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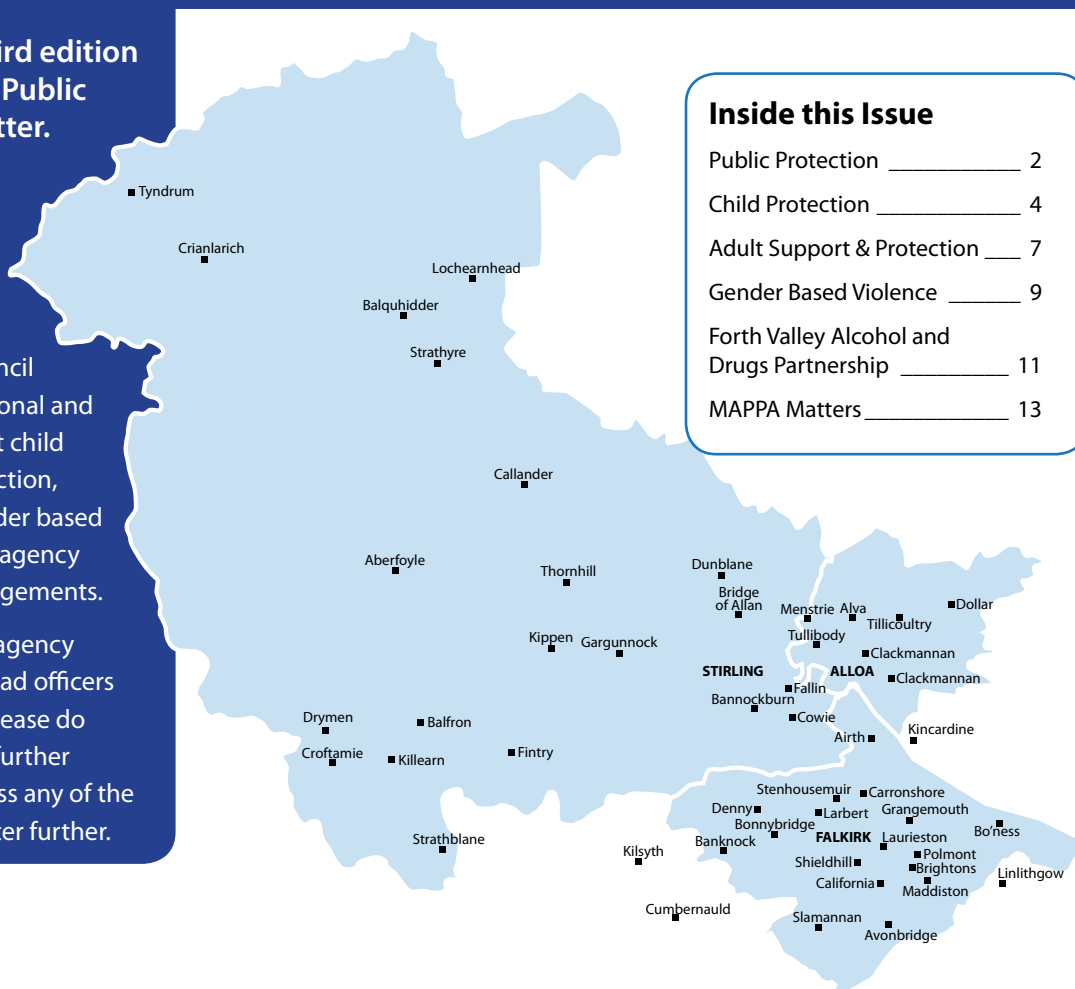
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Newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of the Forth Valley Public Protection Newsletter.

This newsletter has been produced by the Public Protection lead officers across Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling council areas and includes national and local information about child protection, adult protection, substance misuse, gender based violence and the Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements.

Details of all the multi-agency partnerships and the lead officers can be found below. Please do contact us if you want further information or to discuss any of the content of the newsletter further.



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Scottish Government Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy

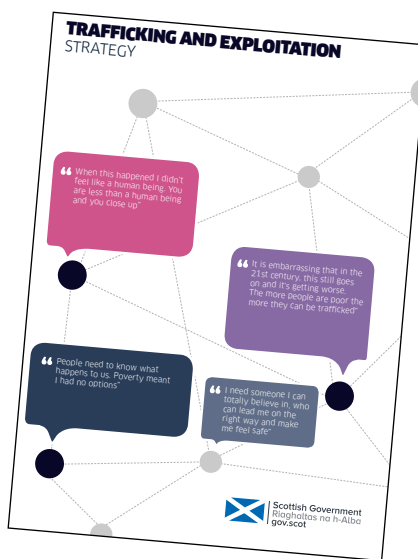
The Scottish Government Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy was published on 30th May.

