7-Minute Briefing

West Lothian Chief Officers Group (COG) and Adult Protection Committee (APC) Further information can be found on the West Lothian Public Protection website

https://publicprotectionwestlothian.org.uk

No. 4 is the Learning & Development
Subcommittee. It is responsible for developing and delivering multi-agency ASP training programme to ensure that each agency has a skilled and competent workforce.

Members of the WL APC ensure that there are strong links to other strategic, leadership and governance arrangements to develop, collaborate and implement new requirements and initiatives

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The Chief Constable, Chief Executives of Health Boards and local authorities (Chief Officers) are responsible for ensuring their agency works to protect adults as effectively as possible. They meet as a Chief Officer Group (COG) They are also responsible for maximising the involvement of agencies not under their direct control, including the Crown Office, Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Trading Standards and the voluntary sector.

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The WL APC has 4 subcommittees, 3 of which are; Quality Assurance, Missing Adult Review Group (MARG) & Inter agency Referral Discussion (IRD). These focus on the experiences of adults, carers and outcomes. A range of management information is also considered.

Learning is used to develop and measure the impact of improvement plans and create actions plans.

The APC takes account of learning from other sources such as reviews, research and inspections to continuously improve local ASP arrangements.

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COG oversees all Public Protection work; adult support and protection, child protection, violence against women and girls, management of high-risk offenders, drugs & alcohol partnerships & suicide prevention. Chief Officers are ultimately responsible & accountable for improving the experience of and outcomes for adults who may need support and protection.

The main functions of the APC are:

- Keep under review procedures and practices
- Give information or advice, or make proposals for improvement
- To make or assist in or encourage the making of, arrangements for improving the skills and knowledge of employees
- Improve co-operation

The APC is the driving force for ensuring that agencies individually and collectively work cooperatively together to support and protect adults as effectively as possible.

The APC is an inter-agency group with responsibility for ensuring effective ASP service response(s) within and across West Lothian.

The committee ensures arrangements are in place

and are working well to produce good outcomes for adults. The APC is clear that it's everyone's task to report concerns:- <u>Adult Protection Referral</u> Members of West Lothian APC

Heads of Council services (Social Policy & Housing); Senior Social Work managers; General Manager WLHSCP Mental Health & Addictions, Consultant Psychiatrist, Police Scotland for Public Protection, a representative from Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Advocacy Services and the Third Sector. The APC is supported by a Lead Officer.

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