



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

PRACTITIONER BRIEFING NOTE

NO 37

TOPIC: Clinical Pathway for Children (Under 16) presenting at the Emergency Departments (University Hospitals Ayr & Crosshouse)

BRIEFING: Following on from the findings of a recent Initial Case Review, the need for Emergency Department (ED) staff to be more aware of the processes and procedures to be adopted when young people present with issues of attempted suicide and self-harm was identified. There is recognition of the importance of information flowing appropriately between services and that relevant supports are put in place promptly to safeguard the welling of young people.

A young person's pathway (see link below) has been drawn up for those children and young persons attending ED with regards to mental health concerns. The aim of the pathway is to ensure that all relevant services have a clear and robust pathway to follow, thus ensuring that each individual child receives the most appropriate care at any given time.

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/C/CP-Clinical-Pathway-for-Children-April-2021.pdf>

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please contact:-

Douglas Robertson, Child Protection Lead Officer, Tel: 01563 576935, Email: dougie.robertson@east-ayrshire.gov.uk or

Mairi Gribben, Service Manager, Pan Ayrshire Unscheduled Care Mental Health, Tel: 01563 826120/826459, Email: Mairi.Gribben@aapct.scot.nhs.uk