

NHS Shetland

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1 Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Awareness

This report relates to:

- Government policy/directive
- Legal requirement
- Local policy
- NHS Board/Integration Joint Board Strategy or Direction

This aligns to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

- Safe
- Person Centred

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

This report presents Shetland Public Protection Committee's Annual Report for 2025-2026. The Annual Report sets out the key activities of Shetland Public Protection Committee in Shetland in that year, who work together to protect adults at risk of harm, and children and young people in Shetland in need of care and protection. It covers the key statutory functions of the Committee to:

- continuously improve and quality assure
- provide public information, engagement and participation
- deliver appropriate training
- link to strategic planning and make connections
- annually report on the work of the Committee

2.2 Background

In 2025-2026 the key issues for **Shetland Public Protection Committee (SPPC)** as detailed in the report at Appendix 1 were:

- Creation of a business plan to support the 3-year Strategic Plan for SPPC, focusing on 4 priority areas, chronologies, lived experiences, gender based violence and digital safety.
- Updating and monitoring local procedures for Child Protection and Adult Support and Protection.
- Delivering a successful Shetland Public Protection Committee Development Day in August 2025. Participants explored focus areas within the 4 priority areas of the strategic plan and what progress would look like. This has formed the basis for the new business plan.
- Supporting the delivery of all levels of protection training, refreshing content and monitoring uptake from services. Engaging with NHS Shetland to implement a plan to increase uptake over the next year.
- Supporting completion of a Learning Review, monitoring ongoing actions from the review and engaging with the care inspectorate to share learning.
- Quality Assurance support for all protection works and any potential inspections or bespoke pieces of work requested by the Scottish Government.

2.3 Assessment

No decision or actions are required. This report is for awareness raising only.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

NHS Shetland Public Protection Lead Nurse, Nicola MacLennan is a key role in the Public Protection Partnership in Shetland.

2.3.2 Workforce

Appropriate Child and Adult Support and Protection training are critical for the NHS workforce. We are working with NHS workforce development to increase uptake in training, providing specific dates to accommodate more staff.

2.3.3 Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is for noting and awareness raising.

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

There is a high risk both to the adult or child who may be harmed and a reputational risk to NHS Shetland if adult and child protection concerns are not dealt with effectively.

Appropriate training, including refresher training, and full participation in the development work of the Public protection Partnership are key mitigations.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

Adult and child protection affects everyone. Discrimination can become abuse e.g. disability hate crime. Our strategic plan focuses on key issues that remain a high priority within our work streams. These are:

- Lived experience
- Multi agency chronology
- Online safety
- Addressing gender based violence

2.3.6 Other impacts

None

2.3.7 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The Board has carried out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate:

Protecting adults and children at risk of harm is a statutory duty. Work to include service users, patients and communities is part of the remit of Shetland Public Protection Committee. One of our actions for the committee is to explore and establish a link for 'lived experiences' to be heard within the committee.

2.3.8 Route to the Meeting

This is the first meeting to consider our annual report.

2.4 Recommendation

That the board of NHS Shetland have awareness of the Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2025-26. This report is presented for their information only.

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- Appendix No 1, Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2025-26.



Shetland Public
Protection Committee

Annual Report 2025/2026

“Working together to keep Everyone Safe in Shetland”





Introduction from SPPC Chair



It is a privilege, as Chair of the Shetland Public Protection Committee, to introduce our Annual Report for 2025/26.

I would like to begin by congratulating all partners across the Shetland Public Protection Partnership for the effective practice, commitment and hard work demonstrated over the past year. The protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a shared responsibility, and the progress reflected in this report demonstrates the value of agencies working together with a clear and collective purpose.

Over the past year, partners have continued to respond to the challenges facing our communities, strengthening practice, sharing expertise and seeking to ensure that people who may be at risk of harm receive the right support at the right time. I would like to thank everyone involved for their contribution and, in particular, those working directly with children, adults, families and communities.

As we look ahead, however, we must remain focused on continuous improvement. ***Effective partnership working is not simply about what we have achieved; it is about being prepared to ask ourselves what we can do better and how we can make a meaningful difference to people's lives.***

Three areas will be particularly important as we move forward.

