

# **MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE MORAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 2 JULY 2013**

**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

## **PRESENT**

Sandy Riddell (Chair), Corporate Director (Education and Social Care), The Moray Council, Chief Superintendent Mark Cooper (Depute Chair), Divisional Police Commander, Police Scotland, Councillor Mike Shand, The Moray Council, Councillor Allan Wright, The Moray Council, Ms Susan McLaren, Head of Integrated Children's Services, The Moray Council, Mr Iain MacDonald, Integration Officer (Child Protection), The Moray Council, Ms Margaret Forrest, Legal Representative, The Moray Council, Mr Cameron Matthews, Combined Child Health Grampian, NHS Grampian, Mr Sean Coady, Moray Representative, NHS Grampian, Ms Pat Bailey-McKay, Domestic Abuse Representative, Mr Patrick Hannon, SSAFA Representative.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Divers, Mr Lawrence Findlay, Head of Schools and Curriculum Development and Mr Fabio Villani, tsiMoray

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Tracey McDermott, SSAFA, Ms Pauline Merchant, NHS Grampian and Mrs Lissa Rowan, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Moray Child Protection Committee and clarified the core membership and voting rights of the Committee which was confirmed as follows:

#### **Core Members with Voting Rights**

Mr Sandy Riddell (Chair), Corporate Director (Education and Social Care), The Moray Council  
Chief Superintendent Mark Cooper (Depute Chair), Divisional Commander, Police Scotland  
Councillor John Divers, The Moray Council  
Councillor Mike Shand, The Moray Council  
Councillor Allan Wright, The Moray Council  
Mr Sean Coady, Moray Representative, NHS Grampian  
Mr Patrick Hannon, Armed Forces Representative  
Mr Fabio Villani, tsiMoray

Representative to be confirmed, Scottish Children's Reporter

### **Advisers to the Committee**

Mrs Susan Maclaren, Head of Integrated Children's Services, The Moray Council  
Mr Lawrence Findlay, Head of Schools and Curriculum Development, The Moray Council  
Mr Iain MacDonald, Integration Officer (Child Protection), The Moray Council  
Ms Margaret Forrest, Legal Adviser, The Moray Council  
Ms Fiona Francey, Combined Child Health Grampian, NHS Grampian  
Mr Cameron Matthews, Combined Child Health Grampian, NHS Grampian  
Ms Pat Bailey-McKay, Domestic Abuse Representative  
Ms Tracey McDermott, Army Welfare

## **2. MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MORAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 APRIL 2013**

The Minute of the Meeting of the Moray Child Protection Committee dated 9 April 2013 was submitted and approved subject to Councillor Shand's details being amended to being recorded as absent.

Under reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute, where clarification was requested as to how the Cedar Project was being monitored in terms of outcomes, the Head of Integrated Children's Services advised that outcomes relating to the Cedar Project were being measured and evidenced using software akin to Angus Council's Wellbeing Web and that all recordings were up to date.

Under reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute, the Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) advised that the first meeting of the Community Planning Partnership/Children and Young People's Partnership had taken place and is now functioning.

## **3. MORAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE JOINT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Under reference to branch 4 of the Minute of this Committee dated 9 April 2013, there was submitted a report informing members of the progress of actions within the Moray Child Protection Committee Joint Improvement Plan.

Following discussion on the progress/notes of each task on the Joint Improvement Plan, Ms Forrest, Legal Adviser highlighted that the task "Identify any delay in social work receiving legal advice" which was to be led by Ms Forrest should be removed as this was being provided via another route. This was noted.

In response to comments from various members of the Committee regarding the use of acronyms within the report, it was agreed that a glossary of the frequently used acronyms be provided as a supplement to future reports.

Under reference to the task “Evaluate support available for families out of hours”, the Head of Integrated Children’s Services advised that they are awaiting confirmation for the appointment of a Service Manager and that this should be confirmed at the next meeting of this Committee in October 2013.

Under reference to the task “A robust paediatric service is provided”, Cameron Matthews, NHS Grampian advised that Dr Gochec was now the named child protection consultant.

Thereafter the Committee agreed to note the progress of actions within the Moray Child Protection Committee Joint Improvement Plan.

#### **4. MORAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MCPC) LOGO, WEBSITE AND LEAFLETS**

There was submitted a report seeking the approval of the Committee for the design of a Moray Child Protection Committee Logo and alterations to the Child Protection website page and leaflets.

