



## EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### PRACTITIONER BRIEFING NOTE

#### NO 14

**TOPIC: MULTI-AGENCY PROTOCOL – NON-DISCLSURE OF INFORMATION**

**BRIEFING:** The above mentioned document provides multi-agency staff with information on the non-disclosure of information, including a person's location following changes in legislation brought about by the introduction of the Children's Hearing (Scotland) Act 2011.

It has been three years since the last iteration of this protocol. A number of changes to work practices, nomenclature and the introduction of a new Social Work computer system made it necessary for partners to review and this protocol (link below). All relevant partners have played a key role in updating the protocol, which now benefits from additional levels of detail regarding those procedures and processes to be used when dealing with non-disclosure issues, including breaches thereof.

Provisions within the abovementioned act and the associated Hearings Rules permit the withholding of information from individuals in certain circumstances, where there is a need to protect a child or other relevant person. The protocol provides useful information, flow charts and directions for partners faced with such circumstances.

Link: <http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/C/Non-Disclosure-Protocol-2020.pdf>

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