The Strategy addresses the need for both the support of victims and tough action against traffickers, helping to alert professionals to the signs of human trafficking and providing new powers to disrupt trafficking activity. The Strategy also highlights the need to better publicise support for victims and there will be public awareness activity nationally later this year. The strategy aims to identify victims and support them to safety and recovery; to identify perpetrators and disrupt their activity; and to address the conditions that foster trafficking and exploitation.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson said: "Developing the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy has included listening to victims themselves, who have provided a unique insight into the physical and psychological damage caused by trafficking. We have emphasised the need to let people know that there is support available for victims, wherever they are recovered in Scotland. Exposing and eradicating these horrific crimes remain high on the agenda, and following the passing of legislation to create an offence of human trafficking with a possible life sentence attached, I am pleased that Police Scotland and the Crown Office will be able to apply for new orders to disrupt traffickers' activity."

Better awareness among the general public and training for professionals is key to this work, which will be taken forward with a range of partners, including the Police, Crown and third sector. The trafficking and exploitation of adults and children is happening in Scotland today and we all have a role in bringing it to an end. Today's strategy is the blueprint towards realising that aim and eliminating such appalling activity in Scotland."

Work is now being undertaken by the Public Protection Lead Officers across Forth Valley to ensure local guidance reflects the national strategy.



Further information on the Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy can be found at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/05/6059>.

National Framework for Missing Persons in Scotland

The National Framework for Missing Persons in Scotland was formally launched at an event in Glasgow on 10th May.

Over 30,000 episodes of people going missing are reported to Police Scotland every year. In 2015/16, that figure was 40,070. Going missing exposes people to unnecessary risks; it impacts negatively on their health and wellbeing; and, in a small number of cases, it can lead to death.

The Framework acknowledges that anyone can be affected by someone going missing and that is why agencies need to continue to work together to prevent people from going missing in the first place and to do their best to keep them safe from the potential risks they could be exposed to. However, it is also important that those who do go missing are located quickly and are given the support they need to allow them to return to their communities or to build new lives for themselves.

The Framework sets out the roles and shared responsibilities of respective agencies, as well as key national objectives and supporting commitments to focus on preventing people from going missing and limiting the harm associated when they do go missing.

Further information on the National Framework for Missing Persons in Scotland can be found at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/05/1901>.



Addressing the risks that arise from radicalisation

A duty placed on organisations to have 'due regard to Prevent people being drawn into terrorism'.

CONTEST is the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The strategy is made up of four stages: Prevent, Pursue, Prepare and Protect. The legislative basis for delivering the CONTEST strategy is provided in Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

The Prevent strand is the main focus for Local Authorities and NHS operational staff with the burden of action in relation to the other strands falling to Police Scotland with support expected from multi-agency partners.

The best long term solution to prevent terrorism is to stop people becoming terrorists in the first place. To do this we need to prevent people supporting violent extremism and the ideologies that fuel terrorism.

Understanding radicalisation and exploitation

There is no single profile of a person who is likely to become involved in terrorist-related activity, or single indicator of when a person might move to support extremism.

Vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to radicalisation could be service users, patients, students, carers and / or staff or volunteers.

It is generally more common for susceptible individuals to become involved in terrorist-related activity through the influence of others. Vulnerable individuals may be exploited in many ways by radicalisers who target their vulnerability.

Initial contact may be via:

- Peers, siblings, other family members or acquaintances with the process of radicalisation often being a social one;
- A range of unsupervised environments, such as gyms or cafes;
- In private in individuals homes; and
- The internet and Social Media.

Contact with radicalisers is also variable and may be direct, that is, face to face, or indirect through the internet, social networking or other forms of media. More commonly it will be through a combination of the above.

The factors surrounding vulnerability are many and they are unique to each person. It is increasingly recognised that the personal experiences of vulnerable people affect the way in which they relate to their external environment

The following factors have been found to contribute to vulnerable people joining certain groups that support terrorist-related activity:

- Need to express or act on feelings of anger, grievance or injustice;
- Desire for excitement, comradeship or adventure;
- Fascination with violence, weapons and uniforms;
- Them-and-us thinking;
- Need for identity, meaning and belonging; and
- Need for status.

It should be noted that even if an individual follows a radicalisation path, it does not necessarily mean that their engagement will result in committing terrorist acts. Along that path there may be opportunities for professionals and others to intervene to help to protect those who are being exploited and divert them towards positive activities.

Local Prevent Implementation Plans are being developed across Forth Valley which include awareness raising for the workforce. A generic Prevent awareness training package – WRAP (Workshop for Raising Awareness of Prevent) has been developed by the Police. This workshop, briefings and elearning will be made available to ensure the workforce have awareness of the Prevent duty and are equipped to respond to situations of concern.



