

ANGUS COUNCIL

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ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2018 TO 2020

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2018 to 2020. Angus Council has a statutory responsibility to convene the multi-agency Adult Protection Committee, which is chaired by Mr Ewen West, Independent Chair in accordance with national requirements. A number of Angus Council services are members of the Adult Protection Committee reflecting both the multi-faceted nature of risk and the whole system responsibility to support its mitigation.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny & Audit Committee:-

- (i) Scrutinise and comment on the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Biennial Report 2018 to 2020 (appended to this report).
- (ii) Consider the key trends and areas for development emerging from the report.

It is recommended that Angus Council:-

- (i) approve the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Biennial Report 2018 to 2020 (appended to this report).

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- 2.1 Our Priorities: Tackling inequalities; Building services around people and communities; Focusing on prevention; and Working together effectively.

Local Outcome 5 - More opportunities for people to achieve success.

Local Outcome 6 – Improved physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

Local Outcome 9 - Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The previous AAPC Biennial Report covered the period from 2016 to 2018. An interim Annual Report 2018 to 2019 has also been produced (Report 18/20 https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/agenda_item_no_10_report_no_1820_angus_adult_protection_committee_annual_report_2018_to_2019).

- 3.2 The Biennial report of AAPC for the period April 2018 to March 2020 presents the work we have undertaken in Angus individually and in partnership, to deliver national, Tayside and local adult protection outcomes to improve the lives of vulnerable adults.

- 3.3 There is a statutory requirement for Adult Protection Committees to produce Biennial Reports that provide an overview of the work of local Adult Protection Committees.

3.4 The Biennial Report has been approved by AAPC and the Angus Chief Officer's Group, the governance group with operational accountability for protecting people arrangements in Angus.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 AAPC have continued to work together to improve adult protection practice in Angus.

4.2 Of note this period is:

- The increase in referrals for multi-agency review of adult protection practice through the established Initial and Significant Case Review procedure in Angus;
- 2018 saw two referrals for Initial Case Review to AAPC. One of these has progressed to a Significant Case Review, with work ongoing at present. The recommendations from the other Initial Case Review have been remitted to the Policy and Practice Sub Committee to develop an Action Plan to take forward improvements in adult protection practice;
- 2019 also saw 2 referrals for Initial Case Review. One of these has progressed to a Significant Case review, with completion planned for the end of 2020; the other was referred to the Mental Welfare Commission and subsequently progressed to a Case review under AAPC;
- The development of a Protecting People Workforce Learning and Development Subgroup with a view giving staff access to a more comprehensive and coordinated learning and development programme, make best use of resources and further develop a range of more specialist training;
- Self-Evaluation and Continuous Improvement. National Adult Protection Committee Area Inspections were due to begin in 2020, however have been delayed due to COVID 19. AAPC continue to implement the Self Evaluation and Continuous Improvement Framework, including annual case file audits, network of support events and implementing learning from Initial Case Reviews and national findings.

5. PROPOSALS

The Committee considers the content of the AAPC Biennial Report for 2018 to 2020.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: The following background paper was relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report. (Report 18/20

https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/agenda_item_no_10_report_no_1820_angus_adult_protection_committee_annual_report_2018_to_2019).

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