

Summary of Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC) meeting

15th June 2022

Below is a summary of the meeting held on 15th June. We hope you find these updates helpful.

- The meeting started with an input from a representative from the Care Inspectorate, who presented the [Joint inspection of adult support and protection interim overview report](#) which had been published on 16th May 2022, and highlighted implications for Aberdeen in light of the recent inspection here. Particular positives were highlighted in relation to Aberdeen, in contrast to other areas:
 - The significant changes made to screening / triage arrangements in Aberdeen, which were already evidencing significant improvement;
 - The 'person-centred' approach which was embedded, and for which a 'golden thread' was evident from high level strategic documentation through to front-facing documentation and action;
 - Very effective tools and templates which invited practitioner reflection and analysis;
 - Very positive feedback received at the Staff Focus Group about leadership and the approach to ASP in Aberdeen; and
 - The fact that significant improvement had continued in Aberdeen on a number of fronts, despite external challenges (pandemic etc).

The inspection report for Aberdeen was published on 21st June 2022, and can be found here: [Joint inspection of adult support protection in the Aberdeen City partnership \(careinspectorate.com\)](#) In addition to the positives, a number of areas for improvement had been noted, albeit these had in the main already been identified by the Partnership. Work will be undertaken to refresh the Improvement Plan in the light of the inspection findings, and the updated Plan is required to be submitted to the Care Inspectorate by 3rd August 2022.

- APC members had attended a Development Session regarding the Case Review process which was being refreshed in light of the publication of the national [Adult support and protection: learning review guidance](#). This Guidance aligns to the approach being taken in Child Protection. Guidance for practitioners in relation to case / learning reviews was endorsed.
- Data highlights were presented. It was noted that the number of ASP referrals being received had shown a considerable increase since the start of the year.
- It was agreed to convene a Short Life Working Group to look at the potential to involve wider partners as a '2nd Person', alongside Council Officers, to attend interviews taking place with adults at risk as part of ASP Investigations.
- The meeting noted that feedback had been provided by the User Forum (comprising individuals with experience of being supported and protected via the formal ASP process) in relation to a Learning Review Engagement Guide. The Forum was also progressing a Best Practice document and a Peer

Support video (for which funding had been sought by Advocacy Service Aberdeen (ASA) from the Arnold Clark Community Fund). It was proposed to consider setting agreed standards in terms of feedback received from individuals aligned to the questions being asked. If you have 'lived experience' of the ASP process in Aberdeen, and would like to find out more about getting involved in the User Forum, please contact ASA (Email: ASA@advocacy.org.uk, Tel: 01224 332314)

- The lead from Aberdeen Alcohol and Drugs Partnership presented on work undertaken in the City relating to drug related deaths. The implications of this for ASP were to be considered.