## **Useful Information**

www.elderabuse.org.uk www.victimsupportsco.org.uk www.rapecrisiscotland.org.uk www.relationships-scotland.org.uk www.in-control.org.uk www.scld.org.uk www.actagainstharm.org

If you do not have access to the internet, speak to your allocated worker/Social Worker

#### Inverclyde Adult Protection Committee







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## Get in touch

### If worried about yourself or someone else

**Phone:** 01475 715365

Write to: Adult Protection Support Unit Inverclyde HSCP Hector McNeil House 7-8 Clyde Square Greenock Inverclyde PA15 1NB

This document can be provided in large print, braille or on audio cassette and can be translated into different community languages. For this or more information contact the Adult Protection Support Unit at the address and telephone number above.

"Understanding Harm" Watch our You Tube Channel video on

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Complaints, suggestions or comments

Phone: 01475 715365

Write to: Complaints Officer Inverclyde HSCP Hector McNeil House 7-8 Clyde Square Greenock Inverclyde PA15 1NB

pccsp.swork@inverclyde.gov.uk email:



#### Health and Community Care

### What you need to know about Adult Support and **Protection Case Conferences**







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### What is a Case Conference?

In some situations a meeting called a case conference is arranged. This might be because your situation is complicated and it might be that a range of professionals could assist you.

#### What will happen at the case conference?

- Information will be shared and any risks to your safety considered.
- Your views and the views of your family, friends or representatives are heard and considered.
- A decision is made as to whether you need assistance and support to help protect you and to keep you safe.
- If needed, a 'Protection Plan' is agreed so you and everyone involved knows what is being done to support and protect you from further harm.



#### Who will be at the case conference?

The meeting will include professionals who have been involved with the concerns raised. The following people may be at the case conference:

- Chairperson.
- Social Worker (sometimes referred to as the Council Officer).
- Doctor/Nurse/Other health Professional.
- Police Officer.
- Interpreter.
- Advocacy Worker or other representative.
- Family/Friend, and most importantly.
- You.

#### Should I attend the case conference?

The most important person is you as the meeting is about you. We would want you to be there if this is at all possible. You have the right to know what is being said. You will be able to contribute to the discussion and to let us know your views and feelings. You may like someone to come with you. You may want to ask:

- A friend or family member.
- An independent advocacy worker.
- A legal representative.

If you are not sure about what you would say, you might want to think about:

- What is important to you in your life?
- What is difficult in your life?
- How safe do you feel?
- What do you think should happen to help you keep safe?

Tell your Social Worker if you need help to get to the case conference. Speak to your Social Worker if you need more information.

#### What happens if I decide not to attend?

- If you decide not to attend, you can ask a friend, family member, advocacy worker or legal representative to attend on your behalf to give your views and to make sure they are heard.
- You may wish to submit a written statement and this will be read out at the case conference by the Chairperson.
- You may decide to speak with your Social Worker and ask them to give your views and after the meeting they will come and talk to you about what happened at the meeting.

Whatever you decide to do, you will be provided with a copy of the minute of the meeting. Othe Inve

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#### What happens after the meeting?

• If a Protection Plan was agreed it will be put into action.

• A Review Case Conference will be arranged within six months to make sure the plan is working.

 In between times, your allocated Social Worker will meet with you to make sure the plan is working and to make any changes needed.

Your allocated Social Worker can explain this process in more details:

#### **Social Workers name**

#### **Telephone number**

Other people you could talk to are:

#### Inverclyde Advocacy Services

- Phone: 01475 730797
- Write to: 21 Grey Place Greenock Inverclyde PA15 1YF