UK Government has also produced a Stay Safe: Fire Arms and Weapons Attack film for the public. The four minute film sets out three key steps for keeping safe – Run, Hide and Tell. This can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>



National Child Protection Improvement Programme Update

In June, 2017 Scottish Government provided an e. newsletter update on significant progress being made to take forward the Child Protection Improvement Programme recommendations accepted by Scottish Ministers.

This includes the launch in April of a guide for health practitioners in Scotland on Child Sexual Exploitation, which outlines their role and responsibilities in identifying and responding to a child or young person who may be at risk or affected by sexual exploitation. The guidance expands on information on child sexual exploitation contained within existing National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland, 2014 and encourages a response in line with local Child or Adult Protection processes.

Also in April the Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Mark McDonald MSP launched the publication of the National Action Plan on Internet Safety for Children and Young People, to help children and young people develop the skills they need to stay safe on the internet and support parents and carers to be more aware of the potential risks that their children face online. In a press release the Minister said: "Children and young people are spending longer online than ever before. Many own a tablet or smartphone and almost three quarters of 12-15 year olds now have a social media profile. While the internet and mobile technology have positively transformed our lives, I am concerned too many children and young people are being put at risk from online harm and abuse. We all have a responsibility to protect

children and young people and this updated plan sets out a number of actions to improve internet safety. Its priorities include equipping children and young people themselves to stay safe online, supporting professionals, parents and carers and continuing to work with digital and social media providers to ensure children are not exposed to harm."

A revised framework for inspections of children's services is being developed by a short-life working group, chaired by the Care Inspectorate. The group last met on 8 May and the focus of the meeting was the final agreement and clarification of any actions required, in preparation for the submission of the proposal to Ministers.

The first meeting of the National Child Protection Leadership Group was held on 22 June chaired by Mark McDonald MSP. The Group will meet four times a year and members will demonstrate personal and collaborative leadership for the sector, taking shared responsibility for tackling challenging issues and implementing change. They will bring their knowledge and expertise to inform work on child protection, identify any risks and issues which impact on the delivery of actions and act as advocates for improvements by influencing change in their own organisations and beyond.

Further updates are expected to follow and will also be provided through stakeholder channels.

The e.newsletter can be accessed here <https://blogs.gov.scot/child-protection-improvement-programme/2017/06/30/child-protection-improvement-programme-update-5/>

Forth Valley Child Protection Update

Forth Valley Inter-agency Child Protection Guidance 2016

The Forth Valley Child Protection Policies, Procedures and Protocols Group acting on behalf of Clackmannanshire and Stirling and Falkirk Child Protection Committees revised inter-agency guidance and updated hyperlinks. The revised version is available on Council, NHS FV and Police Scotland web sites and can also be accessed here - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fa/GirfecFalkirk/files/2015/06/forth-valley-child-protection-guidance-Revision-Dec-2016.pdf>

Steps are being taken to have all local child protection guidance located within the one document. There are also plans to include hyperlinks within this guidance to local child protection procedures with the aim of making it easier to access and source all relevant and current child protection documentation in the one location.

New guidance which can now be accessed within the Forth Valley Inter-agency Child Protection Guidance 2016:

- Transition Planning Guidance 2016 for staff working with young people and families in areas of adult and child protection practice – 16 and 17 years olds (Page 7)
- Unseen Child Guidance 2016 for staff working in situations where the child is 'unseen' (Page 84)

(Revised from Falkirk to Forth Valley Guidance)

Coming soon

- Human Trafficking Guidance
- Female Genital Mutilation Guidance
- Working with Resistant families

(Revising former Stirling to Forth Valley Protocol)



Forth Valley

Unprotected/Overprotected: Seminar on Child Sexual Exploitation and Children with Additional Support Needs and Learning Disabilities

A multi-agency seminar addressing the issue of child sexual exploitation and children with additional support needs and learning disabilities, was organised by the Forth Valley Child Sexual Exploitation Project Board at New Struan School, Alloa on 16th May. Jasmine Miller, Headteacher at New Struan, said, "This was a great opportunity for our partners in the community to come together and network, share and discuss next steps focusing on a very important part of the Curriculum for children and young people of Scotland." Speakers at the seminar included Anne Salter, Lead Officer Child Protection, Clackmannanshire and Stirling Child Protection Committee; Joanne Barrie, Community Sexual Health Educator, NHS Forth Valley; Gayle Martin-Brown, Education Support Officer, Falkirk Council; and Lauren O'Grady, Teacher, Carrongrange High School, Falkirk. The seminar aimed to bring together strategic and operational managers and lead officers working across Children's Services in Forth Valley to raise awareness of current research and policy in relation to children and young people with learning disabilities at risk of sexual exploitation and to share examples



of local good practice; to agree key actions in relation to prevention activities and the protection of children and young people with additional support needs and learning disabilities; and to identify how agreed actions can be progressed locally and incorporated into the Forth Valley Child Sexual Exploitation Project Board Action Plan. The seminar was attended by Chris Lumb, Strategic Inspector with the Care Inspectorate, who commented afterwards, "The session presented a valuable learning opportunity, with knowledgeable and enthusiastic presenters who stimulated a good level of debate."

