

REPORT TO: Policy and Performance Review Committee
MEETING DATE: 19 March 2013
BY: Chief Social Work Officer
SUBJECT: Child and Adult Protection Performance Monitoring Report

1 PURPOSE

This report gives an overview of the statistical information for Child and Adult Protection for Quarter 3 (2012 / 2013).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a) Note the contents of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Child Protection

There is currently a reduction of children on the Child Protection Register down to 57 children and young people in 45 families. All of these children are allocated a Lead Professional through Children's Wellbeing.

The majority of children on the register remain the most vulnerable under 4 and in utero.

The geographical spread of registrations remains clustered in the Musselburgh, Tranent and Prestonpans areas. The predominant issues for those children and young people remain parental substance misuse, which is mainly alcohol abuse alongside domestic abuse and neglect. There has been a steady increase in parental mental health issues with this currently affecting 16 children on the Child Protection Register.

The Health Visitor Cause for Concern children has remained at a total of 198 for December and January with the majority of those families in cluster 2 – Prestonpans / Tranent / Cockenzie & Port Seton – 92 children as opposed to 48 in Musselburgh.

The new Children Affected by Problem Substance Misuse (CAPSM) Guidance should be signed off and ready for dissemination at the beginning of April with training currently being planned.

In January there were 336 referrals to Children's Wellbeing, a 65% increase from January 2012.

The recent Lime Survey results from Primary 6 and Senior 2 is reporting that 36.7% of young people are taking on a young carers role across East Lothian.

3.2 Adult Protection

Following on from the Quarter 3 report (attached) Adult Protection, figures reported in January 2013 show an increase in referrals, from 86 in December 2012 to 103. This was mainly due to an increase in police referrals from 66 in December to 86 in January. 28% of referrals were progressed through Duty to Inquire and 37% of those progressing to IRD and further Investigation. If this is compared with January 2012 referrals have increased overall by 80%, with the volume of police referrals doubling. At the end of January 2012 there were 41 cases being managed under Adult Support and Protection procedures; a reduction from the average of 49 over Quarter 3.

The geographical spread of referrals is mostly clustered around the Musselburgh and Tranent areas. The five banning Orders as detailed in Quarter 3 report remain in force. The geographical spread is across East Lothian: Tranent; Prestonpans; Dunbar; Musselburgh and Macmerry.

In January there has been a further referral for a Large Scale Investigation of a care at home provider. This has resulted in some discussion about whether this is the most appropriate way to deal with such referrals where the issue is more about systemic failures in the organisation rather than actual harm to individuals.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report is not applicable to the wellbeing of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – N/A

6.2 Personnel – N/A

6.3 Other – N/A

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Attached to this report is an appendix which is the Observations Report prepared for CSOG and Committee Forums.

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East & Midlothian Public Protection Lead Officer Observations report

**Quarter 3
2012/2013**

October to December

Reporting to the:

- 1) Critical Services Oversight Group (5th February 2013)
- 2) Offender Management Committee (14th February 2013)
- 3) East and Midlothian Child Protection Committee (19th February 2013)
- 4) East and Midlothian Adult Protection Committee (7th March 2013)
- 5) East and Midlothian Violence Against Women Partnership

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1) Child Protection:

1.1) Trends & patterns

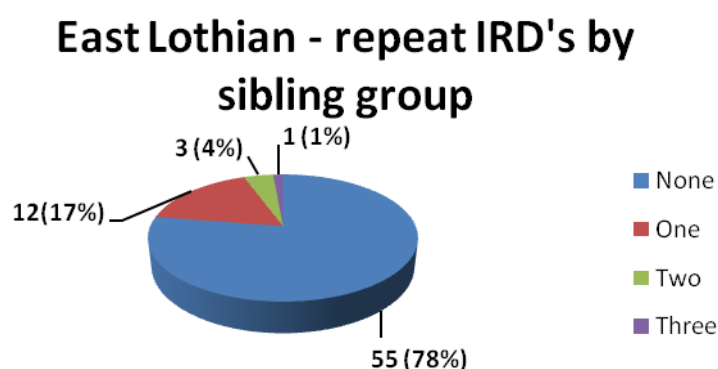
Measure	Short term trend	Long term trend	2010 /11	2011 /12	Q1 2012/13	Q2 2012/13	Q3 2012/13	Annual (average)
No of children on CPR in East Lothian	↑	↑	53	66	57	59	71	62
No of children on CPR in Midlothian	↑	↑	112	95	113	112	116	114

Comparison with similar sized authority areas – as at 31st July 2011:

Authority Area	Rate per 1,000 (0-15 pop)	Authority Area	Rate per 1,000 (0-15 pop)
West Dunbartonshire	1.2	East Renfrewshire	1.4
Argyll & Bute	2.7	Inverclyde	2.1
National average	2.9	National average	2.9
Moray	3.1	Stirling	2.9
East Lothian	3.8 (as at 31/12/12)	Midlothian	7.4 (as at 31/12/12)

Repeat Inter-agency Referral Discussion's (East Lothian):

Between 1st October 2012 and 31st December 2012 there were a total of 71 sibling groups subject to an IRD within East Lothian. When an IRD is undertaken the Team Leader is asked to record how many IRD's the child has been subject to in the previous 15 months. The pie chart below is a breakdown of this data over quarter 3:

