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**TO: CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**

**TITLE: DATA ANALYSIS REPORT**

1. **PURPOSE**

To inform the Child Protection Committee (CPC), in accordance with the Data Framework document (Appendix 1) , of the multi-agency analysis of data from the following sources:

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1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that

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1. **BACKGROUND**

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1. **NOTES ON THIS REPORT**

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1. **DATA ANALYSIS**

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| 1. What are the emerging trends or themes emerging from  * National data * Local and comparators data * Local single agency data |

**National data**

An increase of approximately 15% of Initial/Pre-birth CPCC's held.  
  
Over the past 5 years, there has been a significant decrease (57%) in the number of enquiries made to the CPR (656 to 281). Across the same period, there has been no noticeable variation in the number of enquiries in Aberdeenshire while in Moray there was a decrease of 72%.

**SCRA data**

The national report highlighted that for the year 2016/2017 there has been a noticeable increase in the numbers of children and young people subject to Child Protection Orders (CPOs) during the year. The data showed a rise from 595 to 687.

*Please provide any additional information required.*

**Local and comparators data**

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The data from local comparators features in the Child Protection Register (CPR) report prepared quarterly. The Registrations per 1000 population in Aberdeen City statistics traditionally accord in general terms with national statistics. Registrations per 1000 population in Aberdeenshire are generally consistent other than in relation to a low rate of registration at 1.4 - 1.7 per 1,000 children and fluctuating areas of concern. Registrations per 1000 population in Moray has a proportionately high level of registration at 3.5 - 4.5 per 1000 population.

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| Period | Jul-Sept 2017 | Oct-Dec 2017 | Jan-Mar 2018 |
| Registrations In Aberdeen City | 72.0 | 82.0 | 61.0 |
| Registrations per 1000 population in Aberdeen City | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 |
| Registrations In Aberdeenshire | 84.0 | 72.0 | 87.0 |
| Registrations per 1000 population in Aberdeenshire | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Registrations In Moray | 76.0 | 69.0 | 59.0 |
| Registrations per 1000 population in Moray | 4.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| per 1000 population in Nation | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Compared with last year for Aberdeen City | -46.0 | -37.0 | -45.5 |
| Compared with last year for Aberdeenshire | 33.0 | 31.0 | 30.0 |
| Compared with last year for Moray | 17.0 | -7.0 | -27.0 |
| Re-Registrations In Aberdeen City | 14.0 | 15.0 | 17.0 |
| Re-registrations as a % of registrations in Aberdeen City | 19.0 | 18.0 | 28.0 |
| Re-Registrations In Aberdeenshire | 15.0 | 6.0 | 13.0 |
| Re-registrations as a % of registrations in Aberdeenshire | 17.0 | 8.0 | 15.0 |
| Re-Registrations In Moray | 15.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| Re-registrations as a % of registrations in Moray | 20.0 | 19.0 | 22.0 |
| Longest gap between registrations of Aberdeen City | 84.0 | 84.0 | 76.0 |
| Shortest gap between registrations of Aberdeen City | 7.0 | 7.0 | 21.0 |

*Perhaps you would like to add something to the above.*

Data from the Child Protection Register indicates that the risk factors in Aberdeen City have remained largely the same over the last year, with the main areas of concern being Emotional Abuse, Parental Drug Misuse, Domestic Abuse, Neglect, and Parent mental health. Although there are some fluctuations, these predominant categories for registration remain the same.