Further information on Unprotected/Overprotected can be found at:

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/cse_learning_and_disability_report_2015a.pdf.



Criminal Injuries Compensation: Vulnerable Children and Adults Briefings

On 29th June Paul Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Services Agency, delivered two briefings on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme to multi-agency groups of staff from local agencies and services as well as colleagues from Falkirk Council, West Lothian Council, Perth and Kinross Council, Glasgow City Council, Fife Council and Renfrewshire Council. The sessions provided key information about the 2012 Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme and its appropriateness to vulnerable children and adults. Attendees were able to develop their understanding of the criminal injuries scheme as a major source of financial support for victims of serious crimes of violence including family violence as well as the complexities for a range of circumstances such as trafficking and asylum victims.



Further information about the scheme can be found at

http://www.lsa.org.uk/docs/4390%20LSA%20CIC%20Your%20Rights%20AW_LR.pdf.



Safe and Together Model

Falkirk Child Protection Committee (CPC) in partnership with Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership is investing in the delivery of an evidence based approach towards addressing the impact of domestic abuse on children, young people, adults and communities.

A multi-agency team carried out a two part Domestic Abuse Audit, commissioned by the Falkirk CPC, during 2015:

- 1) Case file audit
- 2) Focus groups with staff and follow up interviews with parents and young people who experienced domestic abuse.

One of the identified areas of improvement was to develop practitioner understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people to ensure that they receive an appropriate response. Falkirk CPC agreed that funding should be secured to invest in required culture, systems and practice change in support of achieving better outcomes for children, young people and families affected by domestic abuse.

The model derives its name from the concept that children are best served when we can keep them safe and together with the non-offending parent.

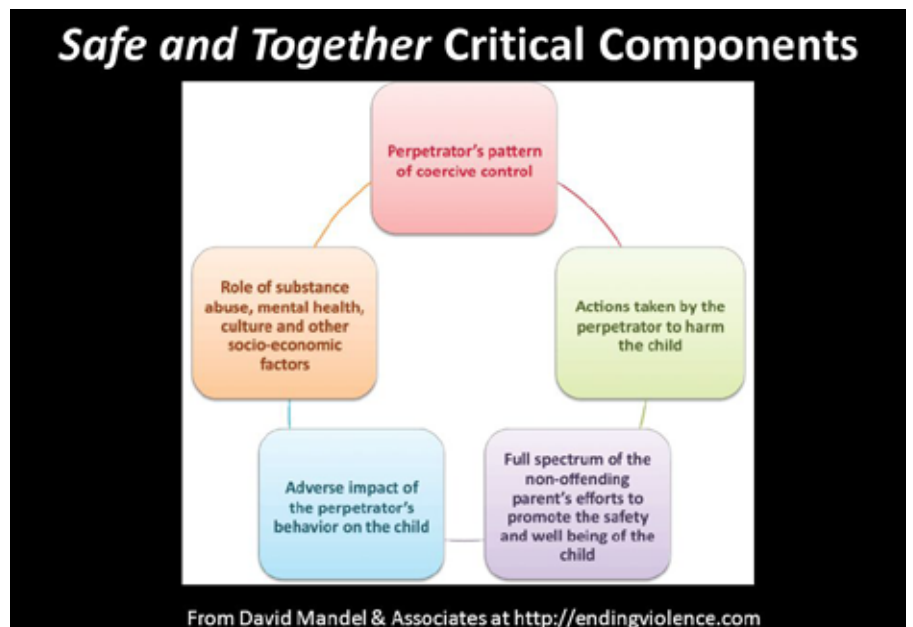
Safe & Together model developed by David Mandel & Associates is being brought to Falkirk 13th- 17th November 2017. A half day awareness session on the morning of 13th November 2017 will be delivered to Chief Officers, Elected Members, strategic leads and operational managers and practitioners from across a wide range of services. Core training for frontline staff will follow alongside a day's training for Managers and supervisors.

