



Renfrewshire Council

To: Leadership Board

On: 19 February 2020

Report by: Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership

**Heading: Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection in the
Renfrewshire Partnership Area**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Leadership Board that on 07 January 2020, the Care Inspectorate, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland formally notified Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Renfrewshire Council that they will undertake a joint inspection of adult support and protection arrangements in Renfrewshire partnership area commencing on Monday 16 March 2020.
- 1.2 The inspection is part of a planned national programme of inspection and follows on from an initial pilot of a new approach to adult support and protection inspections previously piloted with 6 other local authorities. All local authority areas will be subject to an inspection on these arrangements over the next 2 years period.
- 1.3 This report outlines the preparation underway and the key dates for the joint inspection.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members:
 - Note the information relating to the forthcoming Joint Inspection of adult support and protection in Renfrewshire;
 - Note that a Core Steering Group is now in place which will oversee the preparation for inspection; and

- Agree that the Inspection Report and Improvement Plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Leadership Board

3. Background

3.1 On 7 January 2020, the Care Inspectorate, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and Healthcare Improvement Scotland formally wrote to Renfrewshire HSCP and Renfrewshire Council to inform them that under section 115 of part 8 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 that they will undertake a joint inspection of adult support and protection arrangements in Renfrewshire partnership area commencing on Monday 16 March 2020.

3.2 The inspection is being undertaken at the request of Scottish Ministers and is part of a programme of scrutiny and assurance activity which will take place over 2020 and 2021 in all the partnership areas in Scotland, except the six partnership areas which were included in the first independent scrutiny of adult support and protection practice in 2017.

3.3 The scrutiny is programmed around the 13 Police Scotland Divisional areas and their associated concern hubs and therefore an inspection in the Inverclyde partnership area will be undertaken concurrently.

3.4 The focus of the joint inspection will be to provide:

- Independent scrutiny and assurance of how partnerships ensure that adults at risk of harm are kept safe, protected, and supported.
- Assurance to Scottish Ministers about how effectively partnerships have implemented the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.
- An opportunity to identify good practice and support improvement more broadly across Scotland.

3.5 The inspection will focus on the two key areas:

1. Key adult support and protection processes.
2. Leadership for adult support and protection.

3.6 The Chief Officer has established a Core Steering Group which will oversee the preparation for inspection. The group consists of relevant senior officers from across the HSCP and the Council and is meeting on a weekly basis.

3.7 Key elements of the inspection methodology include the submission of key documents, a staff survey and case file reading. These will be undertaken during February and March 2020, with the report likely to be published prior to the summer recess.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial - none.**
2. **HR & Organisational Development - none**
3. **Community/Council Planning – none**
4. **Legal – none.**
5. **Property/Assets – none**
6. **Information Technology – none**
7. **Equality & Human Rights**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety – none**
9. **Procurement – none**
10. **Risk – none**
11. **Privacy Impact – none**
12. **Cosla Policy Position – none.**
13. **Climate Risk – no risk, however a cross party working group has been established to tackle the climate emergency declaration**

List of Background Papers

None

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