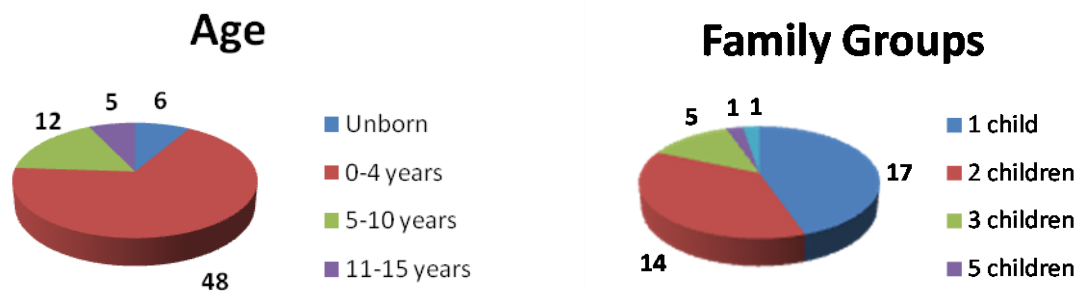


Repeat Inter-agency Referral Discussion's (Midlothian):

Midlothian Council are considering the use of a repeat IRD statistic.

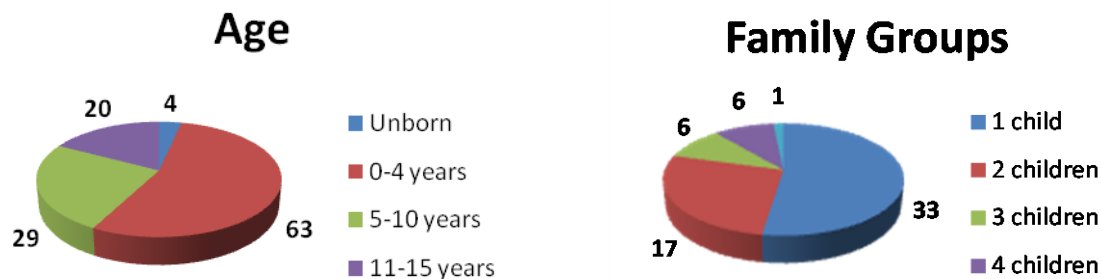
1.2) Profile:

East Lothian Child Protection profile as at 31st December 2012 (quarter 3)



- For 45% of children (32) on the Child Protection Register domestic violence was an area of concern.
- For 35% of children (25) on the Child Protection Register parental drug misuse was an area of concern.
- For 25% of children (18) on the Child Protection Register parental alcohol misuse was an area of concern.
- For 37% of children (26) on the Child Protection Register neglect was an area of concern.
- For 24% of children (17) on the Child Protection Register parental mental health problems were an area of concern.

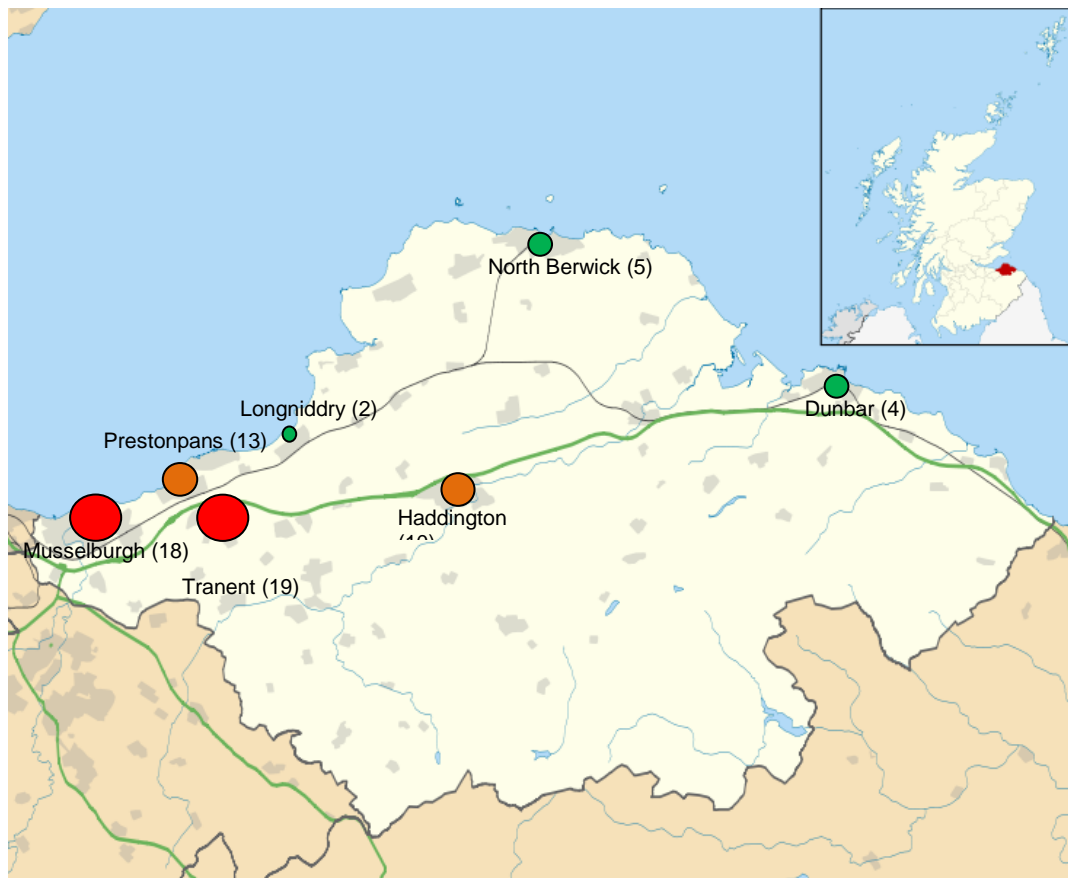
Midlothian Child Protection profile as at 31st December 2012 (quarter 3)