First, we must strengthen the voice of lived experience. The experiences of children, adults, families and communities should inform how we design, deliver and improve our services. Listening to people who have experienced our systems and services is essential if we are to understand what works, what does not, and what needs to change.

Second, we need to develop richer and more meaningful data across the Shetland partnership. Good data helps us understand need, identify emerging risks and inequalities, measure impact and target our collective resources effectively. We must continue to strengthen how we share, analyse and use information so that our decisions are informed by the best possible evidence.

Finally, we must continue to strengthen collaboration between partner agencies. No single organisation can provide the best possible protection and support in isolation. Our ambition must be to work seamlessly across organisational boundaries, bringing together our knowledge, skills and resources to deliver the best possible outcomes for children, young people and vulnerable adults across all of our communities.

Shetland has a strong tradition of partnership working, and this report provides an opportunity to recognise that strength while also being honest about the work that remains to be done. Our shared ambition must be not only to respond effectively when people are at risk, but to learn, improve and work collectively to prevent harm wherever possible.

I am grateful to all colleagues, partners, practitioners, volunteers and community organisations who contribute to this important work. Together, by listening to lived experience, making better use of our data and strengthening collaboration, we can continue to build a public protection partnership that is responsive, evidence-informed and focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for the people of Shetland.

Lindsay Tulloch

September 2026

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Executive Summary 2025/26



What went well?

- Implementation of new Strategic Plan 2025-28.
- Developed an interagency training plan for mandatory training within the Inter-Agency Training Group which is available on safershetland.com website.
- Developed the work led by Shetland Violence Against Women, Children and Young People Partnership to improve training, publicity and awareness of gender-based violence and supported the roll out of Gender Based Violence level 2 training.
- Quality Assurance preparation work in preparation of any potential inspections and implementation of actions from previous inspection and file reading exercises.
- Developed protection work in raising awareness and improve publicity awareness through public engagements in Adult and Child Protection.
- Refresh and update of training materials across multiple topics.

What could have been better

- Development of ways to include lived experiences in the work of Shetland Public Protection Committee.
- Engagement with parents in relation to their role and responsibilities to support their children with navigating a digital life safely.
- Incorporating personal experiences of those with lived experiences, a topic that most Local Authorities find challenging, this is now a focus in our Strategic Plan.

What are we going to do now?

- Continue to monitor and progress actions from inspections and file reading exercises.
- Develop biennial file reading exercise for Adult Social Work.
- Develop a process to involve the lived experience of people affected by support and protection issues in the development of services.
- Develop monitoring framework for strategic plan, align business and action plans to include priority areas linked to the plan.
- Develop ways to report and display local data.
- Develop additional workshops for Primary aged children linked to the risks incorporated to digital life.
- Develop engagement strategy for parent participation across all ages exploring the risks of digital life and their role to safeguard their children.

SVAWCYP

Shetland Violence Against Women Children and Young People Partnership

The SVAWCYP Partnership held its first Development Day on 7 May 2025. The session has brought partners together to review current work, identify key challenges, and agree shared priorities for the years ahead to

“improve outcomes for women, children, and young people affected by violence and abuse.”

Three main priorities were agreed:

- Strengthening partnership working, including the introduction of a “Partnership Pledge” to encourage engagement, training, and collective leadership across organisations
- Improving communication, engagement, and training, with a focus on raising awareness of VAWG, equipping workforces, engaging media and ensuring women and girls help shape future services
- Increasing focus on men and boys, promoting positive male involvement, prevention work, and expanding training to better address perpetrators’ behaviours

The Partnership has welcomed a new co-chair, Debbie Sangster, Manager of the Compass Centre, whose appointment has already helped provide stability and rebuild relationships.

