

Aberdeenshire CPCC PRACTICE NOTE

Decision Making at Child Protection Case Conferences (CPCC): No Clear Consensus

The National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland advises –

All services participants at a CPCC with significant involvement have a responsibility to contribute to the decision as to whether or not to place the child’s name on the register.

Where there is no clear consensus in the discussion, the Chair will use his or her professional judgement to make the final decision, based on an analysis of the issues raised. In these circumstances, the decision-making needs to be subjected to independent scrutiny from a senior member of staff with no involvement in the case.

In Aberdeenshire when there is no clear consensus –

The CPCC Chair will inform the Social Work Manager (SWM) in Children Services who does not have responsibility for SW Teams and oversees the CPCC Chairs. This should be on the day of the CPCC or the first working day following the CPCC.

The CPCC Chair will provide the SWM with

- the reports provided for the CPCC
- the child’s plan agreed at the CPCC
- details of the decision made, the reasons for this, and the reasons for non-consensus

The Service Manager will review the documentation. They will immediately contact the Head of Service if concerned about the decision made. A discussion will agree any immediate action required, as well as any additional action/s.

On a monthly basis. The Social Work Manager will collate the CPCCs that are referred for no clear consensus and share the information with the Head of Service. This will identify any themes/issues that may require further consideration/investigation.

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