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**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON A&B MULTI-AGENCY CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES**

Following the publication of the revised National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021, all Child Protection Committees in Scotland are required to have implemented this by the end of 2023.

Moira McKinnon, chair of Argyll & Bute CPC has led a multi-agency working group to review our local child protection processes, guidance, and protocols in the light of the revised national guidance. The outcome of this review is to create our own local child protection procedures to align with the updates and changes in the national guidance. The new A&B child protection procedures will be launched later this year.

This is a significant development and important for you to know as this is where you will access all Argyll & Bute procedures and related documentation relating to child protection in the future. In the meantime, please continue to use the West of Scotland Child Protection Procedures until otherwise informed.

A&B Child Protection Committee is currently running small multi-agency focus groups to test out the draft procedures. Feedback from these groups will inform final amendments and the roll out of a training programme prior to launch.

Please look out for further updates on the CPC staff message board: [Child Protection Committee Notice Board (argyll-bute.gov.uk)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/child-protection-committee-notice-board)



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