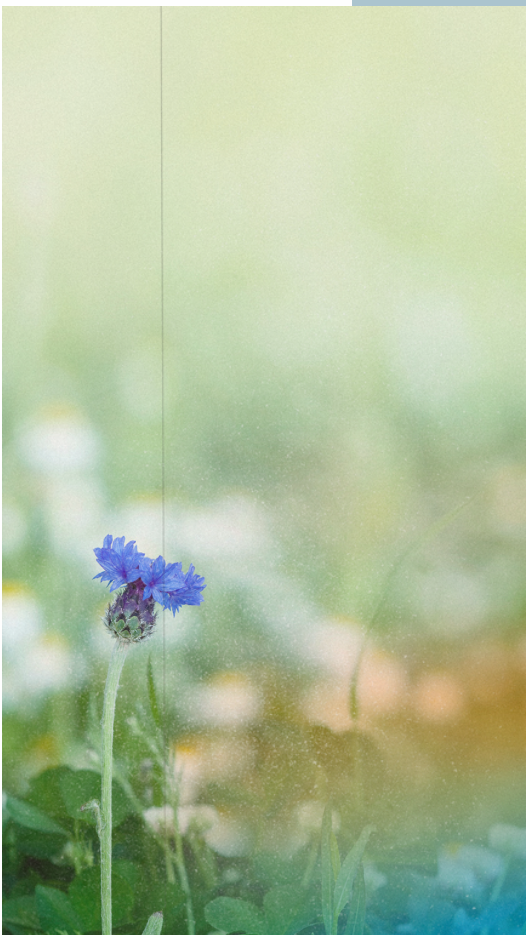
Key outcomes for the partnership:

- The Caledonian Perpetrator Programme is now being delivered locally, with trained Criminal Justice staff supporting the first cases.
- A SafeLives-facilitated review of MARAC identified improvement areas and produced an action plan, with a new sub-group established to oversee progress.
- A new SVAWCYP Partnership logo has been launched to support awareness-raising and a refreshed communications plan.
- Up Helly Aa prevention work included the ABC campaign and alcohol safety/bystander messaging, reinforcing:



ZERO TOLERANCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE
PERPETRATOR RESPONSIBILITY
COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

- No Police incidents were recorded on Up Helly Aa night, suggesting a positive impact from coordinated prevention efforts.
- GBV Level 2 training was delivered across Shetland and will continue quarterly.
- Scottish Government funding for the VAWG Co-ordinator post has been extended for two years, with a 5% funding uplift for the post and specialist DES-funded projects.
- Shetland Women’s Aid’s 2025 Women’s Survey (116 participants) highlighted concerns around normalised misogyny, women feeling responsible for their own safety, and inconsistent experiences of support services.



