Summary of Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC) meeting

4th May 2022

Below is a summary of the meeting held on 4th May. We hope you find these updates helpful.

- The meeting noted that the multi-agency inspection of Adult Support and Protection (ASP) in Aberdeen was now complete. Positive feedback had been provided by the inspectors about the level of collaboration across the partnership, and about the planning and organisation of the inspection itself. The inspection report will be published on the Care Inspectorate website on 21st June 2022, and the APC will oversee the development of a plan to take forward any improvement work identified by the inspection.
- 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. In particular it was noted that key data relating to ASP would be provided to the APC on the basis of monthly figures over a rolling 3-year period, having been first considered and analysed by the Performance and Quality Assurance Sub Committee. The Convener agreed to seek further information regarding progress in relation to the development of the national dataset, to make sure we are aligning with this locally.
- The Adult Protection Coordinator presented an overview of the ASP process including the role of the new Adult Protection Social Work Team and enhanced screening which had been in place since October 2021. The meeting was advised that numbers of referrals had increased significantly in recent weeks compared to the same time last year, and consideration was being given to introducing a mechanism for triaging referrals prior to progressing them formally under ASP, alongside awareness-raising, to ensure that only appropriate referrals were being progressed. Some referrals were increasingly complex.
- The meeting was updated about Ukrainians coming to Aberdeen and arrangements in place to support them. National safeguarding information had previously been circulated to members. This would remain a standing agenda item for the Committee.