Perth and Kinross

Child Protection Committee

Quality Assurance Schedule

1 January 2025 – 31 July 2028

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Helping children be the best they can be

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Introduction

Welcome to our new CPC Quality Assurance Schedule which runs from 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2028. **This schedule should be read in conjunction with the CPC Quality Assurance Strategy (2024).** This schedule marks a renewed commitment from the CPC and its partners to ensure strong and meaningful quality assurance to drive forward our programme of continuous improvement. This schedule is based on the academic year and has been written to include the second half of 2024 – 2025. Future plans will adhere to the academic year.

Purpose

This schedule has been developed to ensure that there is a robust and transparent plan in place for our quality assurance activity. This marks a change in approach from 'unannounced' topics for our annual multi-agency audit to pre-planned and pre-programmed multi-agency activity. The purpose of this is to move away from what can be a deficit-based approach to quality assurance, to enable partners to commence their own improvement activity in the planned areas that, we as a partnership, have determined to be of interest for development. This means that when the multi-agency audit takes place, it will provide a secondary, evaluative and objective measure of the quality of work in the given area.

Ongoing Processes

To keep the schedule simple and accessible, ongoing meetings and processes have not been included within it. Therefore, they are briefly captured here:

- The Child Protection Committee's (CPC) subgroup, the Quality Assurance Working Group (QAWG) meets six times annually and will review performance management information quarterly.
- The Child Protection Inter-Agency Coordinator (CPIC) will complete and submit a Highlight Report to capture discussion on the performance management information and any trends or anomalies that the Quality Assurance Working Group may wish to draw to the attention of the wider Child Protection Committee.

A note about topics and timings

The timings within the schedule are approximate and may be subject to change. The topics stated within the schedule may change if there is a presenting need to explore a live practice issue. Additional desktop audit or exploratory work may take place in addition to what is set out within the schedule.

Year	Month	Activity Type & Ref	Subject and Rationale	RAG
2024 -2025	January	Desktop 4	**The voices of Children and Young People in Child Protection Processes** (Option 1 of 2 from Multi-Agency Audit Options Paper, April 2024). This audit will explore how children and young people's views are sought and their voices heard in the decision-making process.	G
	March	Desktop 5	**Safe & Together** This will explore to what extent S&T Training for staff has made a difference to practice for children, young people and parents subjected to domestic abuse.	G
	May	Multi-Agency 2024/2025	**Neglect - Recognition and Response** This will consider and review the multi-agency response to children and young people who have been subjected to neglect.	G
	June	Self-Evaluation Exercise	**Revisit and update CPC Scotland Self-Evaluation Exercise – Implementation of National Guidance** – to determine progress since October 2023	
	July	Desktop 6	**To be determined by QAWG**	
	August	Preparation of Standards and Quality Report (2024/2025)	**Annual CPC Standards and Quality Report** Review of performance management information and data of key child protection processes in preceding year, summary of audit activity for the academic year. Refocus of improvement plan as required.	

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2025 -2026	January	Desktop 7	**CCRs categorised as ECS Other (Follow Up)** Follow up on use of categorisation of contacts further to Desktop 1 and implementation of Mosaic database for Children and Families Social Work. Timing is to allow for full Mosaic implementation - this was delayed from the planned start date in August 2024 to February 2025.	
	February	Desktop 8	**Re-registration of babies. children and young people whose names have been added to the Child Protection Register** To explore what factors may have led to re-registration within two years of an initial period of registration.	
	May	Multi-Agency Audit	**Assessment in Child Protection - identifying, assessing and articulating risk for children and young people.** This audit will consider the efficacy of assessment for children and young people who have been the subject of a Child Protection Assessment Report, following an Inter-Agency Referral Discussion.	
	July	Desktop 9	**To be determined by QAWG**	
	August	Preparation of Standards and Quality Report (2025/2026)	**Annual CPC Standards and Quality Report** Review of performance management information and data of key child protection processes in preceding year, summary of audit activity for the academic year. Refocus of improvement plan as required.	

