



# Child Protection Committee Newsletter

## Sept. 2022

The Child Protection Committee met on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August and approved the annual report covering the period 01.08.21 – 31.07.22 and the Improvement Plan for the next 2 years. The report can be found on the [Public Protection Website](#)

As part of the CPC's commitment to developing a learning and supportive culture it was decided to pilot core group supervision. The aim of this supervision is to allow all professionals involved in the core group to meet without the family, reflect on the case, offer and receive peer support, discuss practice, consider outcomes and whether, as a group they have become overly pessimistic or optimistic. The session will be led by a SW Team Manager, independent of the case.

**FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2022 CORE GROUP SUPERVISION WILL START FOR ALL CASES WHERE A PROFESSIONALS' MEETING TO PRODUCE A CORE GROUP REPORT IS ARRANGED. THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS A CHILD'S NAME REMAINS ON THE CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER.**

Staff involved will be asked about their experiences, including whether the supervision sessions are happening at the right time. Feedback will inform when/how and the format of these sessions in the future. The pilot will be reviewed in March/April 2023.

The rationale for core group supervision and the template for the session can be found on the website.

The CPC noted the last Children's Services Inspection was in 2017 and agreed that, although we have not been notified of any inspection, both single and multi-agency preparation for inspection should begin. Reports of inspections in other local authority areas can be found [here](#).

### Message from the Chair

The Child Protection Committee hopes that you are all feeling refreshed after summer holidays. As a committee we are focused on ensuring that staff are confident, well trained and supported in their work to achieve positive outcomes for children and young people at risk of significant harm. We regularly receive information from national sources and managers from agencies which make up the committee members. However, we are also keen to hear the views and experiences of frontline practitioners and the children, young people and families they work with. If you have any suggestions, views or information you would like the Child Protection Committee to know about, please feel free to email the Lead Officer at [jane.ridgway@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:jane.ridgway@westlothian.gov.uk)

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