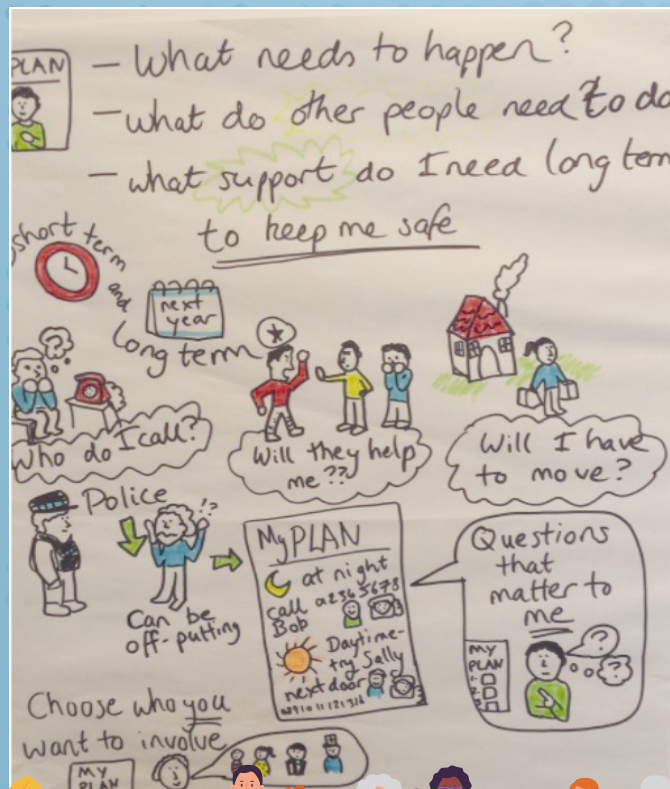


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Adult Participation Strategy 2022-25

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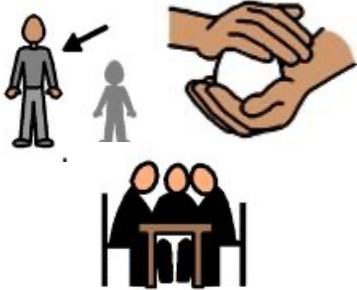


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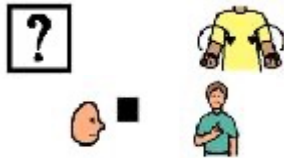
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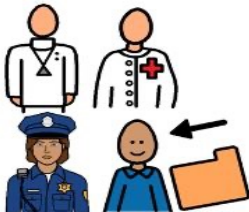
What is East Dunbartonshire Adult Protection Committee?



There are Adult Protection Committees, usually called APCs in every Council area. The Scottish Government says that this must happen.



The Committee discusses what is happening locally to help keep adults safe.



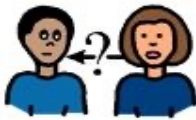
There are staff on the APC from different agencies that are there to protect adults who may be at risk; e.g. staff from the Council, the NHS and the Police.



What does the law tell the APC to do?



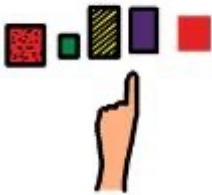
The law says that the APC must check that people are working well together to keep adults safe, in a way that the adult is happy with and that adults can tell the APC if this is not happening.



This means that the APC and other people must ask adults what they want to happen about their support and protection.



The APC must also make sure that adults can tell the APC and other people if things did not work, and how things could work better to keep adults safe.



Adults should have a choice about how they tell people about what they think about support and protection. This means that the APC must make sure that adults can talk to different people about this and have different ways to tell the APC what they think.



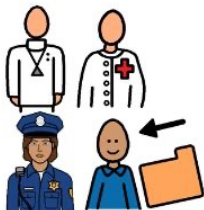
What did the APC do already?



The APC talked about support and protection with a group of adults. The group told the APC how to make meetings better for adults, and how to help adults understand what people wanted to do to keep adults safe.



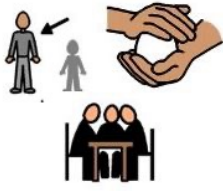
The group helped Social Work make a form called 'Have Your Say'. The form asks adults questions about their support and protection. It helps Social Workers know if adults feel people are listening to them and if adults feel safe.



Some adults also told the APC that they want to teach people like Social Workers, Nurses and the Police about what was good about their support and protection, and what was bad about their support and protection, so that people will only do the good things.



What does the APC want to do next?



The APC has made a new plan about how adults can say what they think about support and protection in East Dunbartonshire. The plan is called the Adult Participation Strategy. The APC wants to know what adults and other people think about this plan.

We have written some questions at the end of the plan. These will help you tell the APC what you think about the plan.



