

CCG38. National Interim Framework for Adult Protection Committees for conducting a Significant Case Review

The committee was provided with a presentation by the Adult Protection Lead Officer which covered:-

- the key functions of the Adult Protection Committee
- the national framework for conducting a significant case review
- governance arrangements
- inter-related investigations, reviews and other processes
- on-going liaison with the Committee.

The committee considered a report by the Adult Protection Lead Officer which provided an overview of one of the first actions from the Scottish Governments' Adult Support and Protection Improvement Plan, the plan would continue to be implemented over the subsequent two years.

The national framework outlined that Adult Protection Committee's should develop their own local operating protocol for handling including identifying who had delegated authority to receive an ICR notification, instruct further information gathering and make a decision on whether to proceed to SCR.

The key elements of the local protocol proposal for the Chief Officers Group's overall consideration, comment and approval were:-

- Adult Protection Lead Officer (LO) had delegated authority to receive ICR notifications
- ICR notifications were considered by LO and APC Independent Chair to consider whether criteria was met
- LO requested and received single agency ICR reports
- LO would share single agency ICR reports and LO constructed multiagency chronology with SCR Panel prior to panel date
- APC Independent Chair would advise COG of SCR Panel decisions made and rationale.

It was suggested that SCR Panel membership was discussed and agreed at notification stage. It was recommended that this was a flexible group taking account of the facts of the case. This would both ensure the right people were involved and would create a greater diversity of involvement and commitment to the process across Falkirk. The APC Independent Chair would not be part of the multidisciplinary SCR Panel to allow for an independent casting vote when the panel could not agree whether or not to progress to SCR.

Decision

The committee noted the report and that the key elements of the proposal would be considered by the Chief Officer Group.