

WORKING GROUP: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Contextual Safeguarding Group



SCOPE OF THE STRATEGY GROUP

The Child Protection Committee's Contextual Safeguarding Group is tasked to develop and implement of a comprehensive Contextual Safeguarding approach, to address Extra Familial Harm, within the Fife Partnership.

Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to address extra-familial risk and harm (EFRH) that traditional child protection processes were unable to effectively respond to. This approach aims to focus on the contexts in which harm is occurring, with the goal of making these spaces safer for both individual children and the wider population.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP

1. **Programme Delivery and Accountability:** On behalf of the Child Protection Committee, lead the development and implementation of principles, processes, and practices to deliver a comprehensive Contextual Safeguarding approach, which is cognisant of the breadth of interdependencies with Child Protection and Care and Risk Management Processes.
2. **Strategic Development and Compliance:** Lead the development and delivery of a Contextual Safeguarding Framework for the Fife Partnership. This will include development, delivery and/or strategic alignment of policy, procedure, and guidance within the wider extra familial harm arena.
3. **Training and Professional Development:** In collaboration with the Learning and Practise Development Group, coordinate with and where required commission the development and delivery of training across the partnership relevant to extra familial harm.

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS/SERVICE REPRESENTATION:

TITLE & SERVICE
Detective Inspector, Police Scotland (CHAIR)
Lead Officer for the Child Protection Committee
Senior Manager, Children's Services, NHS Fife
Team Manager, Children and Families Social Work
Senior Manager, Child Psychology, NHS Fife
Education Development Officer, Education and Children's Services Directorate
Detective Chief Inspector, PPU, Police Scotland
Locality Reporter Manager, SCRA
Depute Principal Psychologist, Educational Psychology
Third Sector Representative, Fife

EXPECTATIONS OF GROUP MEMBERS:

Members are expected to:

- **Commitment to Attendance:** Members should demonstrate a strong commitment to consistently attend meetings.

- **Deputy Arrangement:** In cases of unavoidable absence, members are expected to arrange for named deputies to attend in their place.
- **Meeting Preparation:** Prior to meetings, members must adequately prepare to ensure meaningful participation.
- **Engagement and Accountability:** Members should actively engage in discussions, ready to question and challenge both each other and the services, fostering a culture of professional accountability and reflective feedback.
- **Unique Service Perspective:** Each member is responsible for bringing their distinct service perspective, purpose, and responsibilities to the group, enriching discussions with diverse viewpoints.
- **Information Sharing:** It is incumbent upon members to disseminate relevant information about the subgroup's activities and discussions across their respective agencies and ensure that they have their agencies perspective and full agreement prior to agreeing within the group.
- **Dual Accountability:** Members must uphold accountability both to the group and to their individual service, ensuring alignment and coherence between group objectives and service goals.

MEETINGS:

Meeting frequency will be agreed by the Group.

REPORTS TO:

Fife Child Protection Committee.

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