The APC wants all adults to be able to say what they think about support and protection. To do this, the APC's plan will make sure that:

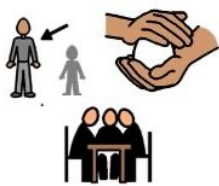
- What adults tell the APC is treated the same as what other people say
- It is easy for adults to tell the APC what they think
- Adults who don't have smart phones or aren't in a group or can't read English can still tell the APC what they think
- Adults feel respected because of what they know about support and protection.



The plan will last for three years

This is to make sure that people have enough time to make all the things in the plan work.

The plan says that the APC will do eight things to help adults say what they think about their support and protection.



1. The APC made a booklet for adults to explain what happens when an adult gets support and protection. This booklet was made ten years ago.



The APC will ask adults to read the booklet and tell the APC if anything about it needs to change.

2. The APC wants to check that all adults can get information about their support and protection in ways they can understand.



3. Some adults find it difficult to tell Social Workers and doctors what they want to happen. Independent Advocates are people who help the adult to say what they want to happen or speak for the adult if they do not want to say it by themselves.

All people helping the adult will make sure that that the adult can get an Independent Advocate whenever they want.





- 4. Support and Protection happens when people tell Social Work the adult is being harmed.

The APC wants these people to ask the adult about what they want to happen to make them safe. The people should write this down.



- 5. When adults need support and protection, there are special meetings called case conferences to decide what help they need. These meetings are chaired by a Social Work Manager.



The Social Work Manager will make sure that someone writes down what the adult thinks about the support and protection they are getting.



- 6. People at the meeting make a plan about how they will support the adult. This is called a care plan. People who are helping the adult will regularly check that the care plan is right. This is called a review.



When people review the care plan, they will ask the adult what they think about their support and protection.



- 7. Many people can help the adult keep safe. Usually only Social Work and Ceartas Advocacy ask the adult about this.

The APC will check that all people helping the adult ask the adult to say what they want to happen and what they think about their support and protection.

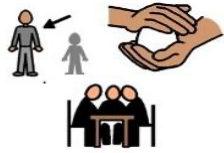


- 8. Social Workers get special training about support and protection. They also learn how to ask adults what they want to happen and what they think about support and protection

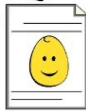


The APC wants to find out if some adults can help Social Workers with this special training

The plan also says that the APC will do eight things to ask adults who have had support and protection about how we can make things work better to keep adults safe.

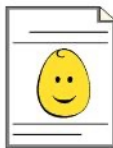


1. The APC will hold a big meeting for adults and other people to talk about support and protection. This meeting is called a conference. The APC wants adults to help make the conference happen and other things like:
 - Adults can say what they want people to talk about at the conference.
 - Adults can talk at the conference if they want.



2. The Chair of the APC writes a report for the Scottish Government every two years. It tells the Scottish Government what people have done to keep adults safe in East Dunbartonshire.

The APC wants to write the report in other ways so that all adults can find out what it says.



3. Some adults like to meet people face to face to teach them about good support and protection. Other adults don't like to do this.

The APC wants to find other ways that adults can teach people about good support and protection.

This might be making a video, or writing down their story, or something else.





4. The APC is making a new website. The website has information to help adults and other people know about support and protection and how to keep adults safe.

The APC wants adults to help people write this information to put on the website.

5. The APC has also put information on the website to tell adults and other people about who the Chair of the APC is, what the APC does and its plan to make things work better.



6. The APC wants to find new ways to help all adults say what they think about support and protection and how to make things better.

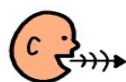
This could be:



- people speaking with one adult at time



- people having a special meeting with a group of adults



- people speaking with involvement groups



- adults answering questions on their phone or the website

- something else.



- 7. The APC wants to make sure that adults understand what people talk about in these meetings.



There should be a person to write this down in a way that is easy for adults to understand.



- 8. Someone needs to make sure that the plan is working.

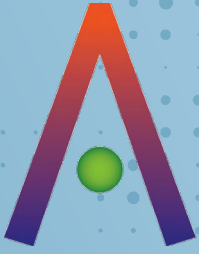
Senior staff in the Council, the Health Board and Police Scotland will check that people are asking adults about their support and protection and that the APC is helping adults say how to make things work better.

Please tell the APC what you think of the plan

Do you want the APC to do these things in the plan?
Is there anything you don't want the APC to do?
Is there anything you think the APC has missed out?

Please email your answers to:
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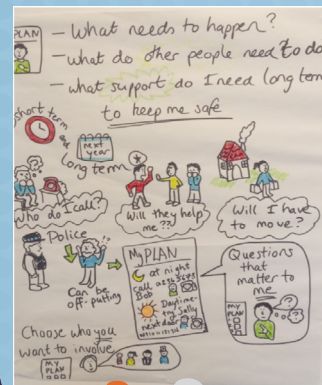
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