



**PERTH AND KINROSS
CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**In Person Meeting
Tuesday 4 June 2024**

Room 410, 2 High Street, Perth

MINUTE

Present:

Bill Atkinson, Independent Chair, Child Protection Committee	(BA)
Sharon Cooper, Service Manager, Children and Families Social Work, PKC	(SC)
Arun Singh, Strategic Lead – Children, Families and Justice / CSWO, PKC	(AS)
Ben Colvin, Consultant Paediatrician, Community Child Health, NHS Tayside	(BC)
Lisa Sutherland, Locality Manager SCRA	(LSu)
Julie Baker, Child Protection Inter-Agency Coordinator, P&K	(JB)
Sheena Devlin, Strategic Lead – Education and Learning, PKC	(SD)
Susie Turner, Inclusion Manager / Principal Educational Psychologist, PKC	(ST)
Claire Wilson, Children Services Manager, Barnardo’s Scotland	(CW)
Lesley Sharkey, Director of Midwifery, NHS Tayside	(LS)
Christine Couser, Depute Head Teacher Support, Bertha Park High School, PKC	(CC)
Michelle Smith, Head Teacher, Coupar Angus Primary School, PKC	(MS)
Julie Hutton, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Advocacy Perth & Kinross	(JH)
Mary Willis, Communications & Design Co-ordinator, Corporate Communications Team (<i>sound issues</i>)	(MW)

In Attendance:

Keir Smith, T/Detective Inspector, Police Scotland (<i>on behalf of P Boath</i>)	(KS)
Iain Wilkie, Adult Protection Co-ordinator, PKC (<i>sound issues</i>)	(IW)
Liz Magee, Public Protection Quality Improvement Programme Lead (<i>on behalf of G Gilling</i>) (<i>sound issues</i>)	(LM)
Kerry Lindsay, Senior Nurse Child Protection, NHS Tayside (<i>sound issues</i>)	(KL)

Apologies:

Paul Boath, T/Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland	(PB)
Grace Gilling, Chief Nurse, Public Protection, NHS Tayside	(GG)
Alison Fairlie, Service Manager, HSCP – Mental Health, PKC	(AF)
Elaine Ritchie, Strategic Lead – Housing and Communities, PKC	(ER)

Minute:

Claire Gray, Management Assistant, Services for Children, Young People & Families, PKC	(CG)
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	What	Who	When
1	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies		
	BA welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above. Members noted those attending online were unable to hear those attending in person. Assistance was sought from IT without delay.		
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting, Action Points and Matters Arising		
	<p>The Minute of 26 March 2024 was approved as an accurate record.</p> <p><i>Action 1: Sarah Rodger to prepare a briefing note for the CPC to provide an update on any implications on the latest update on UNCRC – Next Meeting. Action Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Action 2: Margaret Lynch to provide the CPC with a further update once the Poverty Social Needs Screening work is ready to be piloted in Perth and Kinross – Awaiting update from ML. Action Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Action 3: Julie Baker to finalise the changes to the Joint CPC and APC Protocol: Transitions – Agenda Item. Action Completed.</i></p> <p><i>Action 4: Susie Turner to bring back an update around the suicide prevention risk management work once it has been piloted with education staff – Update at CPC meeting on 29 October 2024. Action Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Action 5: Julie Baker to finalise the changes to the P&K CPC Joint Protocol: Care and Risk Management (CARM) – Agenda Item. Action Completed.</i></p>		

