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### PUBLIC PROTECTION NEWSLETTER



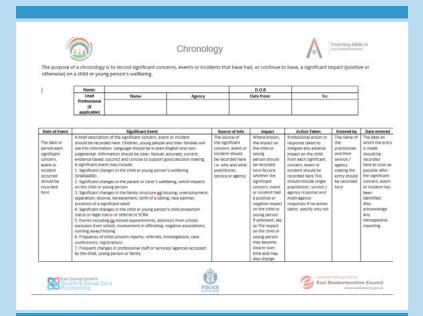


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Welcome to the first edition of the Public Protection Newsletter where we aim to provide you with updates from Public Protection forums in East Dunbartonshire - our Child Protection Committee (CPC), Adult Protection Committee (APC) and Alcohol and 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 <a href="https://www.protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk">www.protectingpeopleeastdunbarton.org.uk</a>

#### **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 coproduce their own chronology but also enables it to be used as a therapeutic tool.











# 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 nonabusing 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)



#### 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)

### 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 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 <a href="mailto:cpc@eastdunbarton.gov.uk">cpc@eastdunbarton.gov.uk</a> or 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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