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| Period | Jul-Sept 2017 | Oct-Dec 2017 | Jan-Mar 2018 |
| Emotional Abuse | 59 | 46 | 51 |
| Parental Drug Misuse | 26 | 24 | 23 |
| Domestic Abuse | 20 | 21 | 26 |
| Non-engaging Family | 5 | 5 | 12 |
| Neglect | 20 | 35 | 22 |
| Parent mental health | 24 | 23 | 15 |
| Parental alcohol use | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Sexual Abuse | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Physical Abuse | 11 | 21 | 8 |
| Other concern | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CSE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forced Labour | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Placing self at risk | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Child Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Perhaps you would like to expand on the content of the most serious risks.*

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| 1. To what extent does Aberdeen City meet, or not meet, the timescales for child protection administration set out in the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014? |

In the period April – June 2017, 92 Case Conferences were held. 103 were held in the previous quarter. 9 (45%) Initial Child Protection Case Conferences were held within the 21 day timescale. Although consistent with the preceding quarter, over time this has been an increasing statistic from 71.0% in June 2016, 72.0% in September 2016 and 65.0% in December 2016.  
  
Pre-birth case conferences are held at no later than 28 weeks of pregnancy. 17 (81%) of these were held within timescale compared to 3 (21%) in the previous quarter.  
89 (97%) of invitations to CPCCs were issued with a minimum of 5 working days notice with 90 (49%) of notification of decisions being issued to families within 24 hours. The CP Admin team are to be commended on these statistics.   
21 (23%) of Child Protection Plans were issued within 5 calendar days with 8 (9%) of minutes were issued within 15 calendar days.   
11 (48%) of the first reviews were held within 3 months of the initial CPCC, with   
12 held out with timescale. Subsequent reviews are required to be held within 6 months. 29 (83%) were held within the timescale and   
6 out with timescale. This is also an improvement from the previous quarter.

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| 1. Can the CPC be assured that the decision making at CPCs about safety and protection of children is fully informed and multi-agency? |

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| 1. To what extent is Aberdeen City consistent with the national and comparator averages for re-registration? Can the CPC be assured that deregistered children receive at least 3 months’ post registration multi-agency support? |

The National average for reregistration is between 13 - 16%.  
This has been an area of fluctuation in the City over the period as seen in the table below.  
To look at the 17 children re-registered in the period Jan-Mar 2018 and to report back on progress at the next Ops Sub Committee meeting.

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| 1. What is the number of children remaining on the CPR for more than 1 year and can the CPC be assured that it is necessary for any child to remain on the CPR for more than 1 year? |

After Oct – Dec 2017, there have been no children on the CPR in Aberdeen City for more than one year which would indicate that persistent significant harm is not tolerated and either the child’s home circumstances have improved or the child has been removed to safety within that timescale.

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| Period | Jan – Mar 2018 | Oct – Dec 2017 | Jul – Sept 2017 |
| less than 1 month | 8 | 14 | 11 |
| 1-6 months | 41 | 54 | 48 |
| 7-12 months | 12 | 14 | 11 |
| 13-18 months | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| more than 19 months | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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| 1. To what extent do agencies make use of the CPR? If they are not utilising it, what are the reasons for that? |

In the periods Jul-Sept 2017, Oct-Dec 2017 and Jan-Mar 2018, there were 65, 44 and 69 enquiries respectively from Aberdeen City to the CPR.  
This includes web searches as well as direct queries to the CPR team. Aberdeenshire practice of checks against the CPR would appear to be far better embedded. For the corresponding periods, Aberdeenshire enquiries numbered 155, 137 and 166 respectively.  
Moray has significantly less child protection activity although their enquiries are also particularly low (15, 4 and 29).

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| 1. What is the nature of feedback from children and families in the CP process – does the CPC, or any single agency, need to implement adjustments as a result? |

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| 1. What percentage of staff have completed mandatory online training within 6 months of starting employment? To what extent is other relevant training attended by the multi-agency workforce |

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| 1. CSE stats – what are these indicating from information from policy concern reports; grounds for referral and categories of registration? The CPC requires particular assurance here |

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| 1. Are police concern reports consistent? What is the explanation for their increase or decrease in numbers? |

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| 1. What is the proportion of multi-agency meetings where child safety has been a trigger? |

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| 1. Are we improving outcomes for young people to keep them safer in later years? |

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| 1. To ask the Operational Sub Committee to interrogate sources of referral – what do they tell us? |

1. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
2. **REPORT AUTHOR :**