

North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee



Welcome!

Welcome to the North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (CPC) newsletter! We are aiming to bring you the latest news and updates about the work of our committee for all agency staff working right across North Ayrshire. We hope you enjoy it and please get in touch if there is anything you would like to see us cover.

We consider the protection of children and young people to be the highest priority. We place the well-being and protection of children and young people at the heart of all our business and strive to ensure all adults, regardless of their role or position, are supported in fulfilling their responsibility to keep children and young people safe. All children and young people have the right to be protected from abuse, harm and exploitation and North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee are committed to ensure this right is upheld.

The committee is a local partnership responsible for the design, development, implementation and evaluation of child protection policy and practice across the public, private and wider third sectors in North Ayrshire and in partnership across Scotland.

We provide leadership and direction for the management of child protection services and ensure ownership of activity in relation to child protection.

We are responsible for a number of business functions. These are **continuous improvement, strategic planning, public information and communication** and **involving children and young people and their families**.

Continuous improvement involves the review of policies, evaluation and training (such as audit activity and development of the annual multi-agency training calendar). Strategic planning is maintaining links with other committees / partnerships and also ensuring that national guidance and updates inform our local guidance within North Ayrshire. We raise public awareness via our Twitter page and also attend events within the community to promote child protection information. We aim to involve children and young people as much as possible in all the work that we do.

Name: Kirsty Calderwood

Job: Child Protection Committee (CPC) Lead Officer



What does role involve?

“The role involves the lead and co-ordination of multi-agency work within North Ayrshire. My job is wide ranging and varied, with many challenges. I review child protection data within North Ayrshire, support the co-ordination of evaluation work, chair various groups including the Young People’s Suicide Taskforce (which is currently managing a suicide prevention community action plan) and support the promotion of child protection information at local community events. I also chair the West of Scotland Lead Officer’s group and will present information on pieces of work within North Ayrshire and further afield”.

What are your current main priorities within your work?

“Currently the main priorities are young person suicide prevention activity for World Suicide Prevention day on the 10th September , the development of a new PRISM (Practice Reflective Improvement Short Module) course and the development of a new CPC newsletter😊.”

What is your favourite part of your role?

“For me, I enjoy engagement work / events with communities and young people in relation to child protection. Young people provide insight and inspiration that can be influential and make a difference to the experiences of those involved with child protection processes. I also enjoy delivering PRISM sessions to multi-agency practitioners, these sessions supports real child protection cases and experiences to come to life for practitioners, and creates forums where workers can reflect and learn from each other” **(see more information on page 5 if you are interested in attending a PRISM session)**

What is the most challenging part of your role?

“Working in partnership with so many different agencies and professionals can present challenges at times, as each service/agency/professional group have different objectives and priorities. However, there is a resounding commitment from workers to protect children and young people within North Ayrshire, and it is rewarding when the hard work pays off.”

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Protecting People training for Taxi Drivers

North Ayrshire CPC jointly delivered the 'Protecting People' course in collaboration with North Ayrshire Adult Support and Protection Committee to 96 taxi staff during the summer. The input was well received, and there was also consultation with workers with regards to a child protection and adult support and protection resource that could be useful for taxi staff. Ideas included concertina cards with appropriate contacts and stickers that could be placed in the car. This will be further considered by the CPC Public Information and Engagement sub- group.

Child Protection in the Family Workshops

153 staff from adult services across North Ayrshire have attended the Child Protection in the Family Workshops! This half day workshop is being delivered in collaboration with the Health and Social Care Partnership Learning and Development Team for all staff within adult services in North Ayrshire. The workshops develop awareness of child protection, the National Risk Framework (which supports workers to identify and act on child protection risks) and provide training on the use of the Generic Risk Indicator Tool (which is based on a tool within the National Risk Framework). The sessions aim to promote professional curiosity of children's protection and wellbeing needs and the steps that are required to be taken when workers become aware of child protection concerns. Further sessions will be facilitated for adult services workers until the end of 2019 and the committee is in the process of agreeing the monitoring and evaluation of the tool. If you would like further information regarding the workshop or the tools that are being used, please contact North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee on the contact details below:

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Child Protection Survey

The Child Protection Survey is live for staff within North Ayrshire. This survey is aimed at staff members who have roles in responding to child protection wellbeing and protection concerns; in the statutory, private and third sectors.

Completion of the survey will support the committee in identifying priorities over the coming year, The survey consists of eight questions and takes less than two minutes to complete! If you have not already done so, please complete the survey by using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/33FTXSC>

Thank you! 😊



Useful Websites & Links

Please note this is not an exhaustive list and is updated in each issue

In order to provide staff with accessible resources to meet individual needs, establishments have been directed to several links to support practice.

<p>North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee</p>	<p>http://childprotectionnorthayrshire.info/cpc/training/</p>
<p>North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (Generic Risk Indicator Tool: National Risk Framework)</p>	<p>http://childprotectionnorthayrshire.info/cpc/professionals/generic-risk-indicators-tool/</p>
<p>North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (Vulnerable Young People's Guidance)</p>	<p>http://childprotectionnorthayrshire.info/cpc/professionals/vulnerable-children-and-young-people-in-north-ayrshire/</p>
<p>PRISM sessions</p>	<p>Next session: Wednesday 6th November 2019, Irvine Email: cpc@north-ayrshire.gov.uk to book your place!</p>