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	<i>Action 6: Paul Boath to share the Bairns Hoose update paper for Tayside – Agenda Item. Action Completed.</i>		
i)	CPC SLWG: LGBTi+ Inclusive Practice – Members noted the SLWG are meeting on 1 July 2024 to discuss the next steps and will provide an update at the next CPC meeting.		
ii)	<p>CPC CoP: Reflective Practice Sessions – Members noted the first session on the topic Professional Curiosity took place on 20 April 2024; this was a good session with good representation across agencies; initial feedback has been positive – reflective / safe space for practitioners which we will continue to build on through an iterative process.</p> <p>Noted the next session is on the topic Working with Fathers, Male Carers and Social Fathers on 27 June 2024; a request for nominations has been sent out for frontline practitioners to be involved.</p>		
iii)	<p>Possible Joint Working with the APC – Margaret Fleming Significant Case Review (Inverclyde) – Iain Wilkie (IW) joined the meeting to provide an input on the work undertaken in P&K / Tayside in relation to the SCR published by Inverclyde Council last year.</p> <p>Members noted the P&K paper that was circulated, which provides a summary of the Learning Review (LR) into the life of Margaret and an overview of the 18 findings from the LR, which have been converted into 11 recommendations and provides the draft P&K position.</p> <p>IW provided some background to the SCR; noting it is a difficult read; the report makes a number of key differences regarding how it is framed and how it actually reports some of this; for example, it does not acknowledge EC and AJ as Margaret's carers as they had never fulfilled this role.</p> <p>IW summarised some of the findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWP continued to pay benefits to Margaret for 16 years without any professional seeing her. • Margaret got lost in health services – under the radar of being complex – no formal diagnosis of LD despite early years issues and this was a missed opportunity. Number of other missed opportunities to engage Margaret at different times – her weight; repeated presentation to A&E; degree of aggression from Margaret when visited which was a new behaviour and similar. • No combined chronology around trauma – uncoordinated approach. Critical of transition pathways which did not take account of extended agencies. Some of the paperwork was undefendable and not clear why decisions were made. Issues included services not re-opening Margaret's case when concerns raised by others and Margaret not being seen as a credible witness. It was noted that the SCIM model would address this issue now as it aims to support witnesses with a range of needs provide the best evidence they can. <p>IW advised P&K picked up the LR and met with colleagues from Angus, Dundee and NHS Tayside and felt it would be appropriate to take a Tayside approach. Agreed to bring to P&K first and then take it back to the other areas to see whether there are any improvements etc that sit better on a Tayside level.</p> <p>Noted the PK LR Review Team met in March 2024 and identified recommendations as outlined in the paper.</p> <p>Members noted the next steps and whether to explore further in P&K or take to the Tayside Group for cross cutting themes and commonalities etc. BA / IW to follow up after the meeting re next steps for this work.</p> <p>AS noted this was a long time ago and there has been changes in legislation / guidance / policy how to manage those most vulnerable. Members suggested it might be helpful to have a reflective session to identify where the gaps are etc. Members noted it should also feed into the wider work of the Tayside group. Agreed that a joint CPC/APC event with a focus on this LR would be beneficial.</p>		

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Action 1	Sarah Rodger to prepare a briefing note for the CPC and provide an update on any implications on the latest update on UNCRC at the next CPC meeting.	SR	Next Meeting
Action 2	Margaret Lynch to provide the CPC with a further update once the Poverty Social Needs Screening work is ready to be piloted in Perth and Kinross.	ML	TBC
Action 3	Susie Turner to bring back an update around the suicide prevention risk management work once it has been piloted with education staff.	ST	Meeting 29/10/2024
Action 4	Bill Atkinson to follow up with Iain Wilkie out with the meeting in terms of the next steps for the work relating to the Significant Case Review for Margaret Fleming.	BA	Next meeting
3	CPC Development Day – 30 April 2024		
	<p>Members noted the Feedback Report. Noted we need to be clear on the purpose of change. Agreed to refine into a series of actions to measure progress made over time.</p> <p>Issue of communication with practitioners / those on the frontline – looking at greater public engagements / roadshow / newsletter – importance of keeping CYP safe and being able to articulate / agree that. Noted we need buy in from teams / those on frontline – do they know what the CPC is / does. Members to get in touch re visiting different establishments.</p> <p>Members suggested a broader Public Protection newsletter – articles, training etc – to increase invisibility – caution proportionality. JB to look at a meeting for PP leads and come back to the CPC with ideas.</p> <p>Noted the opportunity for more inputs (every other meeting) on areas of work of interest to the CPC from a multi-agency perspective e.g. First Steps / CAMHS work; CAD / SLA work etc. Members to send in any other ideas. BC suggested re-introducing this to the PIWG as well.</p>		
Action 5	Members to get in touch with any ideas for the CPC roadshow / visiting different establishments.	All	Next Meeting
Action 6	Members to send in any ideas for inputs (every other meeting) on areas of work of interest to the CPC from a multi-agency perspective.	All	Next Meeting
4	CPC Guiding Principles for the inclusion of Fathers, Male Carers and Social Fathers		
	<p>Members noted the Guiding Principles. Members suggested change policy to guidance. Members also suggested user reps have a look over it – JB to link with JH re dads from their service etc.</p> <p>Members noted this is a longer (5-10 years) term plan. Where does this work sit in the CPC – it would be helpful to have a gant chart / planner to prioritise where this sits. It would also be helpful to get data around how inclusive services are for Dads and this will take some thought.</p>		
5	<u>Joint CPC and APC Protocol: Transitions</u>		
	<p>SC noted this was briefly discussed at the last PIWG. Noted it will be a complex piece of work to operationalise the guidance. SC chairs the 16-18 guidance group and will work with adult care etc to take this forward. Noted the Care and Justice Bill will have implications.</p> <p>Members agreed the CPC will continue to get updates as this progresses.</p>		
6	<u>P&K CPC Joint Protocol: Care and Risk Management (CARM)</u>		
	<p>Members noted Sheila Wilson and Ger McKendrick (Improvement Officers) will be looking to operationalise the CARM guidance and will liaise with Angus etc.</p> <p>ST noted schools are working to the suicide risk framework – need to reference it in the document and it needs to be clear for people which one to use and when. JB to</p>		

