

**ARGYLL AND BUTE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE –
BIENNIAL REPORT APRIL 2012 – MARCH 2014**

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Biennial Report of the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee covers all aspects of adult support and protection activity between April 2012 and March 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is asked to note the developments that have taken place over the 2 year period and the challenges that lie ahead for the Committee.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee (APC) meets on a quarterly basis to take forward all aspects of the adult protection agenda. Membership of the committee includes Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Argyll Voluntary Action, Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service, Procurator Fiscal Service, the Public Guardian's Office, the Care Inspectorate and the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.
- 3.2 As detailed within the report, a number of pieces of work have taken place in the last 2 years to build on the work done by the APC since the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 was introduced including;
- the updating of the Governance Framework for the APC to include the wider public protection agenda
 - the development of a comprehensive, free, multi-agency training programme covering all mainland areas of Argyll and Bute plus four of the larger islands
 - the development of new publicity materials and their launch to raise awareness of adult support and protection; and
 - the development of a pro-active quality assurance framework for care homes.

- 3.3 The report also notes the challenges which continue to face the group which include:
- service user feedback is inadequate and needs to be re-considered
 - the baseline for public awareness is low and more needs to be done to make the public aware of this area of work
 - the management data appears to demonstrate that harm is most common amongst the elderly; and
 - the introduction of self-directed support and the potential for care and support to be provided by informally recruited and poorly trained and monitored staff has raised concerns that incidents of harm may go undetected and unreported.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Biennial Report of the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee covers all aspects of adult support and protection activity between April 2012 and March 2014, it outlines the key developments that have taken place and highlights the key challenges facing the committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – None.
- 5.2 Financial – None.
- 5.3 Legal – None.
- 5.4 HR – None.
- 5.5 Equalities – None.
- 5.6 Risk – None.
- 5.7 Customer Service – None.

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