



RISK, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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Report Title	APC Annual Report 2020-21
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Consultation Checklist Completed	No
Appendices	Appendix A – APC Annual Report 2020-21

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to share the Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC) Annual Report for 2020-21, as published, with the Committee. The Annual Report can be found at Appendix A to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee:
- a) Note the information contained within this report.

3. Summary of Key Information

3.1. The independent Convener of Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee (APC), has a statutory duty to prepare a Biennial Report, the last of which was for 2018-20. At the meeting of the APC on 9 June 2021 it was decided that it would also be beneficial to produce an additional Annual Report, to enable oversight of activity on an annual basis, and provide an opportunity for highlighting achievements and good practice. The first such report, covering the year April 2020 to March 2021, is attached at Appendix A.



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- 3.2.** The APC is committed to facilitating and overseeing an inclusive, responsive and effective approach to the support and protection of adults at risk of harm. It includes representation from a range of professional backgrounds and organisations including Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and ACVO, the local third sector interface.
- 3.3.** The reporting period almost entirely coincides with the first year of the pandemic, and the report recognises this and draws out how partners in Aberdeen continued to prioritise the support and protection of vulnerable adults at risk of harm during this time, in very challenging circumstances for the staff involved.
- 3.4.** Key data continued to follow previous years' trends:
- Care Homes / Care at Home services were the highest referrers of Adult Support and Protection referrals (446 referrals (32%);
 - Financial and Physical Harm continued to be the most common harm types which resulted in an Investigation (29% and 20% respectively);
 - In most Investigations (65%), the principal harm had taken place in the individual's own home
- 3.5.** The report provides updates on work to progress the APC's Priorities, and sets out future priorities, which relate to:
- Stakeholder Engagement;
 - Performance & Quality Assurance; and
 - Learning and Development.
- 3.6.** The Annual Report has been endorsed by Adult Protection Committee (APC) and the Aberdeen Executive Group for Public Protection. It is also being submitted for noting to the IJB Clinical and Care Governance Committee and the Council's Public Protection Committee, and will be shared by members of the APC with their respective organisations.



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- 3.7 The Report has also been added to the [Aberdeen Protects website](#) and will be shared as part of social media communications aimed at raising awareness about the risk of harm to vulnerable adults, for National ASP Day on 20th February 2022.
- 3.8 The APC's Biennial Report for 2020-22 will be presented to the Committee at its meeting on 28th February 2023, following publication / submission to Scottish Government at end October 2022.

4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality** - There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
- 4.2. **Financial** - There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.3. **Workforce** - The Annual Report provides an overview of learning and development undertaken by staff across the partnership during the period.
- 4.4. **Legal** - There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1. *Use this space to summarise how your report links to the strategic priorities and objectives of the IJB, as outlined in the strategic plan. The strategic plan can be viewed on the website.*

6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risks(s)

There are no specific risks associated with this report.

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:



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This report links to the following risks on the Integration Joint Board (IJB) Strategic Risk Register (Nov 21):

Risk 5

Cause: Performance standards/outcomes are set by national and regulatory bodies and those locally-determined performance standards are set by the board itself.

Event: There is a risk that the IJB, and the services that it directs and has operational oversight of, fails to meet the national, regulatory and local standards.

Consequence: This may result in harm or risk of harm to people.

6.3. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:

Production of this report provides assurance of how standards are being met – the risks are therefore 'low'.