

South Lanarkshire
Public Protection

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Strategy
2021–2024

Promoting Good Practice across
Child Protection (CPC), Adult Protection (APC),
Gender-Based Violence (GBV),
Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA),
the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP), and the
Community Justice Partnership (CJP)
in South Lanarkshire

Our Vision Statement

The South Lanarkshire Public Protection vision is to promote multi-agency partnership working which reduces the risk of harm to children, young people, adults and members of the public in our communities.

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1 Introduction

The aim of public protection involves working with survivors, victims and perpetrators to reduce the risk of harm to children, adults and the public.

Public protection requires agencies in South Lanarkshire to work together at both a strategic and operational level to raise awareness and understanding, and co-ordinate an effective response that provides at-risk individuals with the support needed to reduce the risk in their lives. In South Lanarkshire this work is overseen by a dedicated public protection team. We aim to avoid overlap in our work across public protection. Our SMART Outcomes Action Plan (2021–2024) can be viewed in [Appendix 1](#).

Public Protection in South Lanarkshire supported by a dedicated team ([Appendix 2](#)) promotes effective partnership working between the Adult and Child Protection Committees, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements, the Alcohol and Drug Partnership, the Gender-Based Violence Partnership and the Community Justice Partnership at strategic and policy level and is reinforced through the structural arrangements of the South Lanarkshire Public Protection Chief Officer's Group.



Public Protection

Community Planning Partnership

Child Protection

Adult Support and Protection

MAPPA (including offender management)

ADP Alcohol and Drug Partnerships

Gender Based Violence Partnership

Community Justice Partnership



2 Role of individual committees/partnerships



The **South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee** is a multi-agency strategic group responsible for the design, development, publication, distribution, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of child protection policy and practice in South Lanarkshire. The key role of the Child Protection Committee relates to individual and collective leadership and direction for the management of child protection services across the statutory and voluntary sectors. It considers all its work in the context of GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) and wellbeing whilst working to support services reduce the risk of harm, abuse or neglect to children and young people in our community. It reports regularly to the Chief Officers Group on issues of local and National importance.

For more information please visit:

www.childprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk

The Child Protection Committee Annual Report and Business Plan can be found here: www.childprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk/SLCPCAnnualReport



The **South Lanarkshire Adult Support and Protection Committee** is a multi-agency body established under the terms of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 to ensure a coordinated approach to the protection of adults at risk of harm in South Lanarkshire. The Committee's main aim is to promote the highest standards of inter-agency practice in the protection of adults.

For more information please visit:

www.adultprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk

The Adult Support and Protection Biennial Report can be found here:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/adultprotection/APCBiennialReport



Multi Agency Public Protection

Arrangements (MAPPA) is the framework which joins up the agencies who manage offenders. The fundamental purpose of MAPPA is public safety and the reduction of serious harm. The introduction of MAPPA across Scotland in April 2007 gave a consistent approach to the management of offenders across all local authority and police areas, providing a framework for assessing and managing the risk posed by those offenders subject to MAPPA provision. The Strategic Oversight Group (SOG) has representatives from the MAPPA responsible authorities and oversees all aspects of MAPPA in Lanarkshire.

The MAPPA Annual Report can be found here:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/mappa-annual-report



The **South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP)** is a multi-agency strategic planning group which co-ordinates actions around the impact of alcohol and drug-related issues in south Lanarkshire. The principal aim of south Lanarkshire ADP is to reduce the harm that alcohol and drugs can cause to communities, individuals and their families and to promote that recovery is possible.

All those referenced within this South Lanarkshire Public Protection Strategy are committed to working with and supporting the work of the ADP in keeping adults, children and young people safe in South Lanarkshire.

The ADP Delivery plan is available by email to: lanarkshireadp@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk



The **South Lanarkshire Community Justice Partnership** (CJP) deals with the situations people can face before and after the criminal justice process of arrest, trial and sentence – it concerns the issues facing potential offenders and ex-offenders and aims to help prevent crimes occurring in the first place or recurring after a sentence has been served. The Scottish Government introduced the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 following a consultation period on the Future Model of Community Justice in Scotland.

In accordance with the Act, a Community Justice Partnership was established in South Lanarkshire. The Scottish Government's vision is reflected in the South Lanarkshire CJP improvement plan which has been developed with contributions from all partner agencies. You can find out more about the work of the CJP here: www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/CJOI-plan-2017-2022



The **Gender-Based Violence Partnership** is the multi-agency mechanism to deliver on Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls at a local strategic level. The Partnership aims to promote the delivery of an integrated, high quality response to Gender-Based violence in South Lanarkshire. It is made up of key partners from the statutory and voluntary sector and is responsible for developing and implementing South Lanarkshire's Gender-Based Violence Strategy.

For more information and to download a copy of the Gender Based Violence Strategy please visit: www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/gender-based-violence-strategy



Work within and across Public Protection is carried out on a multi-agency basis, and it is important that each agency is clear about its own role and responsibility and understands the role of the other agencies involved. Public Protection Committees work together to agree aims, objectives and outcomes in all joint activity.

South Lanarkshire's Public Protection Committees have a clear focus for their work and recognise the importance of the agencies represented across the partnerships working seamlessly towards clear and tangible outcomes.

Strong leadership and a competent and confident workforce play a critical role in child and adult protection and the protection of our communities.

This responsibility applies equally to the public, private and third sectors.