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2026-2027	August	Preparation of Standards and Quality Report (2025/2026)	**Annual CPC Standards and Quality Report** Review of performance management information and data of key child protection processes in preceding year, summary of audit activity for the academic year. Refocus of improvement plan as required.	
	January	Desktop 10	**Child Protection Core Groups and Plans (Follow up)** A re-visit to Desktop Audit 3 to check progress on improving minuting of Core Groups and writing of plans.	
	March	Desktop 11	**Outcomes from Referrals to MASH (Follow up)** A re-visit to Desktop Audit 2 to check progress on recording, consent and outcomes.	
	May	Multi-agency Audit	**Consistency and Accuracy within Chronologies.** This will explore how effectively chronologies have been maintained within and across chronologies and how they support assessment and intervention.	
	June (First Two Weeks)	Staff Survey (Partnership)	**Staff Survey to be re-sent across partnership** The Staff Survey in 2024 provided some positive reassurance regarding the efficacy of partnership working. This will re-visit the survey to track progress.	
	July	Desktop 12	**To be determined by QAWG**	
	August	Preparation of Standards and Quality Report (2026/2027)	**Annual CPC Standards and Quality Report** Review of performance management information and data of key child protection processes in preceding year, summary of audit activity for the academic year. Refocus of improvement plan as required.	

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2027 -2028	January	Desktop 13	**Unborn Baby Referrals - Outcomes** Reviewing Unborn Baby referrals to Children and Families Social Work UBB MASG and their outcomes.	
	March	Desktop 14	**Young People in Conflict with the Law** Reviewing responses to young people who have been referred to Children and Families Social Work due to coming into conflict with the law – are wellbeing and protection needs being addressed?	
	May	Multi-agency 2027/2028	**Problematic parental substance use – are we still getting our priorities right?** This audit will explore how children and young people who are living with this issue, and their parents, are being supported and risks to their wellbeing are being managed.	
	July	Desktop 15	**To be determined by QAWG**	
	August	Preparation of Standards and Quality Report (2027/2028)	**Annual CPC Standards and Quality Report** Review of performance management information and data of key child protection processes in preceding year, summary of audit activity for the academic year. Refocus of improvement plan as required.	

List of Desktop Audits: Completed and Planned

These are audits completed by the Child Protection Inter-agency Coordinator.

Desktop Audit Number	Date Completed/ Planned	Subject of Audit
1	May 2024	Child Concern Reports categorised as 'ECS Other'
2	June 2024	Outcomes from referrals to the Multi-agency Screening Group (MASH)
3	July 2025	Child Protection Core Groups and Child Protection Plans
4	January 2025	The voice of Children and Young People in Child Protection Processes
5	March 2025	Safe & Together
6	July 2025	To be determined by QAWG
7	January 2026	CCRs categorised as ECS Other (Follow Up)
8	March 2026	Re-registration of babies. children and young people whose names have been added to the Child Protection Register
9	July 2026	To be determined by QAWG
10	January 2027	Child Protection Core Groups and Plans (Follow up)
11	March 2027	Outcomes from Referrals to MASH (Follow up)
12	July 2027	To be determined by QAWG
13	January 2028	Unborn Baby Referrals
14	March 2028	Young People in Conflict with the Law
15	July 2028	To be determined by QAWG

List of Planned Multi-Agency Audits

Multi Agency Audits take place over 2 to 3 working days, with professionals from across the partnership working in multi-agency pairs, to review practice in an identified area and the impact on unborn babies, babies, children, young people and their families.

Year	Subject
2024/2025	**Neglect - Recognition and Response**
2025/2026	**Assessment in Child Protection - identifying, assessing and articulating risk for children and young people.**
2026/2027	**Consistency and Accuracy within Chronologies.**
2027/2028	**Problematic parental substance use – are we still getting our priorities right?**