

Public Protection Report

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Care Inspectorate has reported to the Scottish Government Ministers on the effectiveness of child protection and adult protection arrangements across Scotland. Adult and Child protection committees submitted a position statement and supporting evidence. The Care Inspectorate also analysed inspections and data information to produce a statement position for Argyll and Bute. The report is a positive reflection of the public protection services in Argyll and Bute.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Note content of report.
- 2.2 Agree report to be distributed through Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee structures.
- 2.3 Note the report has been considered by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee at its meeting of 19th August 2014.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Care Inspectorate were asked to report to Scottish Ministers on the effectiveness of child and adult protection arrangements across Scotland. The report was developed by;
- reviewing a position statement from Argyll and Bute
 - Inspection activity
 - A review of relevant local and national data
 - A meeting with senior managers

The report outlines governance arrangements and partnership structures in Argyll and Bute. It highlights a positive joint inspection of the children service in 2013 and actions to be taken forward. It recognises that Argyll and Bute have a strong partnership working and

is committed across all services to evaluate and learn. The report compares Argyll and Bute data with national trends and highlights areas for further consideration. There are key strengths and risks identified; however, no significant concerns were noted by the Care inspectorate – see appendix 1.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 A positive report on public protection arrangements in Argyll and Bute has been produced by the Care Inspectorate. There are key strengths and challenges within the report. The Care Inspectorate is satisfied that appropriate action and governance is in place to address any issues highlighted within the report.
- 4.2 The report needs to be distributed through the Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee and placed on the public website to advise staff and the public.

5 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: In line with Council policy in relation to public protection.
- 5.2 Financial: None
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities None
- 5.6 Risk: There are significant reputational and operational risks for the Council if public protection procedures are not effective.
- 5.7 Customer Service: The report provides assurance regarding the effectiveness of public protection procedures in Argyll and Bute.

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ATTACHMENTS

[Appendix 1 – Public Protection Report)