

PUBLIC PROTECTION NEWSLETTER

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ADVOCACY

East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and advocacy partners have published a delivery plan for advocacy services in the area. The plan highlights what advocacy services are available locally. Please get in contact if you would like to see it. One of our local advocacy providers who was involved in producing the delivery plan, Ceartas Advocacy, offers some information on what their service can provide.



CEARTAS ADVOCACY IN EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Ceartas provides Independent Advocacy to adults living within East Dunbartonshire. It works with individuals and groups with specific support needs such as Acquired Brain Injury, Addictions, Autism Spectrum, Additional Communication Needs, Dementia, Learning Disability, Mental Health, Older People, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment.

Some of the most common areas of work undertaken are Detentions and Tribunals under The Mental Health Act, Guardianships and Adults with Incapacity, Power of Attorney, Investigations and Case Conferences under The Adult Support and Protection Act and supporting parents through Children's Hearings and Children's Panels. However, Ceartas also works with individuals who are not subject to legislation and utilises a 'routes into advocacy' approach through peer support groups, aiming to increase access to the service. Independent Advocacy plays a fundamental role in supporting individuals from often marginalised

groups to make informed choices, ensuring their rights are upheld and their voices are heard. Independent Advocacy Workers will not make decisions on an Advocacy Partner's behalf; they work without bias and have no agenda. Although an Advocacy Worker's role requires an empathetic and supportive approach, their remit is not to provide specific emotional support or therapeutic interventions. The role of the Advocacy Worker is to ensure their Advocacy Partners are informed of their rights, and to make sure that their views and choices are communicated and respected throughout decision-making processes.

Self-Referrals and Agency Referrals are accepted, and can be made by phoning the duty team on 0141 775 0433, emailing info@ceartas.org.uk or directly through the webpage - www.ceartas.org.uk



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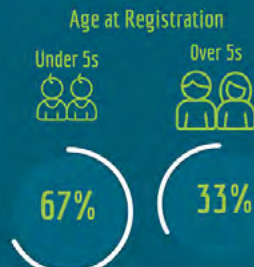
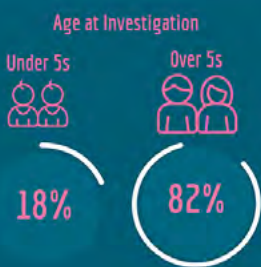
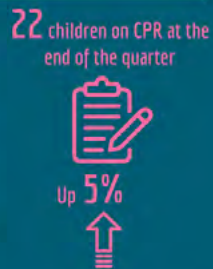
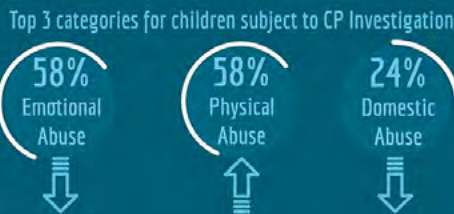
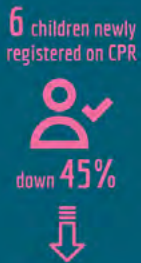
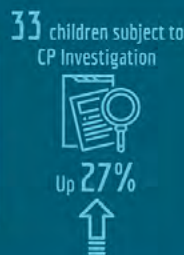
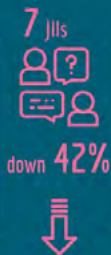
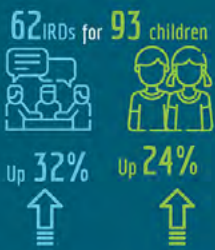
CHILD PROTECTION INFOGRAPHIC

The Management of Information and Self-evaluation subgroup has been working on an easy-read version of the children protection statistics which are reported on every three months. Following consultation with health and social work staff we have produced this infographic.

Please let us know what you think.

Email CPC@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or ASP@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Child Protection Activity - Quarter 4 2023/24 (May-Jul)



TRAINING CANCELLATIONS

The training season is up and running with lots of interesting and informative sessions taking place. As you know we are trialling Eventbrite this year and it seems to be going well. We would appreciate any feedback on this. Over the last two years we have had a high number of cancellations and no-shows and this was highlighted to the Child Protection Committee in August 2024. It has been agreed that we will provide regular updates to services managers on attendance, cancellations and no-shows. We would ask that training is prioritised and if you do have to cancel, please provide as much notice as possible.



NATIONAL WELLBEING HUB

Those who work within public protection, no matter the role, can find themselves feeling stressed and overwhelmed, particularly trying to manage the balance of work and home life.

We hope you find some of these resources helpful:

<https://wellbeinghub.scot>



The National Wellbeing Hub was established in 2020 to help support the wellbeing of everyone working in Health and Social Care in Scotland. The Hub was founded to support the wellbeing of everyone working in Health, Social Care and Social Work across Scotland.

This includes those working in the NHS, health and social care partnerships, the third sector, the independent sector and unpaid carers. If you would like to speak to someone confidentially about your mental wellbeing, please phone the National Wellbeing Helpline on 0800 111 4191.



CONTACT

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter. If you would like to find out more about anything you have read or would like to contribute to future editions please contact CPC@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or ASP@eastdunbarton.gov.uk