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	add reference to the suicide risk framework in the CARM guidance when reviewed in February 2025.		
7	NHS Tayside Public Protection Accountability and Assurance Framework (PPAAF)		
	<p>Liz Magee (LM) provided a verbal update on Public Protection Governance arrangements for NHS boards in Scotland.</p> <p>Members noted the SG published a NHS PP Accountability and Assurance Framework in 2022 and throughout 2023 they have been working as part of a national SLWG to develop a standardised reporting toolkit to support boards across Scotland to report on the quality standards contained within the national framework. Noted work is ongoing to look to encompass gender-based violence in the future.</p> <p>Members noted the purpose of the framework was in recognition of the lack of consistency across health boards re the PP workforce where there were differing roles / functions / governance arrangements and gives us a standardised approach. Noted they will be able to benchmark against other health boards in Scotland etc.</p> <p>Nationally there is still work ongoing in collaboration with CELCIS and the Care Inspectorate – looking at a PP national dataset from NHS boards; QA framework for AP etc. NHST will continue to contribute to national developments and take advantage of them when finalised.</p> <p>BA thanked LM for her input. Members noted it will be helpful to have consistency for boards and NHS working with CELCIS and CI is further evidence of a big commitment from the NHS. Members commented on the RAG status – Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) down as amber – how can we manage to engage effectively with SAS – national body and trust in its own right. Noted this poses some unique challenges.</p> <p>LS advised that she has a link to SAS and will provide contact details to BA. BC recognised that SAS is a Health Trust and therefore should have similar arrangements to any other in terms of public protection.</p>		
8	Tayside Bairns Hoose / Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM)		
	<p>SCIM – went live on 3 May 2024; early days; working well in some ways; timings of it causing issue – longer to plan and interview the child; better practice but causes issues at other end – safety plan to last longer etc; more work to be done in general practice; making decisions on a case by case basis; outcomes for the children will be much improved; more risk re safety planning.</p> <p>Noted the issue around safety planning will be raised nationally to see if this is an issue elsewhere. Noted timescales echoes throughout the country. BC noted feedback from other doctors re the timing issue – it is more difficult to do the examination if they do not have the story beforehand to make specific checks that might be needed. Usually, the examination would take place once the concerns had been documented.</p> <p>Bairns Hoose – Noted the SG have been listening to feedback around the tight timescales (originally within 12 months) and have agreed to extend it for 2 years. Noted there was a multi-agency development day yesterday which was useful.</p> <p>Members agreed the CPC will continue to get updates on the Tayside Bairns Hoose / Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM).</p>		
9	Group Updates		
	Members noted we will be looking at requesting written updates for the subgroup to report back more formally.		
i)	<p>CPC Practice Improvement Working Group – last met 21 May 2024; looking at a SLWG on Social Media / Technology / Bullying; Steve Sweeney is taking forward work on responding to crisis etc. Next meeting 20 August 2024.</p> <p>SD noted a number of developments / work going on in education – national guidance coming re use of phones in school; lobbying the SG to take a bigger</p>		

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	stance on technology; revised guidance re behaviour coming soon; SLWGs re weapons; assault; drugs and alcohol in schools; approach to a lockdown policy – do we need a council wide policy; digital and mobile phones. Members noted it would be helpful to have a session around this. SD to bring drafts back to the CPC at the next meeting (1 hour) or at the next development session.		
ii)	CPC Quality Assurance Working Group – last met 9 April 2024; Vice Chair has been agreed as Paul Monaghan, NHS Tayside; looking at self-evaluation audit activity; connectivity between the QAWG and PIWG etc. Next meeting 11 June 2024. Noted a lot of the work for the QAWG has been remitted to a new Self-Evaluation Group re sense checking, looking at the Care Inspectorate Framework, Governance structure, staff survey etc. Further meetings also planned for the S-E Group.		
iii)	Independent Schools Child Protection Group – last meeting cancelled and rescheduled for 11 June 2024.		
Action 7	Sheena Devlin to bring drafts to the CPC around the work / SLWGs ongoing in education.	SD	TBC
10	AOCB		
	None noted.		
11	Meeting Dates 2024		
	All meetings Tuesday 09:30 – 12:30: 27 August (MS Teams); 29 October (in person) and 3 December 2024 (MS Teams).		