

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Report of Meetings

Public Protection Committee (PPC)

22 August 2023

KEY POINTS

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1. We were reminded that the Public Protection Learning & Development calendar is available on the DGPPP website - <https://www.dgppp.org.uk/article/24289/Learning-and-Development>
2. Alison Penman gave us a presentation on the Child Protection Self Evaluation. This began in the summer of 2022, and the period covered May 2020 to October 2022 (during Covid and then into the cost-of-living crisis). The conclusion of the service delivery for Children, Young People and Families was that most of the quality indicators were good and very good, and the leadership and direction were good. These will take place every two years.
3. As part of the above Self Evaluation, there was a section on Independent Advocacy and Legal Representation. I pointed out that many people across our region going through Children's Hearings, Permanency Panels etc., are finding it difficult to find legal representation and that DG Advocacy has been trying to source this for people out of our region for those struggling.
4. Attendance at the ASP Conference had been looked at through the Learning & Development Sub Committee, and it was found that attendance is improving, including more of the adults under ASP coming along to the meeting and the appropriateness of those invited to attend.
5. Once someone has completed the ASP training, they will now receive a Certificate to show this has been carried out.
6. 16 Days of Activism 2023 is about "Imagine" - Imagine a Scotland without gender-based violence. Once the programme for this is finalised, it can be found at <https://www.dgppp.org.uk/article/21599/16-Days-of-Action-2023-Programme>
7. There will shortly be a Self-Evaluation of Adult Support & Protection.

8. Work has started on the new Public Protection Strategy 2024-27 and is due to be published in April 2024.
9. The Children's Service Plan 2023-26 was published in April 2023 - <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16748/Children-s-Services-Plan-2023-to-2026>