

Summary of Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC) meeting

9th March 2022

Below is a summary of the meeting held on 9th March. We hope you find these updates helpful.

- The meeting noted that the planned multi-agency inspection of Adult Support and Protection (ASP) in Aberdeen was now progressing – formal Notification had been received from the Care Inspectorate on 14th February. Plans were progressing to undertake the following elements of the inspection:
 - submission of ‘evidence’ as to how effective adult support and protection processes and leadership are in Aberdeen;
 - circulation of a survey for staff involved in ASP;
 - organisation of two focus groups, one for senior leaders and one for staff.
- The Chairs of the four APC Sub Committees provided updates as to progress being made in relation to actions identified in the APC Improvement Plan. Membership of the Sub Committees was also considered, and a process agreed for future reporting by Sub Committees to the APC.
- The meeting received an update about a recent meeting of the APC’s User Forum, which includes individuals who have experience of the ASP process and who are willing to give their views about the work of the APC, based on their own experience. In particular it was noted that work is to begin on a ‘best practice’ document for staff. [If you would like to find out more about the User Forum, which is facilitated by Advocacy Service Aberdeen, or are interested in getting involved, please email ASA@advocacy.org.uk]
- Partners provided specific updates about how the pandemic / Omicron variant was impacting on their services and staff. Significant pressures were still being experienced.
- Members were updated about local awareness-raising about the risk of harm to vulnerable adults which had been undertaken as part of national Adult Support and Protection Day on 20th February. This included awareness-raising about a new Scottish Government video, [Tricky Friends](#).
- Plans to develop a Biennial Report about adult support and protection in Aberdeen, covering the period from April 2020 to March 2022, were agreed. It is a statutory requirement for APCs to produce such a report, which has to be submitted to Scottish Government by end October 2022.
- An update was given about a recent ‘informal’ consultation by Scottish Government about how new legislation in relation to the proposed National Care Service (NCS) will take into account adult support and protection. Progress in relation to the development of the NCS, and implications for ASP, will continue to be monitored by the Committee.