



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 24 FEBRUARY 2021
ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2018-2020
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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.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board: -

- (i) Note the content of Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report (appended to this report).
- (ii) Consider the key trends and areas for development emerging from the report.

2. BACKGROUND

The previous Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Biennial Report covered the period from 2016 to 2018.

- (i) The Biennial Report 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 outcomes to improve the lives of vulnerable individuals and their families.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The Biennial Report has been approved by AAPC and the Angus Chief Officers Group, the governance group with operational accountability for protecting people arrangements in Angus. It has been presented to Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee and will also be presented to Full Council.

3. CURRENT POSITION

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

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 mid 2021; 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 to 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.

4. PROPOSALS

The IJB notes the content of the AAPC Biennial Report for 2018 to 2020.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7. DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in Section 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Angus Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	No Direction Required	X
	Angus Council	
	NHS Tayside	
	Angus Council and NHS Tayside	

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Appendix 1: Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2018-20