placement breakdowns. A third of the applications materialised and out of those a significant number have had placement breakdowns where people are choosing to go back to Ukraine as they did not feel safe within the placement.</p>	

	<p>Emerging safeguarding themes seen, were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate use of the sponsor scheme where businesses brought people for work, in particular the seasonal/agricultural work. • Refugees being charged for accommodation. Within the scheme accommodation for refugees should be free. Police are investigating cases to determine if fraud had been committed. <p>A discussion was had around how we ensure Ukrainians are aware that the accommodation is free, and if they are asked that they should report it as some individuals are not reaching the welcome tables therefore missing out on the information. This has been linked in with visits to premises to ensure it is not for work premises.</p> <p>Traffic and modern slavery concerns were also discussed, along with the unaccompanied minors' scheme. The last area was the challenges that hosts are seeing, the £300 doesn't go far therefore a further discussion was had on what benefits are also available.</p> <p>JP provided numbers of Ukrainians in P&K and the breakdown of these in families. There are 30 applications still awaiting approval, and 42 applications approved and awaiting on refugees' arrival to Perth. JP provided assurance that arrangements are in place that will be picking up any concern which AF has been involved in.</p> <p>AF highlighted that she has been involved with a case recently where the history of an individual has caused concern. Ideally this should have been picked up at the screening process which is completed by Housing. Going forward a working group is being looked at so that Social Work, Police and Housing can all work together at the screening stage.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Inspection update – Bill Atkinson</p> <p>BA provided an overview of the inspection and thanked all that contributed to it. BA confirmed that a lot of the feedback provided we were previously aware of, and that the overall experience was positive.</p> <p>KO advised that he was at the initial processes meetings where he noted some comments from one of the inspectors who highlighted how robust the triage system in place was and emphasising the strength of the multidisciplinary working. KO felt that meeting went well, and after speaking to those that attended the focus groups also, it was felt that these were also positive.</p> <p>GG wanted to accredit both IW and Fiona Easton for the work they did leading up to the inspection and throughout. They both communicated and kept partners right throughout.</p> <p>GG advised that NHS staff who attended the meetings provided feedback on how well the multiagency partnerships work together. Positive</p>	

	<p>comments were provided by the inspection team, particularly from a health perspective over the years and how much more involved they are and the benefits of that.</p> <p>JP said that overall it went well. The inspectors both said they were very impressed, once regarding our ongoing self-evaluation and again it was said in relation to training. The discussions were very positive and did not feel like it was an interrogation. Online was difficult, and at sometimes it was hard for people to get the space and time to discuss matters. Despite COVID and considerable amount of change in relation to people and changing roles etc, we demonstrated that Adult Protection is important and that we hadn't regressed at all, and we continue to move forward with our continuous improvement journey.</p> <p>BA advised that on 2nd August we will receive the final report from the Care Inspectorate on their findings which will be brought back to the APC in September.</p>	
6	<p>National Care Service – update</p> <p>Scottish government intentions are to have a National Care Service for adults which we have fed into for more than a year now. BA acknowledges that we need to monitor this proposal as it could have, especially longer term, an impact in how services are organised but perhaps other governance arrangements in relation to Adult Support and Protection.</p> <p>JP advised that there are still a lot of questions surrounding this therefore for the time being, until further clarity is obtained all we can do is signpost staff to the national picture.</p> <p>BA understands that the aims of the National Care Service may be admirable, but how we get there over the next 2 years will be unsettling for some people which will be a distraction from the learning and development and improvement plan we have set for the APC.</p> <p>JP asks that it is highlighted within bi-ennial report under forward planning, that we will endeavour to engage positively with the national care service with the aim to provide excellence in protecting people across Perth and Kinross.</p> <p>JW said that a lot of the improvements and benefits suggested are already in place such as working groups that care home managers are actively engaged in. JW advised that she has not seen any change to everyday working as yet but is sure that will come and hopes it brings improvement but agrees there is a lot of uncertainty going forward.</p> <p>BA has agreed to keep this as a standing item for the APC, to allow people the opportunity to provide an update of any concerns they have.</p>	

