

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Report of Meetings

Public Protection Committee (PPC)

21 February 2023

KEY POINTS

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1. I was welcomed to the PPC as representative for The Voice Project under Third Sector D&G.
2. The Adult Support & Protection (ASP) Inspection Improvement plan was discussed, a huge amount of work has gone into improving the service across the region. There is still some work continuing and this is all on track.
3. Sub-committee reports were given on Performance, Quality and Improvement, Learning & Development, Learning Review and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).
4. An overview of the VAWG Biennial Report and an outcome report of the 16 Days of Activism were given. Plans will shortly be underway for this year's events. The social media campaign was very successful, reaching 259,031 and 4,628 video views. The only concern given was that a number of people who had booked to attend the events had not turned out and hadn't cancelled in advance.
5. There was a report on the Equal Protection from Assault Act, which ensures that children have the same rights and protection against assault as adults. A local practitioner's guidance was requested to be developed to bring more clarity, and this would also be accompanied by scenarios based on D&G incidents and FAQs.
6. The PPC Terms of Reference have been updated; these are in draft format and will be finalised for the next meeting.
7. The next meeting in April and the one in October will be in person; all others will remain online.