The model is based on a set of assumptions, core principles and critical components that has been designed:

- As a whole family based approach to offering a comprehensive assessment of risk, safety and protective factors;

- To increase the effectiveness of engaging men towards becoming better fathers;
- To increase practitioners understanding that domestic abuse is not a single event but a pattern of behavior;
- To reinforce the importance of retaining a focus on the perpetrator when considering the risks presented to family members and,
- To encourage measurable goals in case planning

Notes of interest will soon be invited from multi-agency practitioners who wish to receive this training and go on to support embedding the approach locally through the required culture, systems and practice change.





Clackmannanshire and Stirling Adult Support and Protection Update

It is necessary to evaluate the quality of our service to establish if we got it right. Consequently in June, 2017, we launched our Service Users Survey. This survey is a series of questions designed to measure the effectiveness of our service in enhancing the lives and wellbeing of adults deemed to be at risk of harm under the Act. The surveys are independently carried out by Forth Valley Advocacy and the adults anonymity is preserved at every stage of the process. The results are collated into survey monkey and reported monthly as part of our Self Evaluation Framework. This process will evolve into an essential element in our local service improvement plans.

June also saw the launch of our Forth Valley wide Financial Harm Group. The focus is upon identifying issues relating to financial harm and designing prevention and intervention tactics that are proportionate and effective. A significant aspect is raising awareness of the different types of financial harm so that people can identify risk and take reasonable precautions. We are planning three bespoke seminars across Forth Valley for service users and carers to be delivered in the Autumn of 2017 which will raise awareness and further protect people from financial harm.

July saw the inaugural meeting of our Practitioners Forum, a sub group of

the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Adult Protection Committee. This forum provides an opportunity for practitioners from our multi agency partnerships to contribute to improving our service arrangements. The practitioners viewpoint is an essential component in determining the effectiveness and efficiency of our practices.

We have been revising our web based content making it more up to date and user friendly. We will integrate the content with other spheres of public protection as we know from experience that the interface of risk spans beyond individual groupings.

Update on work of Falkirk Adult Support and Protection

A lot of work in the last three months has focussed on advancing the Falkirk ASP Committee's Improvement Plan for 2016/2018. Readers will know that every two years each Committee submits a "biennial report" to the Government, describing what it has achieved in the last two years and what its aims are for the two years ahead.

In Falkirk we are developing service user leaflets, to be issued when people are the subject of an ASP investigation and if/when they attend a Case Conference. Also a Practitioners page where staff can easily access supportive information on ASP matters.

We have refined the statistical information we gather. From this we are focussing on ASP referrals from care

providers (particularly care homes) and speaking to homes about how we better improve the referral process.

Forth Valley Advocacy are ready to begin offering "post ASP process" interviews with people to learn more about how people experience an intervention in their lives when they were believe to be an adult at risk. A staff consultation on training/development needs (which will be issued via the online survey system Citizen Space) is also in development.

A substantial area for development is self-evaluation activity. To allow for service improvement (and also as the Care Inspectorate are starting "thematic" ASP inspections) we want and need to know how we are

performing at different parts of the ASP process. This includes referrals, IRD's, investigations, risk assessments, chronologies and Case Conferences. We have developed a possible "template" for carrying out such evaluations. More information on this will come out as we develop this.

Lastly the Forth Valley multi-agency ASP procedures have been reviewed and updated. The new proposed document is currently out for consultation. Please look out for this and provide comments so we can improve these and circulate a finalised version by the autumn.

As always, any ASP matters people want to raise please contact Ian Kinsley (interim) ASP Lead Officer at Camelon Social Work Office.

National news: ROCHDALE BOROUGH SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD

SAFEGUARDING ADULT REVIEW CONCERNING 'TOM'

FEBRUARY, 2017

Circumstances

Tom was 61 years of age when he was murdered.

During his life he began misusing alcohol following the death of his father. He was a professional person who was once the director of a charity however, he was banned from driving following a conviction for drink driving and was suspended from his job. This led to low self esteem and depression which led to the break up of his relationship with his partner.

Tom's lifestyle deteriorated and he began associating with misusers of alcohol who frequently borrowed money and/or stole from him. His physical health suffered and he became addicted to the painkillers prescribed to treat his depression. He lacked familial support however, his former partner sustained contact with him and he confided in her that he was being financially exploited by his "friends". She persuaded him to report the theft of his bankcard to the police who subsequently recorded the crime. A few weeks thereafter he was murdered.

His assailant was a middle aged man who resided nearby in supported accommodation. He had a history of violence and at the time of Tom's murder he was on bail for serious assault.

