

Child Protection Committee Newsletter

Welcome to Shetland CPC Newsletter. This will be sent out quarterly with this first newsletter going out week beginning 14th October 2014. The aim is to share 4 or 5 good websites, recent reports, research and Scottish Government documents that we think will be relevant to your practice. If there are any specific topics or issues you would like us to cover please let the Lead Officer know kate.gabb@shetland.gov.uk

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CPC recently sought views about the work of CPC in Shetland through a survey monkey. Feedback showed that people were not clear about the role of CPC and did not feel supported by CPC. So we thought it would be helpful in this first newsletter to share some information.

All Local Authority areas in Scotland have a Child Protection Committee made up of representatives from different agencies – Police, NHS, Third Sector and local authority departments – housing, social work and schools services.

CPC Functions are to:-

- Ensure there are good policies and procedures that support practice
- Self –evaluate and quality assure CP practice
- Promote good practice
- Provide training and staff development
- Provide public information and improving the awareness of child protection
- Link with other planning partnerships (for example Shetland Alcohol and Drug Partnership) to share information and work together.

Shetland CPC is currently chaired by Helen Budge, Director of Children’s Services and the vice chair is Dr Sarah Taylor of NHS Shetland.

To be really effective CPC needs to be well connected to child protection practice and ensure that all staff in all agencies have access to training, professional support and supervision in order to support staff to protect children in Shetland. The agency that you work for will have a representative on CPC who should be able to keep you up to date and share information with you.

If you have any suggestions about how CPC can support your work or you have any queries please contact kate.gabb@shetland.gov.uk

Documents

<http://www.safershetland.com/assets/files/child-protection-procedures-june2012.pdf>

Websites

<http://www.safershetland.com/>

Articles

[Action on Neglect](#)

[Behaviour as communication: understanding the needs of neglected and abused adolescents](#)

[Quick Guide to Accidental and Non Accidental Injuries in Children \(2014 \)](#)