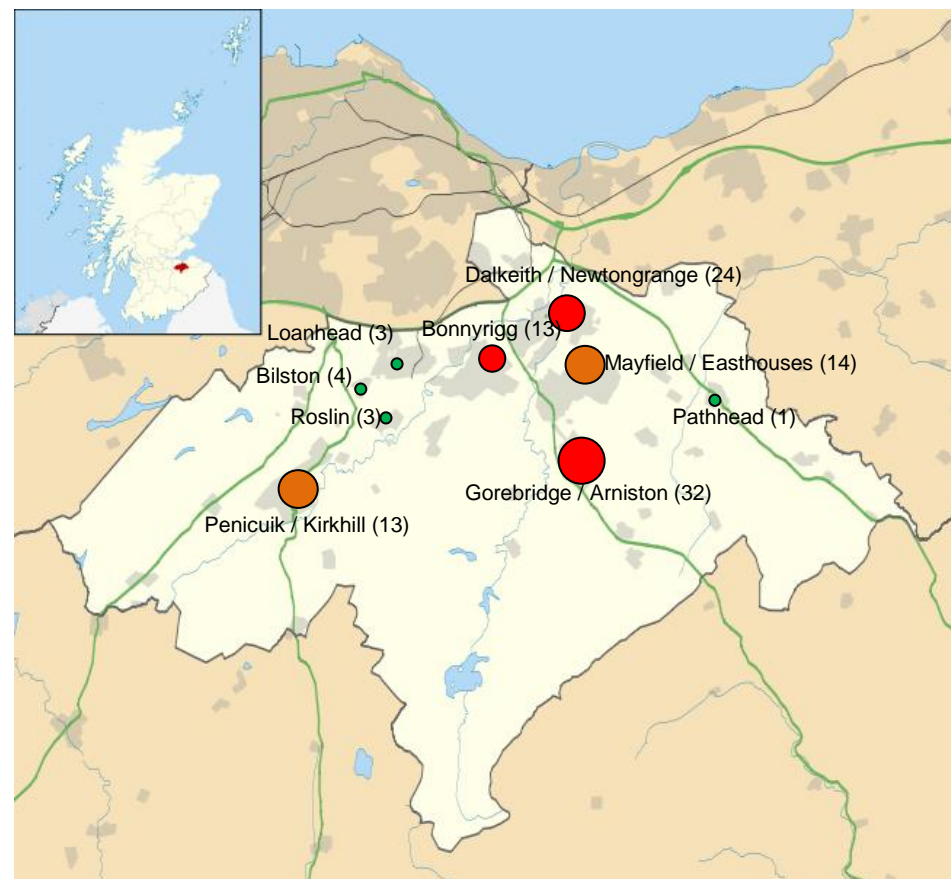
- For 33% of children (38) on the Child Protection Register domestic violence was an area of concern.
- For 30% of children (35) on the Child Protection Register parental drug misuse was an area of concern.
- For 14% of children (16) on the Child Protection Register parental alcohol misuse was an area of concern.
- For 53% of children (61) on the Child Protection Register neglect was an area of concern.
- For 33% of children (38) on the Child Protection Register parental mental health problems were an area of concern.

1.3) Geography:

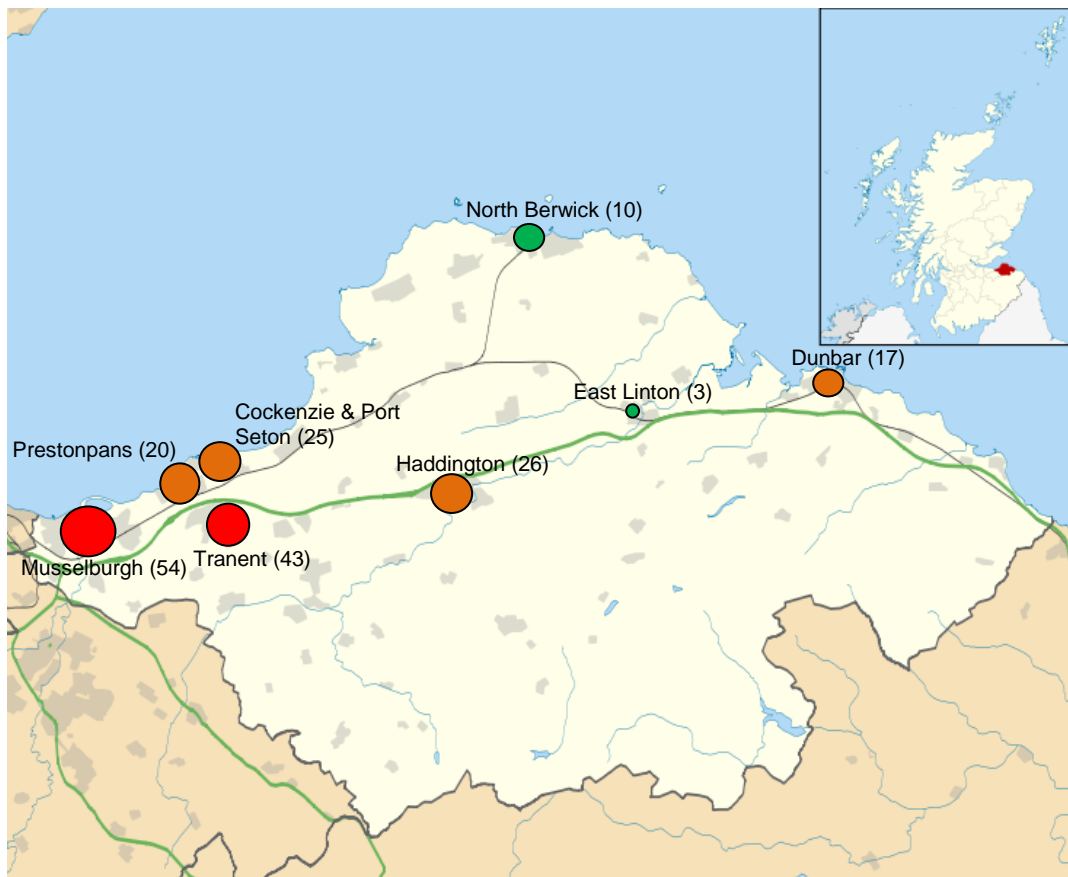
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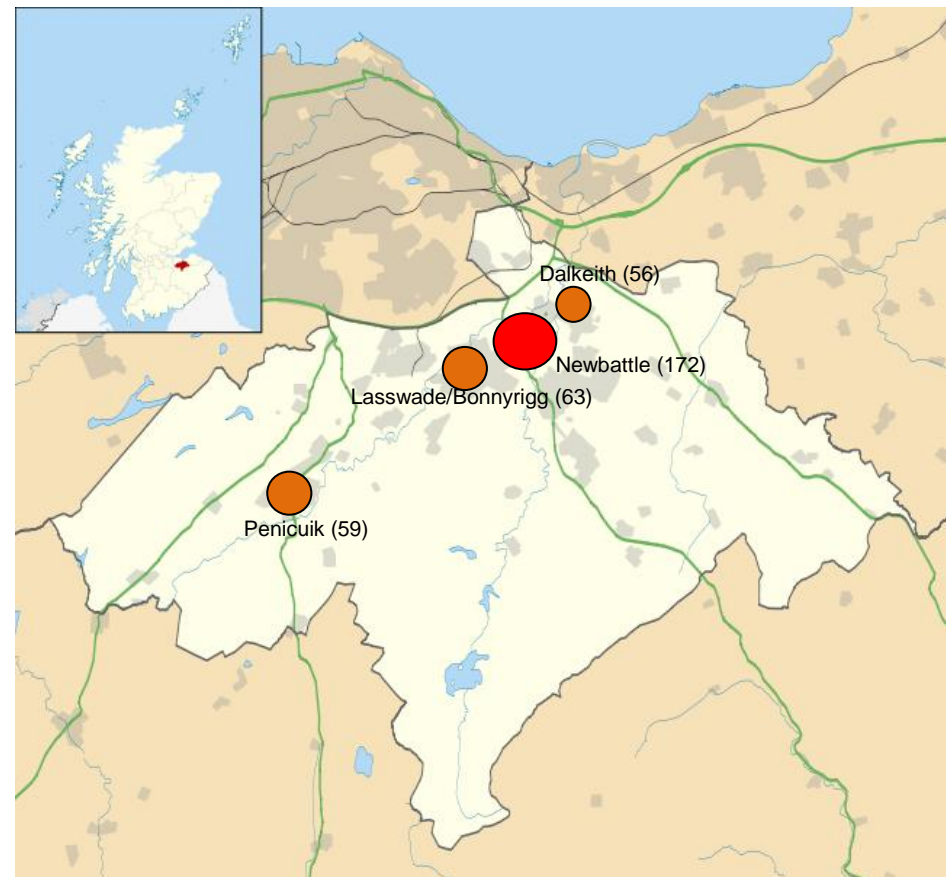
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East Lothian Health Visitor Cause for Concern



Midlothian Health Visitor Cause for Concern



1.4) Closing Remarks:

East Lothian

- The number of children on the Child Protection Register has slowly risen over this quarter to 71. 15 of those children are also looked after (21%).
- The rate per 1,000 for East Lothian stands at 3.8 as of 31/12/12 which is higher than comparable authorities.
- The majority of children (76%) on the register are under 4 years of age or in utero.
- The repeat IRD's over the previous 15 months have improved slightly this quarter with 78% of all IRD's not going through this process again.
- The predominant areas for concern remain – domestic violence, parental substance misuse, neglect and parental mental health problems.
- There is an increase of children on the register in Musselburgh, Haddington and Prestonpans-Port Seton. With a slight decrease in Tranent.
- The Cause for Concern families for Health Visitors has reduced by 20 children between quarter 2 and quarter 3. Musselburgh and Prestonpans has increased with a decrease in Port Seton and Tranent.
- The referrals to Children's Wellbeing continue to rise.
- 207 children are looked after with 73% of them accommodated.

SCRA statistics for quarter 3

- There were 87 non-offence referrals compared to 54 last quarter.
- There were 27 offence referrals from the Police compared to 25 in quarter 2.
- There are no CPO referrals recorded this quarter.
- There were 113 hearings held, a decrease of 7 from quarter 2.
- There were 13 Place of Safety Warrants issued from a hearing, an increase of 2.
- Supervision requirements in force for quarter 3:
 - Females 77 – decrease of 6.
 - Males 78 – decrease of 6.