During discussion the Chairman sought clarification as to how children will be selected to take part in designing a logo for the Moray Child Protection Committee. In response the Integration Officer (Child Protection) suggested that art classes within Secondary Schools in Moray be asked to design the logo and that the Moray Child Protection Committee be officially launched once the logo has been chosen with involvement from the relevant children. This would also make children aware that there is a Child Protection Committee in Moray. This was agreed.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed that:-

- (i) the current Moray Council Child Protection webpage be updated to include an introduction page and tabs to further pages for Moray CPC, Information for Young People, Information for Practitioners, FAQ and Contact Details; and
- (ii) secondary school art classes be invited to participate in designing a logo for the Moray Child Protection Committee which would be officially launched thereafter.

#### **5. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

There was submitted a report informing the Committee of the recent Performance Management Information, 01/01/13-31/03/13 and emerging trends, for Moray children registered on the Child Protection Register.

During discussion concern was raised regarding the protocol that should be followed should a child disclose abuse within schools and it was agreed that teaching staff would benefit from an awareness raising session to address this issue.

In response to a query from Councillor Wright regarding statistics detailing sexual abuse being 12% in Moray, 1% in Aberdeen City and 0% in Aberdeenshire, the recording mechanism was questioned and the Integration Officer (Child Protection) agreed to seek clarification on this matter.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the recent Performance Management Information, 01/01/13-31/03/13 and emerging trends, for Moray children registered on the Child Protection Register;
- (ii) that an awareness raising session be arranged for teaching staff; and
- (iii) that clarification would be provided regarding the recording mechanisms for statistics within Moray, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.

## **6. NORTH EAST SCOTLAND CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE**

There was submitted a report providing the Committee with an update regarding North East Scotland Child Protection (NESCP).

During discussion, it was agreed that a briefing report following each meeting of the NESCP would be beneficial and that this should be circulated to members of this Committee and cascaded down to relevant staff members.

Thereafter the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the update regarding NESCP; and
- (ii) that a briefing report following each meeting of the NESCP be circulated to members of this Committee and cascaded down to relevant staff members.

## **7. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT GETTING OUR PRIORITIES RIGHT (GOPR) GUIDANCE 2013 – WORKING WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY PROBLEMATIC ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG USE**

There was submitted and noted a report advising the Committee of the publication of the recent Scottish Government document Getting Our Priorities Right Guidance 2013.

## **8. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

There was submitted a report advising the Committee of the recommendations from a recent social research project carried out by the Scottish Government entitled “Exploring the Scale and Nature of Child Sexual Exploitation in Scotland (2012)”.

During discussion, Chief Superintendent Cooper advised that he had recently attended a training event at Tulliallan provided by specialists in the field of social media and the risks thereof and the Committee agreed that it would be beneficial for relevant agencies to attend a similar training event and thereafter filter information gained to staff. Chief Superintendent Cooper agreed to look into this further.

During further discussion concern was raised in regard to the apparent lack of parental awareness relating to the dangers of social media and it was agreed that parental awareness should be raised in a way that would not evoke fear and alarm and that this would be carried out by the Child Protection Co-ordinating Group.

Thereafter the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the report;
- (ii) to approve the publication and provision of guidance documents “Child Sexual Exploitation” and “Practitioner Information Sheet for Professionals Working with Children and Young People Involved in ‘Sexting’”, to adults who work with children and young people in Moray as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report;
- (iii) to note that the information would be placed on the Moray Council Child Protection webpage, circulated to professionals through currently established networks and incorporated into future child protection training provision;
- (iv) that Superintendent Cooper investigate further the provision of training on the risks of social media for relevant agencies; and
- (v) that parental awareness be raised with regard to the dangers of social media, without evoking fear and alarm.

## **9. NATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**

There was submitted a report advising the Committee of the publication of the National Risk Assessment Framework and the subsequent training days provided by the Scottish Government.

Following discussion the Committee agreed to review the current Moray Risk Assessment Framework in relation to the National Risk Assessment Framework and report the findings at the next meeting of this Committee.

## **10. AOCB**

The Head of Integrated Children’s Services advised that the Child Protection Co-ordinators Group were due to meet in August 2013 and every 2 months thereafter.