The importance of leadership in public protection is a key factor, with our Leaders routinely reflecting on their own leadership as they support others. It is therefore key that all activities are reported to the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) on a regular basis.

South Lanarkshire Chief Officers Group (Public Protection)

Chief Officers ([Appendix 3](#)) are responsible for ensuring that their agencies, individually and collectively, work to protect adults, children and young people as effectively as possible. They also have responsibility for maximising the involvement of those agencies not under their direct control. They are responsible for the leadership, direction and scrutiny of their respective protection services and their Child and Adult Protection Committees. Chief Officers are responsible for overseeing the commissioning of all adult and child protection services and are accountable for this work and its effectiveness. They are individually responsible for promoting adult and child protection across all areas of their individual services and agencies, thus ensuring a holistic approach to public protection in its widest context.



3 Outcomes

Public Protection in South Lanarkshire is dedicated to the continuous improvement of a full range of public protection services and builds on improvement by using a robust continuous process of self-evaluation based on clear and tangible priorities.

This outcomes approach supports the delivery of clearly defined measures for vulnerable, or at risk adults, children, young people and families and support the partners own business plans.

Public Protection South Lanarkshire – SMART Outcomes Action Plan (2021–2024)

Our SMART Outcomes Action Plan (2021–2024) can be viewed as Appendix 1.

For further information on our Public Protection priorities and full analysis of these priorities noted above, the Public Protection Leadership Event (2019) report can be requested by email to:

publicprotectionoffice@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

1 Appendix 1:

Public Protection SMART Outcomes Action Plan (2021-2024)

All activities will be achieved by South Lanarkshire COG (Public Protection) through routine reporting during the specified period of the Strategy.

	SMART Outcome	Action Plan
Priority 1	Our Leaders and senior officers work together across the partnership to value the contribution of services working in public protection. We celebrate positive practice and promote a learning culture.	<p>Chief Officers (Public Protection) and leaders work together to deliver the best possible outcomes and strengthen links in multi-agency relationships.</p> <p>Our learning culture based on continued openness and transparency across the partnership is embedded in our practice. Shared learning events maximise joint learning opportunities in a number of creative ways.</p> <p>Our strengthened review of significant cases takes account of all public protection disciplines. We share our findings and understand the requirement to be accountable and implement change as required.</p>
Priority 2	Our Chief Officers are confident that all public protection partners represented have equal opportunity to routinely contribute to the agenda.	<p>The public protection agenda effectively evaluates the continued contribution of partners and routinely report findings to the Chief Officers (Public Protection)</p> <p>Leaders are supported in prioritising prevention and early intervention to deliver positive outcomes, through continuous improvement across the Public Protection agenda.</p>
Priority 3	We have increased confidence in qualitative and quantitative data reported across the partnership. Chief Officers and Leaders have clear assurances that areas of risk are identified and addressed to increase partnership and public confidence.	<p>Our partners work together to review the effectiveness of the Chief Officer Group (Public Protection) meetings to ensure individual risks and strengths are recognised and responded to.</p> <p>Our shared vision and unity of purpose considers the extent to which the vision is owned by partners and drives the planning and delivery of services. We can demonstrate effective promotion of equality and inclusion.</p>
Priority 4	Our quality assurance processes are SMART and developed actions consistently seek assurances of continued improvement. We share our vision and strategy widely within the community.	<p>Our quality assurance priorities are aligned to the outcomes of the public protection strategy.</p> <p>We explore ways of driving up the capacity for improvement through self-evaluation to ensure a high level of awareness about how well services are performing. We can demonstrate our vision and associated strategies are clear and achievable.</p> <p>Changes to systems and practice are routinely reviewed to deliver the required results.</p>

	SMART Outcome	Action Plan
Priority 5	Our strengthened approaches between and across strategic and operational practice and process enhance our visibility and influence.	<p>Leaders, Managers and staff across services demonstrate competence and confidence in shaping the future direction of public protection. We build upon our successes in delivering and sustaining measurable outcomes.</p> <p>We can demonstrate increased opportunities for leaders to visibly link with operational staff in sharing the work of the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection). Effective leadership skills are evident in motivating others and promote positive working relationships.</p> <p>A supportive working environment allows people to share a collective responsibility for improving the quality of their work in public protection.</p>
Priority 6	Our Leaders value the importance of partnership working and seek opportunities to improve its effectiveness in achieving a broad range of Public Protection outcomes for partners and communities.	<p>Our leadership approach demonstrates a strong culture of collective leadership across Public Protection.</p> <p>We routinely seek assurances that policy is evidenced in practice across services and support identified areas of improvement. We work together to address any barriers to improvement.</p>

2 Appendix 2: Public Protection Team

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3 Appendix 3: South Lanarkshire Chief Officers Group

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Executive Director Education Resources	South Lanarkshire Council
Head of Education (Inclusion), Education Resources	South Lanarkshire Council
Executive Director, Housing and Technical Resources	South Lanarkshire Council
Director, Health and Social Care Partnership	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Head of Children and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Head of Health and Social Care	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Chief Executive	NHS Lanarkshire
Executive Director of Nursing/Midwives/AHPs	NHS Lanarkshire
Nurse Director	NHS Lanarkshire
Director of Security, Estates and Facilities	The State Hospital
Chief Superintendent	Police Scotland
Locality Reporter Manager	Scottish Children's Reporter

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