Reporters decisions:

- Not to arrange a Hearing (Current Measures) – 23. An increase of 1 from quarter 2.
- Insufficient evidence – 5. An increase of 4.
- No action – 13. An increase of 5.
- Refer to the Local Authority – 12. A decrease of 4.
- Arrange a Hearing – 15. An increase of 6.

3rd sector

The statistics for work with children through Children 1st for this quarter are 17 children on the Child Protection Register, 19 children who have previously been registered and 83 children within early intervention. Of these 83 children:

- 37 are being worked with through Young Families Outreach.
- 26 through Family Group Conferencing.
- 20 through the Bfriends project.

Activity in child protection has risen particularly over the Christmas and New Year period. The equipment in relation to VRI's is now functioning well and this method of joint interviewing is now established and much quicker than the previous methods of recording. There is a problem with the fixed site in East Lothian (Knox Academy) due to noise interference and an alternative site will need to be found.

Of the 71 children on the register over this quarter only 4 are registered under the concern of sexual abuse. Nationally the numbers of children and young people registered because of sexual abuse has fallen dramatically over several years as the profile has risen for substance misuse, neglect and domestic violence. This is an area which the Scottish Government is looking at in relation to raising the profile.

Sheila Foggon
East Lothian

Midlothian

In quarter 3 of 2012-2013 there remains a pressing need to better understand alternatives to child protection registration, and when registration does take place managers seek a better understanding of the potential for preventative and early intervention approaches to keeping children safe from harm. Careful review and audit of practice continues amongst managers to ensure that resources are directed towards appropriate responses to risk and the likelihood of significant harm.

As we move into quarter 4 the apparent long term trend of an increase in the registration rate is showing signs of beginning to fall but it remains too early to say whether or not the reduction in the number registered is the result of any particular cause.

The referral rate to Children's Services in Midlothian from police, health, education etc is high in comparison to other authorities. The number of health visitor concern cases has for some time showed a high concentration in Newbattle area, and the highest concentration of children on the child protection register has been in Gorebridge. Methods of studying the mapping of information will be developed to assist understanding of the underlying areas of need in our local communities.

Mindful of the importance of consistency in child protection services, arrangements have been made to further consult with 'With Scotland' (formerly MARS), acting as a 'critical friend', and to meet with a Link Inspector from the Care Inspectorate to invite comment. There is a strong commitment among all partners to improvements in self evaluation, risk and needs assessment, and care planning. The Midlothian Children's Services Quality Assurance group will maintain oversight of these contacts and any initiatives and plans will be reported accordingly to the Joint Committee. An integrated approach to child welfare and protection will continue to be reflected in Midlothian's approach to service delivery under the GIRFEC model.

Steps are being taken to map voluntary sector activity in child protection and to understand where opportunities exist to promote early intervention and prevention initiatives that improve child welfare and protection.

Information about child protection available to the public the public protection office at Croft Street is working to ensure that appropriate content is researched and added to the website www.preventsupportprotect.org.

As the Reporter's office is currently undergoing changes with their IT system there is no data this quarter.

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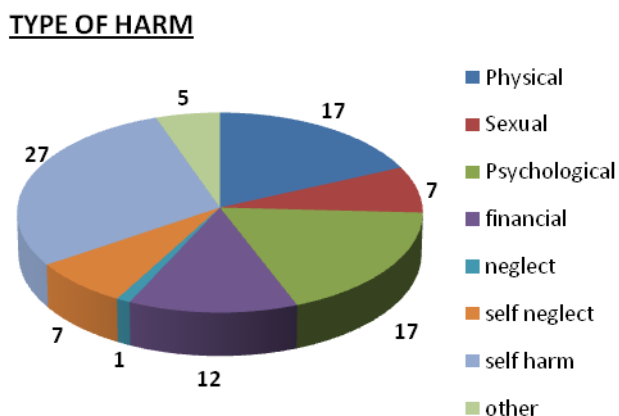
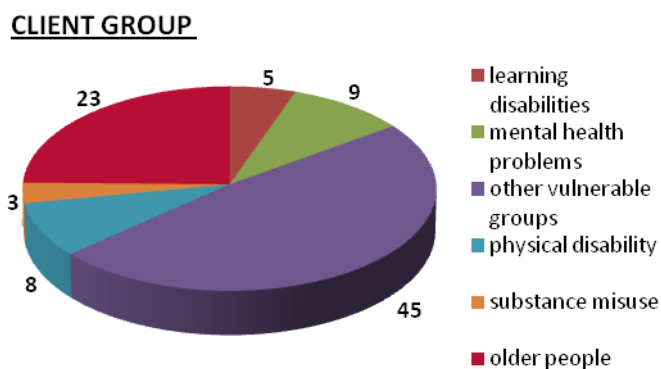
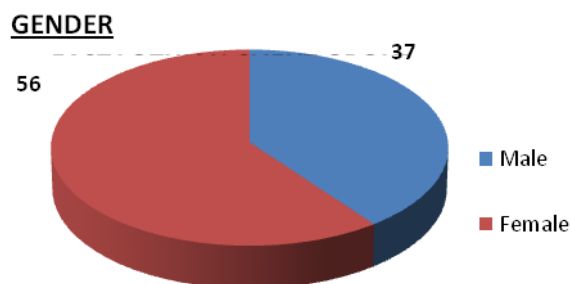
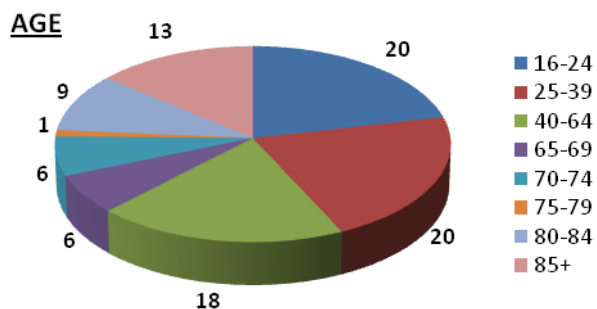
2) Adult Protection:

2.1) Trends and Patterns – East Lothian

Measure	Short term trend	Long term trend	2010/11	2011/12	Q1 2012/13	Q2 2012/13	Q3 2012/13	Annual
Referrals	↑	↑	835	941	214	271	276	761
Duty to Inquire	↓	↑	143	307	71	113	93	277
IRD	↓	↓	58	145	31	31	30	92
Case Conferences*	↑	↔	36	95	45	29	40	114
Professionals meetings	↓	↑	-	-	8	15	12	35
No of open cases	↓	↓		56	42	59	46	Average 49
Protection Orders	↑	↑	8	5	1	2	5	8
No of Large Scale Investigations	↓	↓	2	7	0	3	2	5

* 2010/11& 2011/12 figures include Professionals Meetings.

2.2) Profile – East Lothian



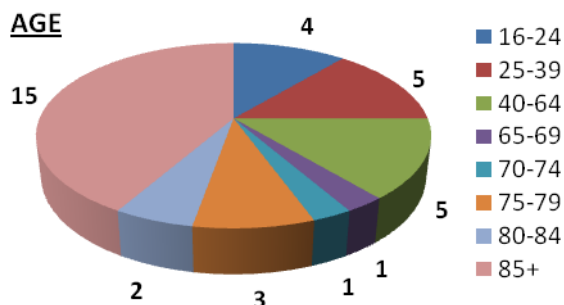
2.3) Trends and Patterns – Midlothian

Measure	Short term trend	Long term trend	2010/11	2011/12	Q1	Q2	Q3	Annual
Referrals	↓	↑	699	802	390	446	379	1215
Duty to Inquire	↑	↑	112	126	39	30	36	105
IRD	↑	↓	65	76	23	8	9	40
Case Conferences *	-	↓	37	64	16	14	14	44
Professionals meetings	↓	↓	-	-	14	9	3	26
No of open cases	↑	-		34	37	35	41	Average 38
Protection Orders	↑	↑	1	1	1	0	1	2
No of Large Scale Investigations	-	↓	2	5	0	0	0	0

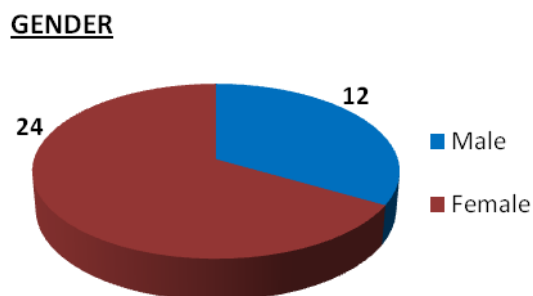
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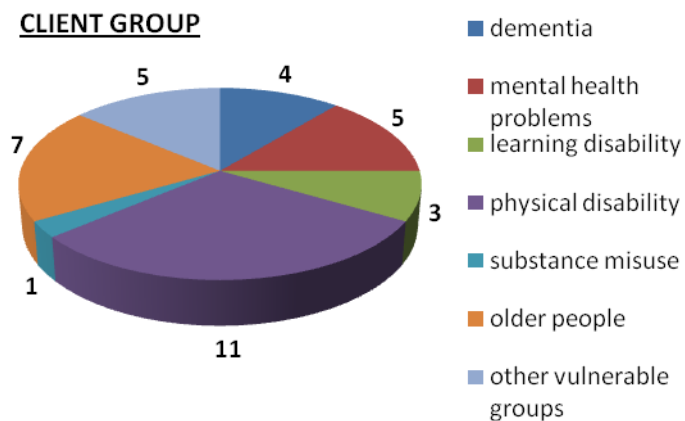
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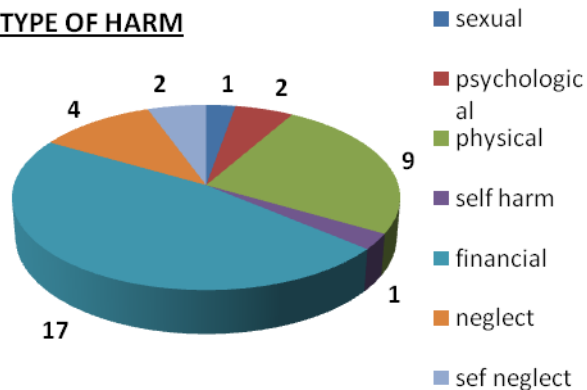
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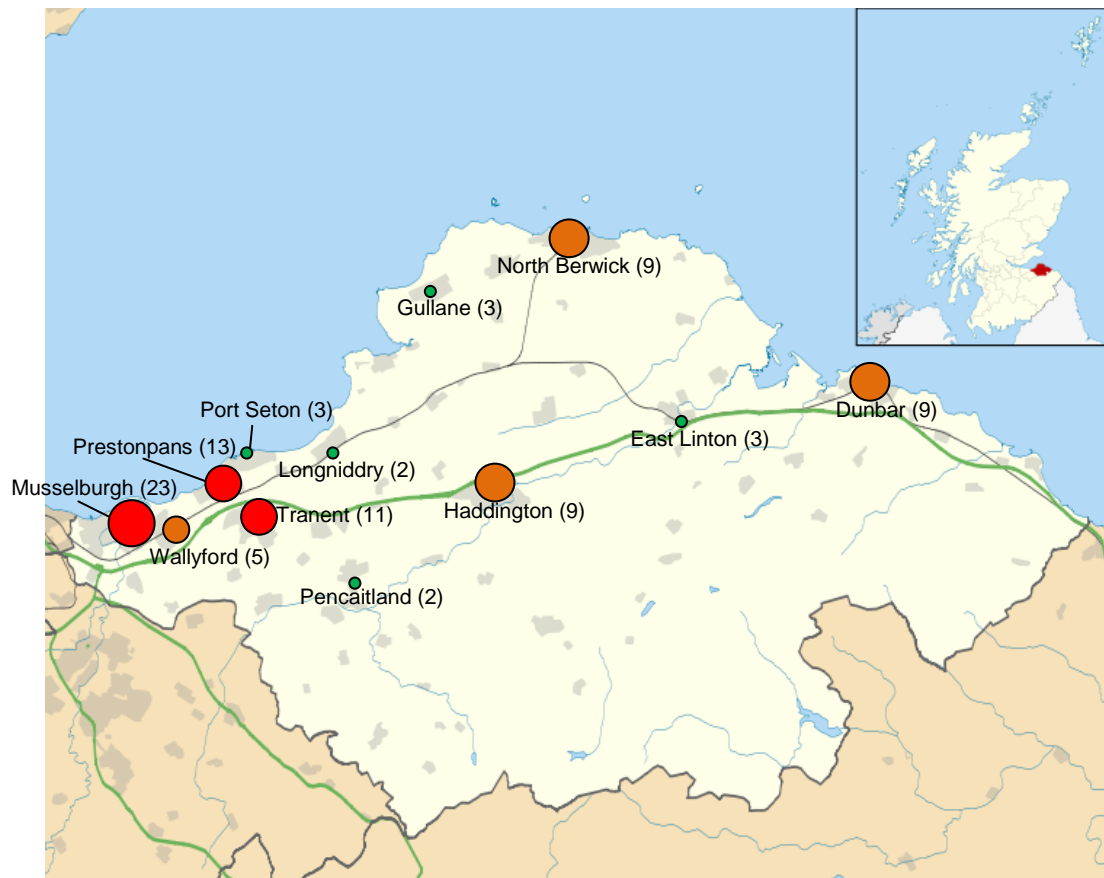