Agency Involvement

Chronology of involvement summarised as follows:

- Repeat attendances at A&E over a two year period suffering from injuries.
- July 2014 referral to Adult Care who referred the matter to Shelter for supports then closed the case.
- May 2015, 2nd referral to Adult Care from Stepping Stones and referral made to GP for dementia assessment then closed the case.
- July 2015, 3rd referral to Adult Care from Stepping Stones. Subsequent assessment failed to disclose any new needs from those already known. Pathways allocated a worker who explored rehab/detox possibilities. Tom's physical health was poor due to alcohol misuse, reporting regular falls and mobility problems. Tom accepted referrals to GP and Advocacy which were progressed and also FRS for safety assessment
- ASB and arrears issues led to involvement with Housing who progressed statutory intervention re tenancy however, he remained in the property and his rent arrears escalated.
- Repeated contacts with Police and Housing officials who noted Tom was often injured and intoxicated.
- Tom refused supported accommodation and cited support from "friends" who were staying with him.
- Tom regularly failed to keep appointments with professionals engaged in his care.

- April 2016. Tom reported his bank card and money stolen. He is visited by police.
- May 2016. Tom discovered deceased within his home.

Analysis Of Key Events

The Hybrid system was used which "involved looking at key events to gain an understanding as to how decisions were made and to explore areas where agencies can improve practice. This identified 23 key events of missing information, gaps and omissions which resulted in the following recommendations.

Recommendations From Lessons Learned

1. Rochdale Council to work with all agencies to improve professional enquiry regarding concerns about vulnerable adults.
2. A named professional is identified from the multi agency arrangements.
3. When a safeguarding referral is made an assessment for care arrangements is always considered even if the subject may not obviously qualify for care.
4. Formal capacity assessment is made, the outcome of any assessment and rationale recorded
5. Engagement with key family members
6. Consensual sharing of contact information of key family members with other agencies.
7. Engagement with local financial institutions to ensure they recognise exploitation of vulnerable adults and have a mechanism for prevention and reporting.
8. Standardisation of templates for key processes and meetings
9. Training of professionals to recognise and understand alcohol misuse and how they can provide support. Build upon guidance regarding thresholds when assessing vulnerability of a person who misuses alcohol.

Gender Based Violence



National Delivery Plan for Equally Safe

Equally Safe is Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls. It sets out a vision for a strong and flourishing Scotland where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse - and the attitudes that help perpetuate it. It was last updated in 2016 and can be seen at:

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/equally-safe/>

Between March and June 2017 Scottish Government consulted on a Draft Delivery Plan for Equally Safe which set out the actions that it would undertake with COSLA and key partners to make Equally Safe a reality. Respondents were asked whether they considered the actions under each of Equally Safe's priorities to

be relevant, effective and appropriate, as well as to consider ways in which they or their organisation could play a part in achieving Equally Safe's ambitions. 79 responses were received, including those from Stirling Gender Based Violence Partnership and Clackmannanshire Violence Against Women Partnership, which are now in the process of being analysed and will be published shortly. Further stakeholder engagement will occur over the autumn before the final Delivery Plan is produced towards the end of 2017.



Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016: now in force

The Act came into effect on 3 July, 2017 and tackles so called 'revenge-porn' by making it a criminal offence for someone to share, or threaten to share, an intimate photograph or film without permission. The offence covers photographs or films showing people engaged in a sexual activity which would not usually be done in public, or with their genitals, buttocks or breasts exposed or covered only with underwear. Those convicted face up to five years imprisonment. A public awareness campaign, developed in partnership with Scottish Women's Aid, Rape Crisis Scotland, Zero Tolerance, Police Scotland and the Crown Office, has been launched to show the consequences of sharing intimate images of a current or former partner without their permission. Further information is available at:

<http://notyourstoshare.scot/>



Rape Crisis Scotland & Rape Crisis Forth Valley

Rape Crisis Scotland has secured funding until 2020 to recruit a national coordinator, with a role of encouraging schools to take an institution wide approach to preventing sexual violence, and ensure that young people have access to relevant education. The coordinator will work with schools and other stakeholders to pilot and refine the model, including Forth Valley Rape Crisis, who will share details locally as the project continues.

Between 10am and 12 noon on the last Friday of every month, Forth Valley Rape Crisis have a multi-agency drop-in, to allow partners to find out more about the service, meet the workers and see the centre. Please see:

<https://twitter.com/fvrpeccrisis>



Coercive control and LGBT people: film launched

On 22 June LGBT Youth Scotland and Scottish Women's Aid launched a short film exploring LGBT people's experiences of coercive control. The film, 'Coercive Control and LGBT People', aims to inform services, and friends, family, neighbours or colleagues of LGBT people. See more at <https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/news/coercive-control>





Fearless Domestic Abuse Support Service is now in Forth Valley



Fearless is a Big Lottery funded (until March 2019) domestic abuse support service delivered by Sacro, in partnership with LGBT Youth Scotland, Shakti Women's Aid and the Men's Advice Line. The service is now operational across Forth Valley area, providing support to survivors of domestic abuse, 16 years old and upwards, who are:

- Men
- LGBT+ community
- Ethnic minority community

Fearless offers a range of support, including crisis intervention and safety planning, emotional support, mentoring, and practical support with assistance to access appropriate housing, benefits and healthcare. Each client is assigned a dedicated caseworker, who will undertake a full needs and risk assessment.

