



SUMMARY

JOINT INSPECTION OF **ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION**

East Ayrshire Partnership July 2021



Findings from the recent joint inspection have now been published.

What was the inspection about?

The multi-agency inspection is one of the first in Scotland with the involvement of partners

Who were the partners?

- *Social care*
- *Police*
- *Health*
- *Independent sector*
- *Voluntary sector*



What was being inspected?

The work that all partners do together to keep adults at risk of harm safe, protected and supported.

Who were the inspectors?

- *Care Inspectorate*
- *Her Majesty's Inspectorate of the Constabulary in Scotland*
- *Health Improvement Scotland*

What did the inspection find?



People were safer as a result of partners working well together



A clear vision for adult support and protection work within our partnership



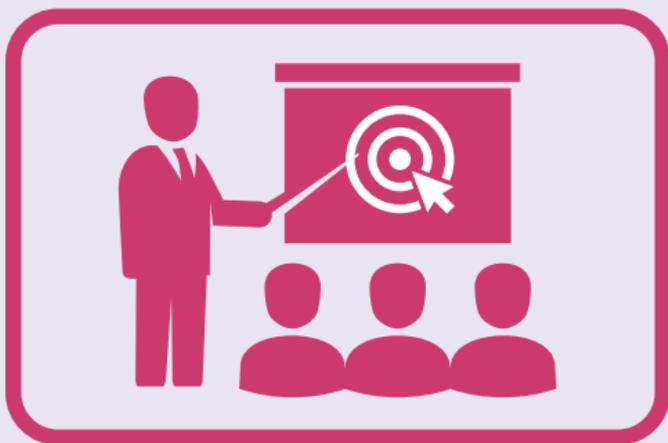
Staff have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities



Good early intervention work to prevent any adult protection issues from getting worse



Strong response to COVID-19 pandemic and excellent work carried out with the community



What improvements do we need to make?

- *Look at how our Social Work Adult Initial Concern Team work to ensure they can respond to increasing concerns*
- *Partners to make better use of timelines called chronologies in adult protection work to help improve understanding of risks for people*
- *Senior managers in our partnership to get better at ensuring all staff follow guidance for adult protection work*
- *Strengthen communication with staff across all the partners to support them to understand and follow our policies and procedures*
- *Review the framework we use for checking the quality of adult support and protection work*



What happens next?

- A joint improvement plan will be prepared which will set out how we can do things even better
- The East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee will monitor the plan to make sure progress is made

Where can I find the report?



The **East Ayrshire Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection report** is



available to download

Need more information about the local inspection?

Contact Dale Meller, Senior Manager - Protection & Learning by emailing  MAPS@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

There is more information available online under the **Joint inspection of Adult Support and Protection Frequently Asked Questions**

Need more information about adult support and protection or how to report harm?

Local information and resources can be found on the **East Ayrshire Council adult support & protection webpages**



For any advice or information on adult support and protection locally, contact Donna Sinforiani, Adult Protection Lead by emailing MAPS@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



Susan Maguire

Chair of the East Ayrshire Adult Protection Committee

"This report rightly recognises the partnership's commitment to keep adults safe from harm and it has confirmed our priorities for improvement going forward. The report also highlights the positive impact of early intervention in building and strengthening community resilience and recognises that this approach in East Ayrshire supports and protects adults."



Craig McArthur

Director of East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

"We have a long history of successful partnership working in East Ayrshire and it's very heartening to see the efforts of all partners being recognised for the role they play in keeping adults at risk of harm safe, protected and supported. We know our adult protection business and we know it well, but at the same time we know that improvements are always required. The findings from this inspection have provided a framework for us to take these forward in partnership."