

EAST AYRSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MULTI-AGENCY BRIEFING NOTE – JULY 2023

NO: 17

TOPIC: POLICE SCOTLAND NOTIFICATION OF AN ACTIVE ADULT AT RISK

As part of a reflective discussion between the Service Manager Localities and the Ayrshire Risk and concern hub in respect of an adult at risk situation, a gap in communication and information sharing between the Police Storm Systems and Social Services has been identified. This relates to a situation where there was an Adult At Risk in the community that was not highlighted to Police or recorded on Storm Systems, and where they had been called to a property due to concerns that had been raised.

It was identified that the risk assessment and response to the situation could have been improved if Police Constables attending the property had been fully aware of the level of vulnerability of the adults who resided within the property. It was recognised that if there had been a marker on the address stating the adult has currently met the criteria of an adult at risk and awaiting an ASP Case Conference that Police attending would have made contact with Social Work Out Of Hours Service to allow a joint decision to be made about the level of risk and therefore any necessary intervention to safeguard the adult.

The gap in the process is clear that from the period the adult has been identified as meeting the 3 point test that prior to the ASP case conference taking place that the police albeit are invited to the ASP case conference (something that Detective Inspector Spence is looking to improve i.e. police attendance at ASP meetings) do not put a marker on the storm system.

As such a joint protocol has been agreed and approved by the HSCP Senior Management Team that for all individuals who meet the legal criteria (3 point criteria) on completion of the ASP Investigation and after it has been signed off by Service Manager, (confirming that the adult is deemed to be an Active Adult at Risk) the Social Worker/Council Officer will email:

Ayrshire Adult at Risk AyrshireARC@scotland.police.uk & EACProtectionAdmin EACProtectionAdmin@east-ayrshire.gov.uk with the following information and agreed further actions:

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- Name & Address of Adult Notification relates to and LL Number
- Confirming the Adult is an Active Adult at Risk
- Provide the date of the ASP Case Conference
- Request a marker with the Active Adult at Risk Status is recorded against the address on the Police Storm system
- Police follow process agreed to record a marker and by return of email to social services confirm this has been put in place
- Following the Case Conference the Social Worker/Council Officer will confirm and email Police Scotland as to whether the adult remains an active adult at risk or that the address can be removed from Storm system

The notification and/or request to remove as an Active Adult at Risk will be recorded on Liquidlogic by the Social Worker/Council Officer. The Police Marker will not remain on the system once an adult at that address is no longer deemed to meet the criteria of an active adult at risk of harm.

For further information or if you have any queries please contact Joanne Stevenson, Team Manager, Locality Services (01290 427756 mobile: 07747622896 email Joanne.Stevenson2@east-ayrshire.gov.uk)