East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee

Vision, Values and Aims

"It's everyone's responsibility to support and protect people at risk of harm"

Public Protection in East Lothian and Midlothian includes adult support and protection, child protection, offender management and violence against women and girls, the most high profile 'critical' services for which the key agencies of Council, NHS Lothian and Police Scotland have statutory responsibilities. Recognising the significant overlaps in these areas, we promote an integrated 'lifespan' approach to Public Protection covering all ages and stages of life. Collaborative leadership for this agenda comes from East Lothian and Midlothian Critical Services Oversight Group (CSOG), which incorporates the Chief Executives and Chief Officers from all partnership agencies.

East Lothian and Midlothian Public Protection Committee is made up of senior officers from East Lothian and Midlothian Councils, Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration and the voluntary sector. Our core values of **respect, integrity** and **commitment** underpin our work in supporting and protecting all people who may be at risk of harm in our communities.

We believe that:

- All children and adults at risk of harm have the right to support and protection;
- The training we offer promotes prevention of abuse / harm and the protection of those at risk through appropriate intervention and support.

We want to:

- Work in partnership to deliver leadership, expertise and support that will improve the safety of people at risk of harm in East Lothian and Midlothian.

We will protect and support people who may be at risk of harm by:

- Sharing information with other agencies about people who may be at risk of harm where this is necessary to protect them and enables good decision making;
- Equipping our teams with the right resources and assuring that the quality of services for anyone at risk of harm is maintained.

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