

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9 MARCH 2023

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMITTEE – 16 MARCH 2023

ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2020 TO 2022

REPORT BY MARGO WILLIAMSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ANGUS COUNCIL

ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2020 to 2022. 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. Section 46 of the Adult Support and Protection Act (Scotland) 2007 requires the Convenors of Adult Protection Committees to produce a biennial report analysing, reviewing, and commenting on Adult Protection Committee functions and activities in the preceding two years.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny & Audit Committee:

- (i) Scrutinise and comment on the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Biennial Report 2020 to 2022 (appended to this report).
- (ii) Consider the key trends and areas for development emerging from the report.

1.2 It is recommended that Angus Council:

- (i) Note the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Biennial Report 2020 to 2022 (appended to this report).

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

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

- Local Outcome 4 – The best start in life for children
- 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

2.2 Council priorities:

We want to maximise inclusion and reduce inequalities

We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Biennial report of Angus Adult Protection Committee for the period April 2020 to March 2022 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.

- 3.2 There is a statutory requirement for the Adult Protection Committee to produce Biennial Reports that provide an overview of the work of local Adult Protection Committees.
- 3.3 The Biennial Report for 2020 to 2022 has been approved by AAPC on 7 December 2022 and the Angus Chief Officers Group on 23 January 2023.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 AAPC members have continued to work together in partnership to improve adult protection practice in Angus. Of note during the reporting period 2020 to 2022:
- 4.2 Over the preceding 4 years, adult protection referrals were consistently circa 400 per annum. The period April 2020 to March 2021, saw a 79% year on year increase in the number of adult protection referrals to 728.
- 4.3 In previous years, we had noted recurring increases in the number of 'adults at risk' within Angus. In 2019/2020 there were 46, increasing to 87 in 2020/2021 and for the last year of this biennial reporting period 2021/2022, the number increased again to 113, this represents a substantial increase.
- 4.4 Financial and physical harm have consistently been the principal type of harm for adults involved in adult protection processes; with financial harm accounting for the highest principal type of harm in 2019/20 and in 2020/21 and physical harm in 2021/22.
- 4.5 AAPC has actively promoted a culture of learning, particularly through engaging members to encourage and promote the identification of cases for learning review. The Significant Case Review (SCR) O18 was published in August 2020, along with an SCR (Isabelle) by Angus Child Protection Committee. A Learning Pack was developed to support the dissemination of learning from these SCRs across the multiagency workforce.
- 4.6 The most significant practice evaluation undertaken in the reporting period was the Significant Case Review, P19. The review made 59 recommendations which were accepted in full by AAPC. Significant work has been progressed on delivering on the improvements arising from the recommendations which impacted across local and national policy and practice.
- 4.7 A series of Network of Support sessions held have provided opportunities, led by staff involved in the case, to discuss real-life practice issues and to discuss emerging themes, what worked well and the outcomes for the adult. Such activities are essential to continuing to create a learning culture and opportunity for respectful professional challenge across the multiagency partnership.

5. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members scrutinise, note and endorse the contents of the Biennial report of Angus Adult Protection Committee for the period April 2020 to March 2022.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment screening assessment has been carried out and is attached, no full EIA is required.

8. CONSULTATION

Members of the Angus Adult Protection Committee have been consulted in the prepare of the annual report and the report has been accepted by AAPC and the Angus Chief Officer's Group.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report 2020-2022



Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

Step 1

Name of Proposal

Angus Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report for 2020 to 2022.

Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment

Yes

(A) If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

(i) It does not impact on people

Yes

(ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics

No

(iii) It is for information only

Yes

(iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year

Yes

(v) It is technical

No

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation. Please state name, post, and date for each:

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Reviewed by: Karen Ross, CFJ Equalities Lead, February 2023

Approved by: Kirsty Lee, Service Leader Children, Families & Justice, February 2023