



**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**  
**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 23 FEBRUARY 2022**  
**ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020 2021**  
**REPORT BY GAIL SMITH, CHIEF OFFICER**

**ABSTRACT**

This report presents the Angus Adult Protection Committee Annual Report for March 2020 to April 2021. The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 set up multi-agency Adult Protection Committees (APCs) in every council area. The Committee monitors and reviews what is happening locally to safeguard adults. Chief Officers across Scotland individually and collectively have responsibility in ensuring that the Adult Protection Committee's authority to carry out its functions effectively is supported by local agencies, with a focus on continually improving strategy and practise.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board: -

- (i) Scrutinise and comment on the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Annual Report 2020 to 2021 (appended to this report);
- (ii) Consider the key trends and areas for development emerging from the report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The previous AAPC Biennial Report covered the period April 2018 to March 2019.
- 2.2** The Annual Report of AAPC for the period April 2020 to March 2021 presents the work that has been undertaken in Angus, individually and in partnership to deliver national, Tayside and local adult protection outcomes to improve the lives of adults at risk of harm,
- 2.3** 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. AAPC also produces an Annual Report.
- 2.4** The Annual Report was approved by AAPC on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and by the Angus Chief Officer Group (the multi-agency governance group at executive level with operational accountability for protecting people arrangements in Angus) on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 2.5** In terms of the Integration Scheme, the IJB is responsible for operational governance of integrated services (which include services in respect of Adult Protection). The Integration Scheme also provides that the Chief Officer is operationally responsible within the Council and NHS Tayside for services that are integrated.
- 2.6** AAPC holds a risk register that is reviewed at a minimally quarterly and which is reported to the Angus Chief Officers' Group. There are no exceptional risks noted within this report.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

**3.1** The AAPC has continued to work to improve adult protection practice in Angus.

**3.2** Of note in this report period are:

- Initial and Significant Case Reviews – there continues to be an increasing number of Initial Case Review requests to the AAPC
- The review of the Early Screening group; analysis is still to be undertaken following the review
- Self-Evaluation and Continuous Improvement activity continues to be a priority with the Initial and Significant Case reviews and the local Case Review process informing much of this work
- Digitalisation and reformatting of learning resources to meet the needs of the workforce during Covid restrictions and being unable to deliver face to face learning

**3.3** Key trends from the statistical part of the Annual Report are:

- A significant increase in adult protection activity and referrals; referrals per month have doubled between April 2016 and January 2021
- A notable increase in referrals from family members and members of the public, friends/neighbours and in particular, carers.  
A first Adult Protection Order taken since 2015
- The number of Independent Advocates invited to case conference has almost doubled since the previous year
- A significant increase in referrals for those with mental health difficulties

**3.4** The new AAPC Strategic Plan 2020-2023 is based around the statutory functions of an Adult Protection Committee as set out in legislation. This Annual Report reports under the same headings this year, in keeping with guidance provided by the Scottish Government for producing Biennial Reports. This plan will also be regularly updated to include any emerging national or local priorities. The plan remains flexible to take into account any future impact arising from the COVID pandemic.

**3.5** Areas for development and progression:

- Implementation of the new AAPC dataset to provide scrutiny and identify priority areas
- Work to ensure that AAPC priorities, business and practice is informed by those who use services
- Preparatory work for the forthcoming national inspection programme

### **4. PROPOSALS**

The IJB scrutinises and comments on the content of the ACPC Annual Report April 2019 to July 2020 and considers the key trends and areas for improvement arising from the report. The Independent Chair of the ACPC will be in attendance at Committee.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as this is an annual report summarising multi-agency work over the year

### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## 8. 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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