

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICERS GROUP (COG)

Update from 26th October 2021 Meeting

- COG expressed its thanks to Adrian Watson for his role as independent chair of the adult and child protection committees. It was delighted to welcome Campbell Thomson as Adrian's successor. Both Adrian and Campbell are "well kent faces" to many of us – given both have held the role of Local Police Commander for the Aberdeen area. We look forward to working with Campbell and wish Adrian well
- COG received a progress report on preparations for the anticipated Care Inspectorate multi agency adult protection inspection. The progress report included a draft position statement and an improvement plan, both of which will be submitted to the inspectors. Whilst notice has not been received of the actual start date of the inspection, all agreed to try and finalise preparations
- COG was updated on the work to progress the first ever multi agency review of a suicide death in the community. This work is being progressed on a pilot basis on behalf of the National Suicide Leadership Group alongside 2 other partnership areas. Once the pilots are complete and lessons learnt are reflected upon, we can anticipate there being a national requirement for these reviews. COG is grateful to those partnership colleagues who are supporting the pilot. A further update will be provided following December's COG meeting.
- Pre and during the covid-19 pandemic, COG has been increasing its focus on the harm arising from drug and alcohol addiction. At our November meeting, we agreed to also start piloting multi agency drug death reviews. We believe these reviews will help shape our earlier intervention and prevention work. A further update will be provided following December's COG meeting
- A significant report was considered by COG on how it could improve the flow and use of data across partners to enhance the 3-tiered intervention framework for children. This report contained, a series of "problem statements" and through a set of strategic objectives and an action plan, it is hoped that the data problems and challenges being experienced by practitioners within the current system, can be addressed. This programme of work will represent a significant priority for COG and further regular updates on programme will be shared.
- Another, related report was considered by COG on the range of partnership "intervention" hubs we have in place and an early discussion was started on how to enhance the effectiveness of these intervention hubs. A further report will be considered by COG at its December meeting.
- Our next meeting is 14 December 2021