

# East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee Roles, Responsibilities & Membership



## What is a Child Protection Committee?

All agencies, professional bodies and services that deliver adult and/ or child services and work with children and their families have a responsibility to recognise and actively consider potential risk to a child, irrespective of whether the child is the focus of their involvement. Child Protection Committees have the overall strategic role for the continuous improvement of child protection policy and practice in their local areas.

There are 31 child protection committees across Scotland and they consist of representatives from a range of backgrounds including the police, health services, local authorities, children services and community planning structures and relevant voluntary sector groups amongst others. They were first established in each local authority area across Scotland in 1991 and have strengthened considerably over time.

## East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee (ERCPC)

Child Protection Committees are locally based, inter-agency strategic partnerships responsible for the design, development, publication, distribution, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of child protection policy and practice across the public, private and wider third sectors in their locality and in partnership across Scotland. Their role, through their respective local structures and memberships, is to provide individual and collective leadership and direction for the management of child protection services in East Renfrewshire.

## Self Evaluation - ERCPC

We have a key role to play in the continuous improvement of child protection policy and practice. Individual and collective Self Evaluation is central to our work. A number of functions relate directly to this key role. They also design, develop, publish, distribute, disseminate, implement and regularly review and evaluate clear and robust inter-agency child protection policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines and:

- encourage constituent services and agencies in East Renfrewshire to have in place their own up-to-date child protection policies, procedures, protocols, guidelines and other relevant materials;
- ensure that child protection policies, procedures, protocols, guidance and learning & development opportunities are developed around existing and emerging key issues, where there is agreement that this is required; and
- regularly publish and review our own inter-agency child protection guidelines which must reflect national and local policy developments, including GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child); and the arrangements for the management of Child Protection Activity.
- Ensure self-evaluation and improvement planning is a central component of all ERCPC activity.

### Current Membership

### Child Protection Committee Membership List 2016

Kate Rocks	Chief Social Work Officer, Head of Children's Services & Criminal Justice, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and Chair of ERCPC
Janice Collins	Acting Head of Service, Education, East Renfrewshire Council (Vice Chair of ERCPC)
Les Gaff	Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Laura Thomson	Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland
Charlie Johnston	Quality Improvement Officer, Education Services, East Renfrewshire Council
VACANT	Lead Officer Child Protection, East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee (HSCP)
Tom Bowman	Procurator Fiscal, Crown Office & Fiscal Service
Julie Paterson	Locality Reporter Manager, Scottish Children's Reporters Administration (SCRA)
Julie Murray	Chief Officer, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Ronnie Kirk	Service Manager, Children & Families, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership

Cindy Wallis	Mental Health Service Manager, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Nick Smiley	Senior Psychologist, East Renfrewshire Council
Phyllis Orenes	Child Protection Advisor, NHSGGC
Phil Daws	Head of Environment Housing & Property Services, East Renfrewshire Council
Kirsty Gilbert	Service Manager, Children and Families, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Gerry Mahon	Chief Officer, Legal & Procurement, East Renfrewshire Council
Moira McFadden	Business Support Manager, East Renfrewshire Culture & Leisure Limited
Ken McKinlay	Area Convener, East Renfrewshire AST
Val Tierney	Senior Nurse Children & Families, HSCP
Jim Sneddon	Head of Democratic and Partnership Services, East Renfrewshire Council
Catherine Moyes	Senior Business Support Assistant, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership

For further information on the function of the **East Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee** please contact the ERCPC Chair on 0141 451 0755

You can also view the **ERCPC Constitution** with more detail [HERE](#)

Thank you

