



**ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

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**ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**REPORT BY JILLIAN GALLOWAY, CHIEF OFFICER**

**1. ABSTRACT**

This update report seeks to provide the IJB assurance on the work of the Adult Protection Committee in Angus in contributing to keeping vulnerable adults safe and the future plans of the Committee for 2024.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Adult Protection Committee reports directly to the Chief Officers Group (COG) and is currently linked to Priority 4 of the Strategic Commissioning Plan for Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP)

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board: -

- (i) Scrutinise and discuss the contents of the report ; and
- (ii) Take cognisance that this will be the last Adult Protection Committee update report and that any future updates will come from the Protecting People Angus Strategic Committee as outlined in the paper.

**4. BACKGROUND**

Angus Adult Protection Committee (APC) exists as the implementation vehicle for The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 1997 and places Statutory duties upon the Committee with oversight of the Chief Officers Group. The APC has been Independently Chaired by Mr Ewen West with the APC Annual Report 2022/23 recently approved by the IJB, highlighting the APC commitment to driving best practice in Adult Support and Protection (ASP) across Angus.

ASP forms a significant part of the duties of AHSCP alongside key partners in Police, Health, Housing and other sectors. The Table below highlights the growing number of ASP referrals received, with the majority of referrals coming via Police Scotland and AHSCP. It is positive to note the wide range of sources that ASP referrals are received – highlighting a greater recognition of ASP across the various sectors and communities in Angus.

**Number of Referrals by Source**

<b>Source of Referral</b>	<b>April 2020 March 2021</b>	<b>April 2021 March 2022</b>	<b>April 2022 March 2023</b>	<b>April 2023 March 2024</b>
Police	429 (59%)	435 (64%)	369 (44%)	618 (55%)
Angus Health & Social Care Partnership	53 (7%)	52 (8%)	102 (12%)	114 (10%)
Family	11	21	39	16
Member of the Public	10	7	28	14
Carer	20	14	20	24
Voluntary organisation	3	5	5	7
Other care home	29	15	39	35
Other	58	18	31	28

Self	7	10	18	22
Health Acute	7	13	47	81
Health GP	3	3	4	5
Health Primary	16	26	64	48
Local Authority care home	2	2	0	5
Care at home	0	0	0	2
Housing	6	10	10	16
Care Inspectorate	5	5	11	8
OPG	1	3	1	3
Fire and Rescue	53	38	38	35
Scottish Ambulance Service			11	8
Friend/Neighbour	15	4	3	34
MWC	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>1123</b>

Scottish Government receive data returns from Health and Social Care Partnerships, Local Authorities and Police in respect of ASP, Child Protection (CP) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and have taken the step to consider these three areas within a National Protecting People strategy. At a recent event in COSLA that Mr Ewen West and several Officers were present at, Scottish Government advised the creation of a National Protecting People group that will oversee the datasets, policy and practice developments in regard to ASP, CP and VAWG together, rather than three separate entities - with a desire to see this approach implemented across Health and Social Care Partnerships.

Several local authorities and HSCP's have begun the process of bringing the three committees together with other Partnerships considering this. In Angus, the COG has agreed to this approach being implemented in Angus.

## 5. CURRENT POSITION

Recruitment for one Independent Chair in Angus for Child Protection, Adult Protection and Violence Against Women took place in late 2023 with a view to a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Mr Ewen West was appointed as Chair and discussion began around the efficiency of having three separate committees and any improvements that could be made.

After extensive consultation with partners, committee members and COG a decision was made to disband the three committees (Angus Adult Protection Committee, Angus Child Protection Committee and Angus Violence Against Women Partnership) and stand up a new committee which will undertake the legal requirements of the former three. The new structure began on 1st April 2024 under the name of Protecting People Angus Strategic Committee (PPASC).

The first meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with members representing all three agendas present. A terms of reference has been agreed which sets out the Committee's duties, in particular in respect of the requirements under 'The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 1997'.

The drafting of a Strategic Plan is underway and the work from this will be supported by five Delivery Groups. These are: Practice and Policy, Workforce Learning And Development, Self Evaluation and Continuous Improvement, Preventions and Data. Chairs have been appointed for these groups, with terms of reference and wider membership lists being under development.

The new structure will allow for individuals to be considered within the wider 'whole family' context by one strategic multi-agency committee. This should allow for smoother transitions work and also will make efficiencies in terms of workforce members attending committee and delivery group meetings. The model allows for greater connections to be made across the multi-agency workforce with those from different specialisms now having a place where their work comes together to keep families in Angus safe.

## 6. PROPOSALS

IJB acknowledge this change in approach, aligned to Scottish Government plans where ASP, CP and VAWG will be overseen by the newly formed Protecting People Angus Strategic Committee (PPASC), reporting to COG.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Prior to the creation of PPASC, Officers were having to attend multiple meetings linked to ASP, CP and VAWG as well as produce reports and papers for each separate committee. This new approach will see a more efficient approach to continuing the work associated with ASP alongside CP and VAWG.

## 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

No identified risks.

## 9. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct public health implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 10. CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

A screening assessment has been undertaken and a full combined Equality Impact Assessment, is not required for the following reason(s):-

There are no assessed impacts on any group.

## 12. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Chief Social Work Officer has been consulted as part of the decision to create the Protecting People Angus Strategic Committee and has oversight of the PPASC as a member of COG.

## 13. 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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