



Renfrewshire
Area Support Team

Learning & Development Group Meeting

1 May 2023

MINUTES

In attendance: Derek Bramma, Ciara McLean, Jacqueline Torrens, Alex MacDonald, Jacqueline Doherty.

Apologies: Pam Wilson, Ewan McNaught

1. Pre-Service update

- Advocacy evening

Donald Walker and Caroline Breen presenting on the 9th May.

Plan to cover role of PPA that evening as well.

- Kibble Visits

Dates to be confirmed but provisionally told that we should be able to start these visits in May.

Once these go ahead there will be a reserve list to ensure this opportunity is maximised.

- IG training

All new PMs have recently been asked to complete this training – this was omitted from pre-service training. Majority have completed this.

2. In-Service Update

- Area Plan training elements

Supporting PMs to complete PDA is a national priority.

Much of this plan is already part of the AST ongoing work and will continue to support this as appropriate.

In view of imminent Mackie review all present happy with Area Plan training elements.

Question asked about our representation at Child Protection Committee – Jim Melrose attends these meetings.

LDCs will continue to attend Learning and Development forum meetings.

Discussion around the Mackie Report and The Promise and whether the LD group will organise an awareness session once Mackie report published – it is anticipated that CHS will lead on this.

- Training calendar for 23/24

Neo-natal training in September or October – awaiting confirmation of date.

Presentation by RAMH

Social work presentation on family time

Who Cares presentation in October

Suggestion that we have a session on mental well being for PMs, e.g. meditation
Inclusivity training will also need to be covered.

Discussion around putting these events onto CSAS which may assist with sederunt and claiming of expenses.

- MOH/EP

The AST will continue to support and encourage PMs to complete this training. Alex will continue to monitor completion and share with group.

One PM has completed training but has a medical exemption from chairing duties.

Discussion around PMs who are competent side PMs but may become anxious whilst chairing which impacts on their performance.

- TIP

No recent update on completion.

Discussion around the quality of this training and confusing way it is worded.

3. AOCB

Representatives from Who Cares Advocacy service and care experienced young people have been invited to the panel recognition evening.

Should we promote recent CELCIS training or arrange a future session. JT will circulate this with group, further to which a decision will be made.

4. Date of next meeting - To Be Advised