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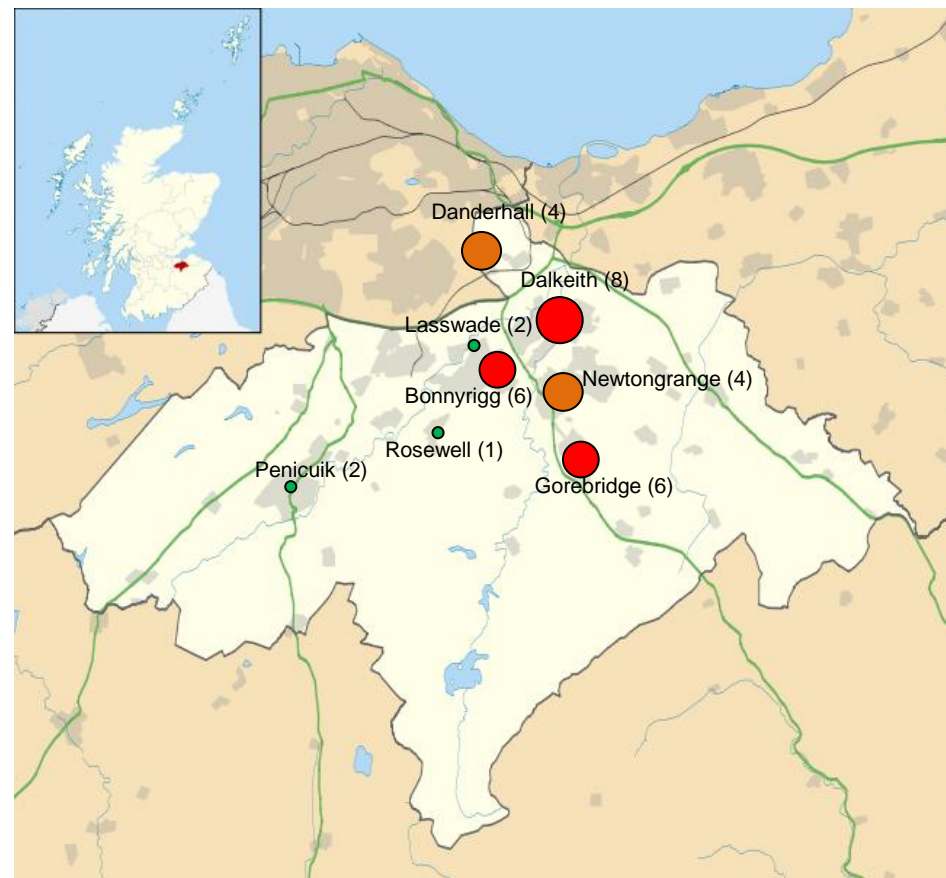


2.5) Geography:

East Lothian Referrals by Home Address



Midlothian Referrals by Home Address



2.6) Closing Remarks:

East Lothian

The referral rate in East Lothian continues to rise overall with 33% of referrals being progressed through Duty to Inquire and 32% of those progressing through IRD to Investigation. The average number of cases being managed under adult protection has reduced slightly to 49. Although the overall number of referrals has increased, in the long term the percentages of those progressing through Adult Protection remains comparable.

