

HEARINGS MANAGMENT SUB-GROUP

RENFREWSHIRE AREA SUPPORT TEAM

19 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 14:00 AT SCRA OFFICE, GLEN LANE, PAISLEY

MEMBERSHIP:

EDI HANLEY (CHAIR); EILEEN ANDERSON (ROTA MANAGER); MARION ROBINSON (ROTA MANAGER); ANGELA STEVENSON (PANEL REP); JIM MELROSE (DEPUTE AREA CONVENER); ANGELA MITCHELL (SCRA) LESLEY KING/NICOLA HARKNESS (SCRA).

APOLOGIES

N/A

PRESENT

Edi Hanley; Eileen Anderson; Angela Stevenson; Marion Robinson; Jim Melrose; Lesley King; Angela Cramb

1. RESIGNATIONS

One female Panel Member has resigned since the last meeting.

2. SABBATICAL

Three Panel Members have been granted a sabbatical.

3. HEARING STATS - 16 October - 19 November

(a) Deferred Cases – Total 21

1	SW request for further investigation
2	No IAF reports received
2	IAR reports not current
1	Lack of information to make decision
2	One no education representative in attendance and necessary for discussion/decision & one education report provided did not contain sufficient information
1	No legal rep available
12	No RP's in attendance – variety of reasons; Family moved; RP on remand; RP on holiday; Children not in attendance or excused; Failed to Arrive

There was discussion around SCRA statistics for deferred cases nationally – v – locally and how Renfrewshire compare. Leslie King has subsequently provided details to Paul Shiach which will be included in minutes for discussion at full AST.

(b) Cancelled Cases/Sessions – Total 4

1 case	Mum ill
2 sessions	Better Hearings Event – Town Hall Johnstone
1 session	Reporter Training

(c) SECURE HEARINGS - Panel Members supplied in total – 6

2	Good Shepherd for Orkney
1	Good Shepherd for East Lothian
1	Good Shepherd for East Renfrewshire
2	Kibble for Edinburgh

(d) EXTRA CASES/HEARING SESSIONS

One CPO/ two WD

(e) SWAPS

10 Full Session Swaps and two single case swaps for conflict of interests.

(f) CONTINUITY

No PM agreed for continuity. There was a brief discussion around continuity, PM's don't object to continuity but only want to do the case being continued, not a full swap of all cases, this may cause unnecessary work for systems/SCRA having to create additional session and ideally PM's will need to swap full sessions. Further discussion required. AS had recently spoken to Derek Brama about the continuity process and DB was issuing e-mail to all PM's around process & when appropriate to use. **ACTION AS/DB**

4 PASTORAL CARE

None required

5 PANEL MEMBER STRENGTH

PM strength is currently 80 members, with 55 Females and 25 Males.

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6 NEW PANEL MEMBERSHIP

One new PM has resigned prior to training due to a conflict of Interest, there remain 15 new PM's to complete training.

7 BETTER HEARINGS EVENT

Positive Feedback from panel members.

8 DIGITAL TRAINING & NEW SYSTEMS

Marion provided a verbal update on her recent Digital Rota Training event, there is a need to ensure that PM's complete modules in Learning Academy, Marion will type up her own notes and distribute for further discussion – **ACTION MR**

Jim raised that he and the L & D group have serious reservations about the implementation timescales for the new digital roll out with email addresses & introduction of new Microsoft TEAMS due to go live in January 2020. JM has suggested a digital Implementation Group to drive forward channels within TEAMS. AC & AS attending Digital Champions Briefing on 22 November and further discussion will take place following this.

9 CHAIR TRAINING/CHAIR ROTA

Of those PM's spoken to about rotational chairs, all seem OK with it, and no negative feedback to date. Further discussion at AST meeting to determine implementation date and roll out. E-mail will need to be issued to notify of new process & dates once decided. **ACTION MR/DB**

JM proposed that PPA's to take up the mantle and drive forward the invitation to MOH training by pre-empting the e-mail from Learning Academy to attend and PPA's to speak to identified PM's to ascertain confidence level/provide support to attend.

10 LEGAL REPS & FORMAL DECISION MAKING

Clarification required if e-mail has been sent to Panel Members advising on process for Legal Reps who request a delay to start of hearing sessions in order to consult with their clients. Are we adopting the process that hearing will commence, and panel will make decision on deferral of start of hearing once circumstances are determined on reason/request for deferral and decision will be recorded in the record of proceedings? **ACTION DB/AS**

11 GENERAL

Three Panel Members to participate in video for Social Work training – Identified by EH Learning Academy looking for volunteers for role play for new PM's, only two names submitted so far.

EH raised the idea of a collection station/box for panel room where any panel members, who wish to participate, could drop off agreed items/vouchers/gifts for families and children which could then be distributed at Easter/Christmas to Social Work/Who Cares/Local Foodbanks or other suitable organisations. Conversations required with representatives from organisations to

ascertain if they are able to make use of same and thereby agree process and responsibilities.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 2pm at Glen Lane, Paisley