



Child Protection Committee Newsletter August 2023

The Child Protection Committee met on the 28th August.

We met new CPC members:

Stephen Healy, retired police officer - independent chair of the Child and Adult Protection Committees, Carolyn Wylie, Director of Public Protection, NHS Lothian and Sara Law, Locality Reporter Manager, SCRA.

We heard:

- from the IRD Review Group about their work in the last 6 months;
- about observations of case conferences carried out by members of the Quality Assurance subcommittee and agreed the findings will be circulated;
- that Executive summaries from a Significant Case Review and a Learning Review are ready to be published;
- that the revised child protection procedures are ready to be signed off by the Edinburgh and Lothians Oversight Group;
- that a "Meet the CPC" event will be arranged in Oct/Nov once a venue can be found;

We approved the Annual Report and Improvement Plan which will be presented to the Chief Officers' Group and then published.

Message from the outgoing Chair

My stint as Chair of the CPC has now ended but I will continue to be a member of the committee and look forward to working with the new Chair to ensure that positive multi-agency working and improvements in child protection practice continue.

It has been a pleasure to chair the CPC for the last few years and witness the remarkable efforts of staff across agencies and services to ensure the safety and well-being of children during and after the pandemic.

Despite the challenges and many changes, it has been heartening to see the commitment of staff to work together to improve outcomes for West Lothian's children.

Jo MacPherson
CPC Chair