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Fife Child Protection

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HMle Services for Children Unit Inspection 2008

Message from Anne Buchanan, Chair of Fife Children Protection Committee

In October 2008, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle) – Services for Children Unit will lead a specialist team of Inspectors to look at how good our child protection services are in Fife.

I use the term “our” because this is an Inspection of all our child protection services across the public, private and voluntary sectors in Fife. **Child protection is everyone's job and everyone's responsibility.** Child protection cuts across all our business activities and we all have our part to play in protecting vulnerable children and young people.

Here in Fife we have a Child Protection Committee which oversees the design, development, publication, implementation and evaluation of child protection policy and practice across the public, private and voluntary sectors. As Chair of the Child Protection Committee it is my role to ensure that everyone understands their key role in child protection, the part they have to play and the valuable contribution we can all make, individually and collectively.

We have published this Briefing Bulletin to give you an insight into our preparations for this Inspection. Over the next few months we will publish further Briefing Bulletins to keep you informed of developments. If you want to learn more about child protection and our work here in Fife then visit our website at www.fifechildprotection.org.uk

Anne Buchanan,
Chair – Fife Child Protection Committee

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The Inspection – What will happen?

The Inspection Team will arrive in Fife in October 2008 and will be based at Auchterderran Centre, Woodend Road, Cardenden whilst they are in Fife.

They will be looking for evidence of how well children and young people in Fife are protected and their needs met.

The HMIE Services for Children Unit comprises a mix of permanent and seconded staff from the various Inspectorates, including Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA), the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (Care Commission), Her Majesty's Chief Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and the National Health Service Quality Improvement Scotland (NHS QIS).

They will be looking at how well all our services and agencies work together to protect children and young people. They will look at case files, policies, procedures, systems, processes and will interview a wide range of staff. They will also meet with children and families and visit a number of groups.

They will travel extensively across Fife to meet with as many people as possible and will gather evidence before they publish a public Inspection Report. They will gather their evidence using the *How well are children and young people protected and their needs met?* Self-Evaluation Using Quality Indicators Tool.

If you want to find out more about the Inspection process then look at the HMIE Website at www.hmie.gov.uk under Services for Children.

Fife Child Protection Committee (CPC)

Fife Child Protection Committee will oversee and coordinate the Inspection.

Members of the CPC include senior representatives from health, education, social work, police, housing, community services, children's reporter, procurator fiscal and the voluntary sector.

Alistair Gaw, Senior Manager within the Social Work Service will be the inter-agency strategic lead for the Inspection – supported by the CPC Support Team.

If you want to find out more about the work of the Child Protection Committee and who represents you, or just want to learn more about child protection then look at the Fife Child Protection Website at www.fifechildprotection.org.uk

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