The purpose of Fearless is to complement existing services and plug any potential gaps in domestic abuse service provision. As the service rolls out across Forth Valley, the service welcomes dialogue with local partners as to how it can work together without duplication and in the best interests of those affected by domestic abuse.

To make a referral to Fearless, please contact the local worker, Jordan McElhaney, on 07772 653 757 or email JMElhaney@sacro.org.uk

To discuss potential partnership working please contact the Fearless Service Manager, Aaron Slater, at ASlater@sacro.org.uk or call 0131 624 7266.

More information and an online referral form is available at www.fearless.scot

16 DAYS OF ACTION

Now in its 26th year, the annual 16 Days of Action campaign calls for the elimination of violence against women and children and raises awareness at local, national and international level about the harms they face. These include domestic abuse, stalking and harassment; rape and sexual assault; commercial sexual exploitation; harmful traditional practices and human trafficking. While men and people in same sex relationships can also be victims, activities during the campaign mainly focus on male violence against women as statistics show that they are the victims in the vast majority of cases. This is the basis of the term 'gender-based violence.'



The 16 Days campaign runs from November 25th (International Day against Violence against Women) through to December 10th (International Human Rights Day) and also includes World Aids Day on 1 December. Planning for the 2017 campaign programme of events is now underway. The programme will commence with an opening event in Clackmannanshire on 24 November. If anyone would like to get involved, particularly if taking forward a project or activity with a client group, please contact the following coordinators by area: Ann Marie Sinclair, Stirling Gender Based Violence partnership at sinclairam@stirling.gov.uk; Gail Cook, Clackmannanshire Violence Against Women Partnership at gailcook.vaw@gmail.com

Forth Valley Recovery Community Expands and Grows!



Over 3000 people have visited recovery cafes across Forth Valley since they opened in February 2016.

There has also been growth in the number of people attending a range of Recovery Community events and groups. Recent developments have included the launch of a new fishing group A.I.R. Anglers in Recovery – Reel in Recovery! Recovery Ramblers draws in walkers of all abilities and there is a weekend park run on Saturday mornings. There is also a new Residential Rehab Peer Support Meeting which supports people before and after residential rehabilitation.

The events and cafes are open to anyone seeking support for substance misuse problems at any stage of their recovery journey - all that Forth Valley Recovery Community ask is that people are not under the influence of substances when attending the cafes or FVRC events. Staff are also welcome to pop in to any of the cafes and events and are encouraged to accompany any service users who may need a bit of support to attend in the first instance.

Forthcoming events include the Recovery Olympics on Monday 21st August and International Overdose Awareness Day on Thursday 31st August. The Olympics were a great

success last year and drew in teams from across Scotland. International Overdose Awareness Day is also marked every year in Forth Valley by a ceremony of remembrance and hope.

We are seeking to grow our Recovery Community across Forth Valley and would welcome new members. Please click on the link for details of all FVRC activity and to see how you and your service users can get involved.

Follow FVRC on twitter @FVrcvrycmmnty or facebook www.facebook.com/forthvalleyrecoverycommunity

Alternatively please contact Jardine Simpson on jsimpson@asc.me.uk

Check out our social media to find up to date information for all FVRC activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/forthvalleyrecoverycommunity/>

<https://twitter.com/FVrcvrycmmnty>

Recovery Ramblers Walking Group

Would you like to come for a walk? Meet like minded people, suitable for all abilities! Join us on one of our four weekly walks spread throughout Forth Valley:

Monday: Meeting at ASC Falkirk, 32 Vicar Street, between 1pm and 3pm. Double check social media for confirmation or contact 01324 874 969 to check starting point.

Tuesday: Meeting at Stirling Bus Station at 1.30pm every Tuesday. Location of starting point may change, so there may be a short bus journey to starting point. Check our social media pages for updates!

Wednesday: Meeting at Signpost Recovery, reception area, Cooperage Way, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, FK10 3LP. 11am every Wednesday.

Sunday: Meeting at Stirling Bus Station at 12.30pm every Sunday. Location of starting point may change, so there may be a short bus journey to starting point. Check our social media pages for updates!

