



South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH, CARE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 25th JANUARY 2018

SUBJECT: CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT & STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & ABUSE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Community Planning Board of two documents related to child protection

- The South Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (CPC) Annual Report 2017-18
- The South Ayrshire strategy to address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse which was developed in August 2017.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Board note the contents of both documents and that progress will be reported to the Community Planning Board.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The CPC Annual Report (2017-18) reports on progress made against the agreed improvement priorities for child protection in South Ayrshire and is attached as [Appendix I](#).

3.2 It is recognised by partners in South Ayrshire that sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse and as such is part of the continuum of violence and it affects the whole community with age and gender not being a barrier.

3.3 In South Ayrshire, there is a joint approach in place that focuses on prevention, identification and response to sexual exploitation and abuse to ensure that collective activities meet the commitments set out in the Single Outcome Agreement, namely:

- Communities in South Ayrshire are stronger and safer
- Our children and young people in South Ayrshire have the best possible life chances

- 3.4 The long term objectives are to see reduced levels of sexual exploitation and abuse and to ensure that high quality support is provided to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse.
- 3.5 Scotland has a National Action Plan to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (Scottish Government 2014) and to ensure consistency and cohesion in South Ayrshire, a joint strategic outcomes framework and action plan has been developed to align with actions with the national framework.
- 3.6 The Sexual Exploitation Joint Action Group reports to via other groups to the South Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership which is a Strategic Delivery Group of South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP).
- 3.7 The CPC reports directly to South Ayrshire Chief Officers' Group for Public Protection (COG). The COG comprises Chief Officers who are members of the CPP and also has a reporting line to the CPP

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Members of the Community Planning Board are asked to take cognisance of the [Strategy in response to sexual exploitation and abuse](#) in relation to their own services.