



Child Protection Committee Newsletter Feb. 2023

The Child Protection Committee met on the 13th February for the first time in 2023.

We heard:

- from a guest speaker about a contextual safeguarding project in Edinburgh which will be followed up by a member of the CPC (more information about what contextual safeguarding is can be found [here](#));
- about the revision of local GIRFEC guidance
- about the positive feedback from the first reflective practice discussion event about "Hidden Men" which took place in January, with other events planned;
- about Children's Rights and participation;
- that one of the Learning Reviews commissioned by the CPC was about to start;
- that revised child protection procedures would soon be out for consultation; and
- that the Lead Officer is involved in a working group with the Care Inspectorate to revise their quality assurance framework for Learning Reviews

Message from the Chair

Another "Meet the CPC" event will be arranged this year. If there is any aspect of the CPC's work that you particularly want to hear about please email the Lead Officer at jane.ridgway@westlothian.gov.uk Details of the event will be circulated nearer the time.

Some of you will have attended single agency focus groups at the end of last year to discuss the strengths and areas for improvement in single agency and multi-agency working in West Lothian and I want to assure you that your views have been listened to and an action plan to address the main areas for improvement is being developed.

The CPC said goodbye to Lindsay Logie, Consultant Paediatrician, who has been a valued member of the committee for a number of years and welcomed Claire Sumner in her place.

Jo MacPherson
CPC Chair