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**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**SUBJECT: ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1. To inform the Board of the appointment of a new convenor for Moray Adult Protection Committee (MAPC); the outcome of the self-evaluation exercise undertaken and note the improvement plan.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Moray Integration Joint Board consider and note the content of this report.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. The MAPC was established in April 2010 following the implementation of The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (ASP Act). MAPC is a constituted Committee. The MAPC is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring the strategic approach to the Arrangements that are in place for ensuring that consideration is given to relevant reports and published inquiries (for example by the Mental Welfare Commission). These are added to the Committee's agenda as and when appropriate and the Consultant Practitioner in Adult Protection is tasked with bringing these to the attention of the MAPC for discussion. The MAPC then agrees those that are relevant to adult protection activity and, if required, asks the Grampian Working Group to report back any recommendations.
- 3.2. There is core membership from the Moray Council's Elected Members and officers, Police Scotland, Grampian Health Board and the Care Inspectorate along with co-opted members from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service/Scottish Ambulance Service /Advocacy North East/Care Homes Scotland/Third Sector (voluntary agencies). All are expected to assist MAPC in raising awareness across the Moray area, sharing relevant information and embedding adult support and protection within their own organisations. The MAPC will review

the training needs of agencies offering support and development from both NHS Grampian trainer and the Moray Council ASP trainer/facilitator.

- 3.3. In addition, the MAPC makes arrangements to respond to national issues.
- 3.4. The MAPC has an independent Convenor and legal advice is provided by Moray Council.

#### **4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. The Chief Officers Group agreed that there should be a joint appointment between child and adult protection committees. Gordon Greenlees was appointed as joint convenor in January 2019. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, he had to terminate his contract early. The role was then readvertised and Samara Shah was appointed as joint convenor on 1 August 2019. Samara has a legal background and is active on various community groups which makes her suitable for the role of convenor.
- 4.2. In preparation for the anticipated Care Inspectorate Thematic Review of Adult Support and Protection a self-evaluation exercise was completed (**APPENDIX 1**) and an improvement plan was developed from this (**APPENDIX 2**).

#### **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

##### **(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan 2016 – 2019**

Adult Protection is a priority for workforce in all areas.

##### **(b) Policy and Legal**

The Adult Protection Committee is a Moray Council function that has been delegated to the Board in terms of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme for Moray. The Board issued a general direction to the Moray Council, effective from 1 April 2016, to deliver the above function in line with existing arrangements.

The ASP (Scotland) Act 2007 requires all local authorities to appoint an independent convener who must not be a member or officer of the Council who is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the APC ensuring it meets and fulfils its legal requirements. This requirement is set out at para 1.6 of the MAPC constitution.

The MAPC constitution was approved by the Moray Council at their meeting on 17 March 2010 (para 7 of the minute refers). The parts of this that reflect legislation cannot be altered. Other parts that are discretionary, such as the frequency of meetings, can be altered and be the subject of a direction.

**(c) Financial implications**

There are no financial implications.

**(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation**

If a new convenor cannot be recruited prior to the departure of the current convenor then another MAPC member, but not an elected member or officer of the Moray Council, may act in that role until the new convenor is so recruited and appointed.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

There are no staffing implications.

**(f) Property**

There are no property implications.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

None arising from this report.

**(h) Consultations**

The following have been consulted in the preparation of this report: Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Moray, Morag Smith, Senior Solicitor, (Litigation and Social Care); Zandra Smith, Consultant Practitioner, Adult Support & Protection; who are in agreement with the content of this report relating to their area of responsibility.

**6. CONCLUSION**

**6.1. The Board is asked to note the appointment of a new convenor.**

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Background Papers:  
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