

How do we affect you?

All staff working with children and young people in Renfrewshire should be aware of the RCPC and its role in child protection. RCPC oversees the way child protection services operate and are developed and therefore impacts on the day to day work of all staff.

RCPC is keen to develop local child protection support networks and regularly holds staff lunches to give staff the opportunity to come together to meet the chair of the committee, to hear about new developments in child protection and to discuss good practice. It is also an opportunity for staff to shape the future planning of child protection in Renfrewshire.

RCPC is committed to promoting self-evaluation to encourage the continual improvement of services provided to children and families in Renfrewshire. Involvement of staff in this process is essential to success in this task.

What are our future plans?

RCPC is committed to consultation with staff as part of the development of child protection work. In addition RCPC's priorities are:

- Involvement of children in practice improvements and policy developments.
- Developing a culture of self evaluation.
- Evaluating practice, sharing good practice and embedding practice improvements.
- Developing the use of integrated assessment and action planning.

How to contact us

If you require any more information on the work of Renfrewshire child protection committee, please visit the Renfrewshire Council website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk, or feel free to contact us on telephone number **0141 618 6815**.



Renfrewshire
Child Protection Committee



Vision, Values and Aims



Our vision

It's everyone's job to make sure that children in Renfrewshire are safe. We will strive to ensure that the protection of children is a responsibility that is shared by all our staff in partnership with the community.

Our values

We will strive to ensure that:

- Children get the help they need when they need it.
- Children are protected by timely and effective action.
- Children are listened to and respected.
- Information is shared about children where this is necessary to protect them.
- Agencies, individually and collectively, demonstrate leadership and accountability for their work and its effectiveness.

Our aims

- To improve the safety of children in Renfrewshire.
- To provide an integrated approach to identifying, intervening and providing ongoing support to protect children at risk of harm.
- To improve the range and availability of services aimed at protecting children in Renfrewshire.
- To provide public information about child protection.
- To ensure our staff are confident and competent.
- To ensure continuous improvement by evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of our services.

Who are we?

Renfrewshire child protection committee (RCPC) is an inter-agency group of senior managers who plan and develop services for children and young people in Renfrewshire who are at risk of harm or abuse. The committee chair is independent and senior representatives from the local authority, health, police, fire service, procurator fiscal's office, children's reporter and the voluntary sector make up the membership. In addition, there are a number of sub groups which take forward work on behalf of the committee:

- training;
- policies and procedures;
- practice improvement;
- evaluation;
- communications; and
- case review

What do we do?

The child protection committee's purpose is to ensure that local agencies work together to protect children. Its role is to develop, promote, monitor and review child protection policies and practice and to work continually to improve child protection in Renfrewshire. The functions of the committee are:

- planning child protection work as part of the wider goal of improving the life chances of all Renfrewshire's children;
- continuous improvement of services, identifying areas of good and poor practice, promoting staff development and training; and
- spreading public information about protecting children and young people.

An annual report and plan is produced which describes the work of the RCPC and sets out priorities for improvement.

