



Child Protection Committee Newsletter December 2023

The Child Protection Committee met on the 27th November.

We heard:

- Updates about Bairns' Hoose and contextual safeguarding;
- About the positive feedback from those who had experienced core group supervision during the pilot phase and agreed that this should now become standard practice in CP cases.

We noted West Lothian's UNCRC Annual Report.

We agreed that the revised Child Protection Procedures will "go live" on 22.01.24 and that all agencies will brief their staff during the first 2 full working weeks of January to highlight the main changes to the current procedures.

The revised procedures and any additional guidance will be available on the [website](#) in January. With the introduction of the revised procedures we will also be strengthening planning at CP Planning meetings (previously known as case conferences) and ensuring that the views of children and their parents are heard at these meetings.

Message from the incoming Chair

My name is Stephen Healy and I have recently been appointed as the Independent Chair of West Lothian's Child Protection Committee. This means that I am able to work independently of any agency and remain impartial. The updated chart on the next page shows who the current members of the CPC are.

I am a retired senior police officer and previously worked in West Lothian between 2014 and 2017. I have an investigative background having worked at local and national level in crime investigations and public protection where I was also responsible for the development of national policy and strategy. I also have experience working with national governance and oversight bodies with a similar role to that of the Care Inspectorate.

I look forward to working with the CPC members to continue to improve on the established good practice already in place. Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Stephen Healy
CPC Chair



