



Child Protection Committee Newsletter Nov. 2022

The Child Protection Committee met on the 21st November for the last time in 2022. We heard:

- from James Black, Care Inspectorate, about his role as West Lothian's link inspector;
- about the work of the Quality Assurance subcommittee which is looking at outcomes for children whose names were removed from the Child Protection Register a year ago;
- about the work of the Practice and Training subcommittee arranging a reflective discussion event about "Hidden Men" which will take place in the New Year.

The CPC endorsed 2 new Learning Reviews which will provide additional learning to improve practice locally. The revised Child Protection procedures should be available for consultation early in the New Year.

It was noted how difficult the coming 5 years will be for all agencies in the current economic climate, emphasising the importance of multi-agency working and collaboration to ensure the most vulnerable receive the support they require.

In response to an initial review of a case where a child suffered significant harm the IRD Review Group will scrutinise cases where there has been more than one IRD.

Message from the Chair

A "Meet the CPC" event has been arranged for Monday 12th December from 1.00 – 2.00p.m. A number of members of the CPC will be present. We will tell you about the work of the CPC and we will also tell you about our role in commissioning Learning Reviews. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions. These events will take place twice a year and if there is any aspect of the CPC's work that you particularly want to hear about in future, please email the Lead Officer at jane.ridgway@westlothian.gov.uk If you are interested in attending this virtual event please email linda.mallin@westlothian.gov.uk

As the CPC has already met for the final time in 2022, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the CPC, to thank you all for your hard work over the last year and wish you a merry festive season and a Happy New Year.



Jo MacPherson
CPC Chair