
**Title: 3rd sector representation on the Argyll and Bute
Adult Protection Committee**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report identifies the need for 3rd sector representation on the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** This report recommends that the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Social Affairs Thematic Group takes to its membership the request for 3rd sector representation on the Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee (Argyll and Bute APC).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Scottish Government passed the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act in March 2007. This Act brings into law a range of duties to statutory bodies to inquire into and take action to offer support and/or protection to 'adults at risk of harm'.
- 3.2** The Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee came into existence in June 2008 and in its initial phase undertook communications with the Scottish Government to access funding to develop the work to protect adults who are at risk of harm. This resulted in the appointment of one worker in each of the areas of Argyll and Bute to allow for the statutory follow up of reports of adults who may be at risk. The AP Committee also appointed a manager to oversee the development of adult protection work and an administrative officer to collate and maintain records relating to reports of adults at risk'.
- 3.3** Since then the committee has been developing mechanisms to address its statutory functions these being:- Reviewing procedures and practice / offering advice and information to public bodies / arranging training for staff in all sectors and working towards improving co-operation between public bodies.
- 3.4** The Committee had made direct contact with care organisations to seek representation on the committee from the third sector however the committee recognises the importance of doing so through a more structured framework such as is provided by the CPP. The APC has arranged for regular attendance of the LAAS advocacy service who have a defined role under the ASP Act.
- 3.5** The APC meets on a quarterly basis and is seeking representation

from the 3rd sector to contribute to the development of adult protection practice in Argyll and Bute. It would be expected that this representative would give appropriate feedback on the development of this work to the CPP and its constituent organisations. And also feed into the development of the adult protection framework from the perspective of 3rd sector organisations.

- 3.6** It may be of advantage for the representative to have experience in working in the care sector and/or knowledge of work carried out to support adults at risk.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The APC would welcome the contribution from the 3rd sector to its work and awaits the CPP response to this request with interest.

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