Forth Valley Recovery Community (FVRC) is affiliated with ASC Forth Valley. ASC is a registered company No 355475, and a recognized charity No SC023353. Contact 01324 874 969

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Forth Valley Alcohol & Drug Partnership



Raising Awareness around Overdose
Forth Valley Alcohol & Drug Partnership have an ongoing programme of awareness raising around the risk of Overdose

The Power to Change - Recovery is a Reality not just a Dream

On the 30th September 2017, people from all over Scotland will come together in Dundee to take part in the Recovery Walk Scotland. The event gives those in recovery, their loved ones, families and the wider collective the opportunity to join together in solidarity and to support and celebrate recovery. It also provides people with a safe space to reflect on those they have lost to addiction and overdose.

People from all walks of life join together in a common goal, with a shared sense of camaraderie and spirit to demonstrate that recovery and change is possible. Increasing the visibility of recovery raises awareness and has the power to challenge the stigma around

addiction and provides inspiration to those early in their recovery journey and those contemplating recovery.

To find out more about the Recovery Walk or to take part in the celebration, visit the Scottish Recovery Consortium

<http://www.scottishrecoveryconsortium.org/index.php?id=2548>

alternatively contact the Forth Valley Recovery Development Worker, Jardine jsimpson@asc.me.uk
Tel. 07920234694.

RECOVERY WALK SCOTLAND 2017 Dundee Saturday 30th September

WHY WALK?

Addiction is visible all around us – one counteraction to this is to make recovery more visible. It tackles the stigma people with addictions face in our society. Walking helps to improve the knowledge and understanding among the general public about recovery.

Our findings from Glasgow showed:

- 35% of participants thought the event made recovery from addiction more visible in their local areas.
- 50% thought recovery from addiction is more visible in Glasgow now.
- 64% thought that recovery from addiction is more visible nationally.
- 70% of people made connections with people or ideas that they found helpful in building recovery from addictions.

“For too long, a great majority of the recovery community – those in recovery, their families and allies – have been silent about their experiences and successes. As a result, there has been no unified public voice advocating on behalf of recovery and for those who benefit from it”

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO WALK?

“We all had a beautiful and moving day. It was so inspirational and a breath of fresh recovery air”

“It was a very, very emotional day but amazing still buzzing!”

“A beautiful sea of recovery”

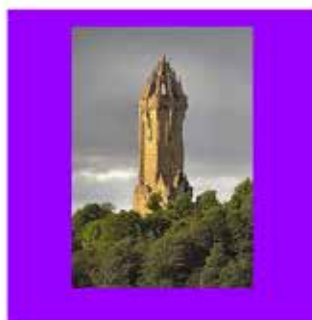
“The flags, the people I spoke to from lowlands to highlands and everywhere in between.”

“Amazing exchange of energy at George Square”

“The sense of community was electric”

“A day of victory for recovery”

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements



MAPPAs Matters

The past few months have seen an unprecedented amount of ICR (Initial Case Review) activity in Forth Valley MAPPAs. ICRs take place when an offender managed through MAPPAs commits a further offence which results in serious harm being caused, or significant concern has been raised about the management of an offender, or where an offender supervised through MAPPAs has been seriously injured or died. The actual criteria is more detailed than that, but it gives you an idea of what triggers the process. This Initial Notification is sent to the Chair of the MAPPAs Strategic Oversight Group by the lead agency responsible for the offender's supervision. The Chair then determines whether an Initial Case Review is necessary or not.

If the decision is to proceed to an ICR, all agencies involved in the provision of services to the offender are invited to contribute information on their involvement

with the person, and attend a meeting to discuss the case when all information relevant to the circumstances which led to the initial notification are considered. Importantly, the meeting explores areas for improvement, which can then be used to inform any changes in practice. It's worth pointing out that this is a learning process and in no way is about apportioning blame. In fact, ICR meetings often uncover areas of good practice under what were very difficult circumstances.

The SOG Chair then decides whether the ICR is sufficient, or whether more detailed scrutiny is required. If it is, then we move on to a Significant Case Review (SCR), which is exactly what you would expect: a much more detailed scrutiny of the facts, service involvement and practice. Fortunately, these are few and far between.

Of course, all service areas have their own review processes which are similar to the MAPPAs one. It is possible for more than one of these care review processes to be triggered as a result of the circumstances of the offence or incident. In such cases, agreement should be sought on the most appropriate way to proceed, taking into account the requirements of each process, the potential for cross-cutting and the possible impact on the welfare of the staff involved.

In next month's newsletter, I will summarise what the key areas for learning have been from our recent ICR and SCR activity.

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