



# PUBLIC PROTECTION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the Public Protection Newsletter where we aim to provide you with updates from Public Protection forums in East Dunbartonshire - our Child Protection Committee (CPC), Adult Protection Committee (APC) and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. The newsletter will be overseen by our Joint Public Information and Communication Subgroup. As always you can find out more information on committees on our website [www.protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk](http://www.protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk)

## CHRONOLOGIES

As everyone knows, chronologies are seen as critical to our efforts to support and protect children and adults at risk of harm. Chronologies were identified as an area for improvement in the last Adult Support and Protection (ASP) inspection in 2017 and so it was very pleasing that our trauma-informed approach to chronologies was praised following this year's ASP inspection. Inspectors were very impressed that children's and adult's services had worked together to develop a portable template which can support a seamless transition between the services. Additionally, they admired the accessibility of the template which not only enables the service user to co-produce their own chronology but also enables it to be used as a therapeutic tool.

Chronology
Protecting Adults in East Dunbartonshire

The purpose of a chronology is to record significant concerns, events or incidents that have had, or continue to have, a significant impact (positive or otherwise) on a child or young person's wellbeing.

Lead Professional (if applicable)	Name	Agency	D.O.B	Date from:	To:

Date of event	Significant Event	Source of info	Impact	Action Taken	Entered by	Date entered
The date or period each significant concern, event or incident occurred should be recorded here	A brief description of the significant concern, event or incident should be recorded here. Children, young people and their families will see this information. Language should be in plain English and non-judgmental. Information should be clear, factual, accurate, current, evidence based, succinct and concise to support good decision making. A significant event may include: 1. Significant changes in the child or young person's wellbeing (SHANARR) 2. Significant changes in the parent or carer's wellbeing, which impacts on the child or young person 3. Significant changes in the family structure eg housing, unemployment, separation, divorce, bereavement, birth of a sibling, new partner, presence of a significant adult 4. Significant changes in the child or young person's child protection status or legal status or referral to SCRA 5. Events including eg missed appointments, absences from school, exclusion from school, involvement in offending; negative associations; running away/missing 6. Frequency of child concern reports, referrals, investigations, case conferences, registrations 7. Frequent changes in professional staff or services/ agencies accessed by the child, young person or family	The source of the significant concern, event or incident should be recorded here (i.e. who and what practitioner, service or agency)	Where known, the impact on the child or young person should be recorded here (i.e. whether the significant concern, event or incident had a positive or negative impact on the child or young person. If unknown, say so the impact on the child or young person may become clearer over time and may also change	Professional action or response taken to mitigate any adverse impact on the child from each significant concern, event or incident should be recorded here This should include single practitioner, service / agency response and multi-agency responses if no action taken, specify why not	The name of the practitioner and their service / agency making the entry should be recorded here	The date on which the entry is made should be recorded here as soon as possible after the significant concern, event or incident has been identified. Also acknowledge Any retrospective reporting



# SAFE & TOGETHER



East Dunbartonshire Public Protection services have been working together to implement the Safe & Together programme providing a cultural change in how we respond to domestic abuse.

The approach aims to keep families together through partnering with the non-abusing parent and holding the perpetrator to account and helping them to understand the impact of their behaviour on their child. This requires the workforce as a whole to change the language we use, change culture and fundamental policies, but we have to start somewhere. Our social workers in children and families' teams have been trained in the four day programme and we now have monthly drop-ins to support Safe & Together practice. Safe & Together also provide regular free webinars [FREE Webinar Series: Quick Takes - Safe & Together Institute \(safeandtogetherinstitute.com\)](#)

## SAFE & TOGETHER DOMESTIC ABUSE INFORMED PRACTICE EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE MONTHLY DROP-IN

This drop-in aims to bring together agencies in East Dunbartonshire to take a collaborative approach to addressing domestic abuse. The Safe and Together model will be implemented in East Dunbartonshire to:

- better identify domestic abuse
- increase survivor safety and support
- keep children with non-offending parents whenever possible
- avoid re-traumatisation.



**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE & TOGETHER WITH NON-OFFENDING PARENT**



**WORKING WITH THE NON-OFFENDING PARENT AS THE DEFAULT. SEE THEM AS PART OF THE SOLUTION AND PARTNER WITH THEM.**



**PROMOTING CHANGE IN THE OFFENDING PARENT THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY, MAPPING THEIR PATTERN OF BEHAVIOURS AND COERCIVE CONTROL.**

**Join us to learn about this innovative approach and strengthen our community's response to domestic abuse.** You are welcome to bring along a case study to discuss! This is an opportunity to embed Safe and Together principles into real-world child protection and welfare cases. We'll work together to apply the model and identify ways it can be incorporated into every aspect of your practice.

Logos for East Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership, East Dunbartonshire Council, Community Justice East Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire Women's Aid, Empowered Protection of Women in East Dunbartonshire, and Safe & Together Institute.

**DROP IN DATES:**

Thursday, 11th Jan 2024	Thursday, 18th Apr 2024
Thursday, 8th Feb 2024	Thursday, 16th May 2024
Thursday, 7th Mar 2024	Thursday, 20th Jun 2024

**TIME: 10AM - 12PM**  
**VENUE: SOUTH BANK HOUSE**

### Website

Did you know we have a standalone public protection website which hosts information for children, parents, adults and carers and professionals in the one place?

Whilst we still have room to grow, for now the website can provide links, information and guidance related to public protection practice. Have a look and let us know what you think. [Public Protection - Public Protection \(protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk\)](https://protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk)

# NEGLECT AND SELF-NEGLECT GUIDANCE

Both Adult and Child Protection Committees have been working hard across the last few years to improve our ability to recognise neglect and respond to it in a way that supports children, families, adults and carers. The APC has developed Hoarding

and Self-neglect guidance and provided briefings to support colleagues to understand the guidance in practice. The CPC has developed a Neglect Framework which supports the implementation of the Assessment of Care toolkit, a Glasgow model being adopted across NHS GGC to assess and monitor neglect alongside parents, valuing their strengths. Please contact us if you want access to either document and check out the training calendar for more information at [cpc@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:cpc@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or [asp@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:asp@eastdunbarton.gov.uk).

# LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

Please don't miss opportunities to learn with your colleagues across multi-agency partnerships. The Joint Learning and Development training calendar provides multiple opportunities throughout the year to gain valuable knowledge which will support you in recognising and responding to child and



adult protection concerns at whatever level is right for you and your role. We make changes to the calendar based on your feedback and what our data is telling us. Don't forget to complete an evaluation after any course, and be honest, we can take it!

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