

## Summary of Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC) meeting

24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Below is a summary of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April. We hope these updates are helpful.

- The meeting started with a presentation from a representative from the Care Inspectorate about the [Triennial Review of Case Reviews 2019-22](#).

Themes emerging from the review of case reviews were:

- Communication, engagement and involvement
- Professional curiosity
- Legal literacy
- Lived experience not reflected in reviews.

These were accompanied by a range of related recommendations. It was noted that the findings reinforced the local direction of travel in relation to the approach to case / learning reviews

- The 'reach' of social media messaging from national ASP Day, on 20<sup>th</sup> February, was noted.
- The main focus of the meeting was an active review by members of the APC Improvement Plan. Revised timescales were agreed where relevant – to be achieved by 30<sup>th</sup> September where at all possible.

It was also agreed to undertake a full review of the priorities and plan, taking into account actions needed in order to meet the requirements of the refreshed national Code of Practice for Adult Support and Protection, so that a new plan would cover a two year period from April 2024 to March 2026. The APC Strategy would also be refreshed, to align with this period, and both would then coincide with the next 'biennial' reporting period, enabling full alignment.

- It was noted that draft Working Guidance on ASP Referral Thresholds had been updated and shared widely, with a view to supporting practitioners with decision-making in relation to appropriate referrals. The number of ASP referrals received had been at the highest level ever, in March 2023.

<p>As ever, if you know of anyone who might be interested in being involved in the Adult Protection Committee's Lived Experience Forum, or would like to find out more, please ask them to contact Advocacy Service Aberdeen (Email: <a href="mailto:ASA@advocacy.org.uk">ASA@advocacy.org.uk</a>, Tel: 01224 332314)</p>
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