

EAST AYRSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MULTI-AGENCY BRIEFING NOTE - JUNE 2021

NO: 14

**TOPIC: AYRSHIRE HOARDING GUIDANCE: SUPPORTING PEOPLE
AFFECTED BY HOARDING DISORDER**

The issue of Hoarding Disorder has been discussed at several levels across Ayrshire in recent years. It is apparent that it is an area of interest for many staff, although to date there has been very limited opportunities for training or to access local guidance in relation to this complex issue, which affects individuals, staff and communities.

An Ayrshire-wide Short Life Working Group (SLWG) was set up to look at this issue from an Ayrshire perspective. A wide range of agencies were involved in looking at what resources might be helpful in Ayrshire and a staff survey went out across Ayrshire, which attracted over 700 responses. From the survey, the SLWG noted that staff were requesting Guidance and Training in relation to supporting those with Hoarding Disorder. To that end, please see our [Ayrshire Hoarding Guidance Document](#), which we hope you will find helpful. The Guide is designed to support staff or volunteers engaged in supporting those with Hoarding Disorder across Ayrshire. In addition, there is currently training being piloted in North Ayrshire (see Guidance for more information) which will support the Guidance and vice versa and will in future be additionally provided in both South and East Ayrshire.

The training for East Ayrshire is currently being finalised and the course and dates will be included in the P&L Training Calendar in due course.

The SLWG will be meeting again in September of this year, to review the Guidance and to discuss any comments/suggestions etc. that arose from those utilising the Guidance or from delegates who have attended the training.

If you do have any issues or comments in relation to the Guidance or the associated training please send **these to Julie Mitchell - Senior Officer ASP in North Ayrshire at: juliemitchell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk** Many thanks, on behalf of the Adult Protection Committees in North, South and East Ayrshire.