



Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Area Support Team

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 18 August 2020	14:00	Teams Meeting,

PRESENT

E Anderson, Derek Brama; Annemarie Currie; Edi Hanley; Jennifer Hay; Alex MacDonald; H McCulloch; Jim Melrose; A Morrison; M Robinson; Councillor John Shaw and Angela Stevenson.

CHAIR

D Brama, Area Convener, presided.

ALSO PRESENT

A Cramb, Area Support and Improvement Partner (Children's Hearings Scotland), and N Harkness, Local Area Reporter.

IN ATTENDANCE

M McCargo, (Children's Services) and C Macdonald and P Shiach, (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

A Macdonald and Alan Thompson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated by members prior to the meeting.

MYRA SPEIRS

The Area Convener advised the Committee of the sad passing of former Depute Area Convener and CPAC Member Myra Speirs in July. He expressed his condolences to the family of Mrs Speirs.

HANNAH MCCULLOCH

The Area Convener welcomed Hannah McCulloch, a recently appointed PPA, who was attending the first meeting of the Area Support Team since her appointment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

To facilitate the conduct of the meeting the Area Convener proposed that item 12 of the agenda, Locality Reporter Manager Update be considered prior to item 4 of the agenda, Return to Face-to-Face Hearings, and item 3 of the agenda, Going Liver Strategy after item 9 of the agenda, PPA Involvement.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Area Convener indicated that there were four additional items which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Area Convener, being of the opinion that the items which were dealt with at items 11 to 14 were competent and relevant, authorised their consideration.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2 MATTERS ARISING

(a) East Renfrewshire AST

The Area Convener advised that East Renfrewshire Area Support Team had appointed an Area Convener, Richard Reynolds. He thanked J Melrose for his role in acting as temporary Area Convener until the appointment had been made.

(b) Panel Member Recognition Event

The Area Convener advised that some Area Support Teams were considering the possibility of holding virtual Panel Member Recognition events. He was of the opinion that it would be preferable to defer the recognition event until face to face events were possible. In response to a question from A Stevenson, the Area Convener undertook to advise Panel Members that the event had been deferred.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

3 LOCALITY REPORTER UPDATE

4 RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE HEARINGS

5 **VIRTUAL HEARINGS**

6 **HEARINGS CAPACITY AND RESILIENCE**

7 **ROTA ARRANGEMENTS**

8 **LAW SOCIETY DETERMINATION**

9 **PPA INVOLVEMENT**

10 **GOING LIVE STRATEGY**

11 **RESPONSE TO WELLBEING SERVICE**

The Area Support and Improvement Partner advised that the Wellbeing Service well received and all details were available on Teams. The service was available to Panel Members and AST members and was confidential and free of charge.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

12 **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Area Convener indicated that it was intended to resume meetings of the Learning and Development Sub-group in September.

The Locality Reporter Manager indicated that SCRA could participate to provide relevant updates.

In response to a question from the Area Support and Improvement Partner, the M McCargo agreed to provide an update to the Sub-group in the impact of Covid-19 on Renfrewshire

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

13 **CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON INVOLVEMENT**

The Area Convener referred to the involvement of young people in the Panel Member recruitment process and sought the opinion of Members on having a young person involved in AST meetings.

The Area Support and Improvement Partner indicated that she was unsure if the CHS Children's Rights and Inclusion Strategy would be in place by the time of the next AST Meeting but would more likely be in place prior to the October meeting of the AST.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

14 **NORTH STRATHCLYDE HUB**

The Area Convener advised that the next meeting of the North Strathclyde Hub was scheduled to take place on 7 September 2020 and requested that any concerns members had should be passed to him for inclusion on the agenda.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

15 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**