7	<p>National Guidance for AP learning review guidance</p> <p>BA highlighted that this guidance that has been published nationally.</p> <p>Both BA and IW will review P&K arrangements in light of the new guidance and bring back any changes required to the APC. BA does not feel this will require significant change to our current SCR, ICR processes which will now be called learning reviews.</p>	
8	<p>NHS Update – Grace Gilling</p> <p>GG provided a brief overview to the attached update and provided the opportunity for questions.</p> <p>Heather Paul will join the NHS Tayside Adult Protection team on 1st August and will be the link advisor for Perth and Kinross.</p> <p>BA asked if Alcohol related brain disease (ARBD) is an issue within Perth and Kinross as he was at a recent 5 nations event where a presentation was provided around ARBD and the challenges around this group of people.</p> <p>GG said that all areas recognise that ARBD is an issue and locality NHS AP advisors have been working with the Mental Welfare Commission regarding this, to provide an action plan. A suggestion has been for an event to be arranged, increasing awareness along with developing a good practice guidance in relation to alcohol and safeguarding.</p> <p>KO advised that we are aware of the issue. If someone is under the influence of alcohol that doesn't mean that they meet the 3 point test, however if there is underlying brain damage due to alcohol, then they would. So there are issues regarding live ASP investigations and ongoing support for them as there is a lack of specialist provisions for ARBD.</p> <p>AF said that currently we have 3 open ASP cases that meet that criteria, and they are exceptionally difficult as capacity fluctuates. On 2 of the cases we are using several different acts such as Mental Health Act and Adults with Incapacity, 1 client is in the hospital and the other we are looking into rehab. AF agrees with KO, that there is a lack of support available, especially for people under 65, however we have utilised some care services such as care homes, in order to manage their alcohol consumption. AF feels that we are managing the cases well however recognises that there will be a lot more cases out there, therefore training is welcomed. AF is working with the Mental Welfare Commission around this area, especially accommodation for those under 65.</p> <p>SH advised that she also attended the 5 Nations event. SH agrees that alcohol overwhelms people and that we do need to progress with this. SH suggested the tool highlighted at the event would be beneficial to have awareness of.</p>	

	<p>GG explained that between now and December, the group plan to produce integrated systems map work, on a pan tayside basis as well as developing personas. This will allow us to look at gaps and opportunities for improvement. In the new year, we will use that to inform our change ideas in each locality or pan tayside and along with training.</p> <p>AF said that she would be happy to be involved as it overlaps the work she is doing currently also.</p> <p>BA requested that GG keeps the AP committee informed of the progression.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Police Scotland Update – Graeme Templar</p> <p>GT advised that there will be a written report shared with the group going forward once agreed, however for today a verbal update was provided.</p> <p>Going forward financial harm will be included as this subject is a developing topic, and will ensure that our information ties in with the information that other partners have.</p> <p>GT highlighted the partner intelligence portal has gone live, this is where general criminality, drug use etc can be reported and was brought to the AP Committee by Sarah Brow previously. If partners want to make use of this, to get in touch with GT.</p> <p>GT advised that there is a significant backlog of VPDs which is causing a delay. This is due to an upturn in Police work that does not involve criminality but relates to mental health and/or general vulnerabilities. There was a recent police inspection by inspectorate constabulary that identified that 73% of police incidents don't relate to criminality which is reflected in the concern reports. Due to the back log, we have had to withdraw from all nonessential meetings in order to concentrate on the concern reports and getting the information shared with partner agencies so that they can be actioned.</p> <p>GT, IW and GG are to meet to progress with a multiagency IRD review process, he hopes that the reviews will be completed fortnightly, which may then lead to practitioner's forum.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p><u>COG development Session</u></p> <p>JP provided feedback from the COG development session on 10th June. Where the officers came together face to face.</p> <p>Discussion was had around greater connection with front line staff and where possible with those with lived experience of public protection processes. Given that we are in the position to receive our ASP report, JP suggested an event in the autumn to hopefully celebrate the ASP report and discuss the findings with them as well as reaching out to the front line</p>	

	<p>staff. JP asked if this is something that the APC would be happy to be involved in.</p> <p>BA agrees that face to face contact is something they want to increase and if this is also important to the COG it would be helpful to combine the two. The group were in agreement. BA advised that out with this meeting how this will be progressed will be discussed between JP, IW and BA.</p> <p>No further items were discussed.</p>				
<p>Date of meetings in 2022:</p>	<p>25th Feb</p>	<p>6th May</p>	<p>15th July</p>	<p>23rd Sept</p>	<p>2nd Dec</p>