The number of professionals meetings has reduced slightly (from 15 in Q2 to 12 in Q3), although has risen overall. The number of case conferences has increased by 37% (from 29 in Q2 to 40 in Q3) although this is comparable with Q1. An analysis of the breakdown of agency attendance at case conferences is ongoing and will be reported to the Adult Protection Committee in due course.

In Quarter 3 there were five protection orders in force in East Lothian; four Banning Orders with Powers of Arrest:

- A woman under 65 with physical disabilities who is at risk from physical harm. The subject of the order is a family member.
- A woman under 65 with a learning disability, at risk of sexual and psychological harm. The subject is her partner.
- A woman under 65 with mental health problems who is at risk of sexual harm in the context of domestic abuse. The subject is her partner. This order is due to end on January 30th.

One temporary Banning Order was granted without a power of arrest:

- A woman under 65 with mental health problems at risk of sexual and physical harm in the context of domestic abuse. The subject of the order is her partner. The full hearing is planned for March 2013.

Two Large Scale Investigations were initiated in quarter 3. One for a residential home which has concluded with satisfactory outcomes for all concerned and one for a care at home agency which affects Midlothian Council as well. This is still ongoing.

Midlothian

In Midlothian there were 379 referrals of which 216 were police Adult Concern forms. This is a 15% reduction from last quarter when there were 446 referrals (235 from police). In Midlothian staff continue to record all police Adult Concern forms as Adult Protection Referrals, therefore the statistics reported continue to rise in the long term. Given the very small number which are progressed to Duty to Inquire (8%) consideration is being given to changing the screening process to screen them "in" to Adult Protection. This would significantly reduce the number of referrals, however further work would be required around governance of decision making and the outcome of referrals which do not progress to Adult Protection.

A consistent percentage (25%) of Inquiries are progressed through IRD to Investigation. It should be noted that IRDs are, in fact, a task within the Inquiry process and although an

indicator of the probable need for an investigation, further work could be done to analyse these figures.

The number of professionals meetings has reduced from 9 in Q2 to 3 in Q3 (66%) and the number of case conferences remains the same, at 14.

There is currently one Protection order in force in Midlothian; a Banning Order with Power of Arrest. The adult is a woman with a physical disability and the subject is her son who was putting her at risk of physical and psychological harm. Undue pressure was a factor in this case.

Although the actual number of cases which are being managed through Adult Protection procedures has increased slightly the average remains fairly consistent at 38.

Voluntary Sector

Voluntary sector groups continue to give good support to individual case conferences. In terms of preventative work a programme of awareness-raising at community councils is planned over the winter / spring and take-up of this offer needs to be encouraged. Both council areas have a wide variety of voluntary and community based groups, and Midlothian Voluntary Action and East Lothian Voluntary Organisations Network have a co-ordinating role, and have a sound record of valuable service delivery in the care of people at risk of harm. Continued engagement and empowerment of these groups is critical in terms of both raising awareness and delivery of Adult Support and Protection services.

Learning & Practice Development sub-committee

- Midlothian Council have agreed to consider LearnPro as their e-learning platform provider when the contract with their current provider is due for renewal in September 2013. This would ensure consistency with all local partner agencies.
- A successful Trauma Event was held in December. This has had excellent feedback. It was noted that there was not much representation from Adult Services and we are asked to consider a further event and target this staff group.
- Work continues with regard to Adult Protection training in Care Homes and there was discussion as to how this might be sustained once the programme of training ends.
- There was discussion about the CAPSM training. A launch event is planned by ELBEG but it was agreed we need a local launch as well. Training needs to be targeted and CPC Lead Officers are tasked to come up with a co-ordinated plan.
- A programme of internet safety training has been delivered and there was some discussion about how this could be advertised more generically. It is linked to CEOP therefore that creates a difficulty however it was noted that the courses have had some attendance from Adult Services
- There was discussion about making the Public Protection e-learning module mandatory across the councils and reports will be prepared to this effect.

Anne Thompson
East & Midlothian

3) Offender Management Committee:

MAPPA cases

There have been no significant changes in MAPPA numbers for East and Midlothian with 50 RSO's living in Midlothian and 56 in East Lothian. Other MAPPA statistics also remain broadly consistent.

Level 1 cases

It was agreed at the Offender Management Committee that members of the committee will review the management of Level 1 MAPPA cases across East and Midlothian. There is a need to ensure that all relevant information is shared about these individuals without having unnecessary multi-agency meetings. As yet this has not been completed but there will be liaison across CJSW and the Police.

Violent Offender Strategic Statement

As per the last feedback a Police and Criminal Justice social work strategic statement about high-risk violent offenders is being developed. This will cover Lothian and Borders and will be a general and broad statement of good practice in this area, with local arrangements being made in individual local authorities and divisions. This is ongoing at this time but CJSW Service Managers are involved in this development.

SOLS Service

The SOLS service is now up and running and offering assessments and support.

FRAME Presentation

A presentation on FRAME has been organized for Friday 8th February 2013 and this is a Mid and East event which has been circulated to all disciplines. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out to encourage wide discussion.

Tricia Kaminski
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