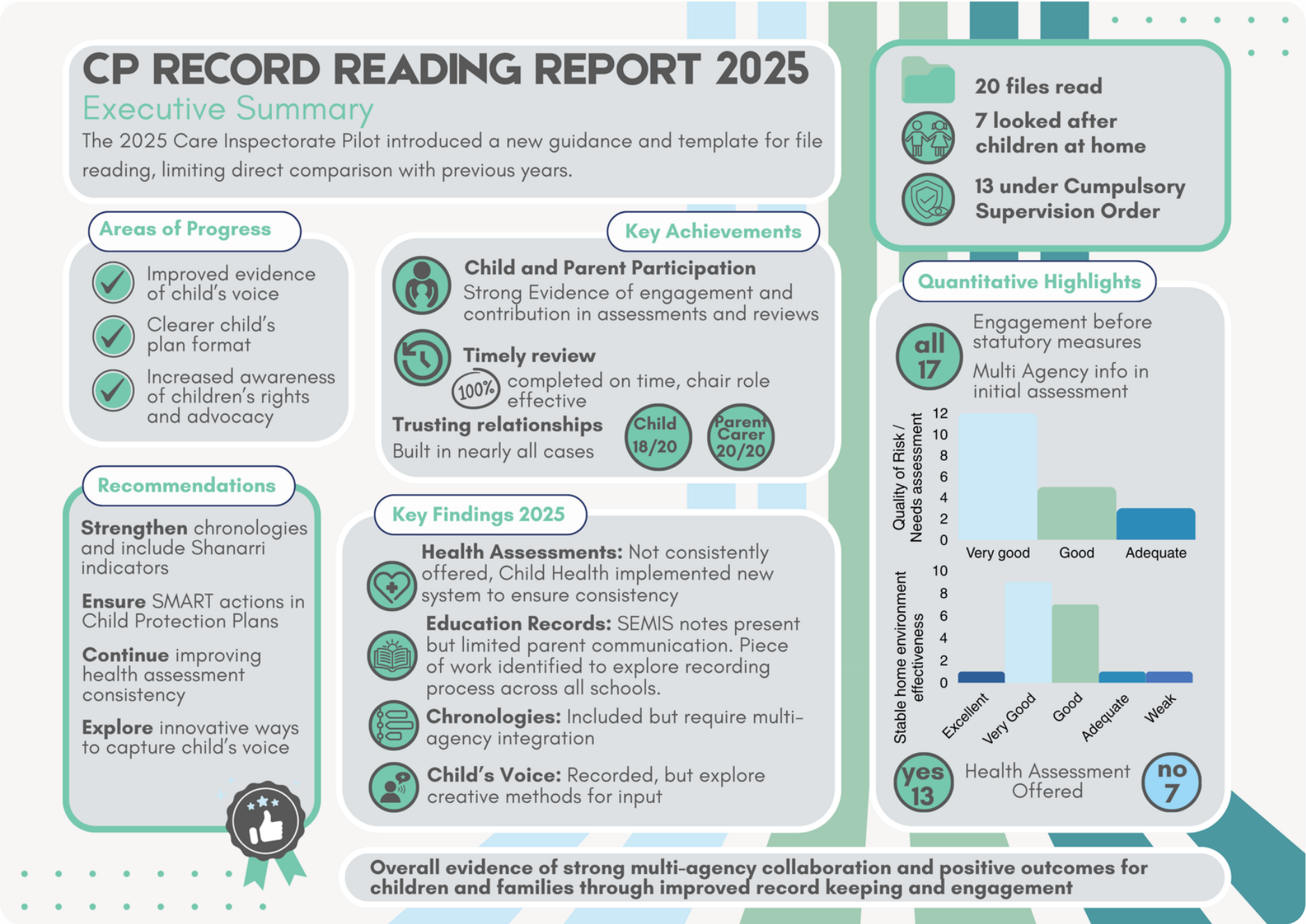


Quality Assurance

CHILD PROTECTION

The Quality Assurance Child Protection Committee met quarterly throughout the year, led by the Independent Chair of SPPC. The committee has had the following priorities:

- Updated QACP Remit
- Continual discussions regarding the Child Protection Minimum Data set and discussion/consideration of local and national CP data at each meeting.
- Response provided to the Section 21 Historic Child Abuse Inquiry and this was shared with Chief Officers.
- Identified training needs for staff, Social Workers to be trained in SCIM (Scottish Children’s Interview Model), Children’s Hearing Training provided by SCRA, recruited a further two Level 2 CP Trainers and refresher training to be provided to Head Teachers.
- Increased the membership of this committee to invite a representative from SCRA.
- Learning Review held for young adult concluded in July 2026
- Carried out Case File Reading exercise with CP Pilot from Care Inspectorate and feedback considered.



ADULT PROTECTION

The Adult Protection Quality Assurance Sub-Committee continued to meet quarterly, led by the Independent Chair of Shetland Public Protection Committee. The sub-committee has had the following priorities:

- Arrange for Social Workers to have Court Training which is helpful for them when presenting a case in court also highlighted to be beneficial to have investigation Interview Training and this will be developed alongside the Council Officer Training.
- Refresh Second Worker Training for Adult Support and Protection Investigations.
- Return Discussion Training Completed for Missing People Protocol for 12 staff. Complete by April 2025.
- Moving forward with focus areas on Strategic Plan in Lived Experience and Chronologies. Discussions held with advocacy workers who now attend SPPC. The Lead Officer sits on National Chronologies working group.
- Analysis of national data submission for each quarter and discussions on how better to present local data.
- Some of the SPPC Team had the opportunity to attend training on the new MOSAIC case recording system to be introduced soon.
- Updated Large Scale Investigation Guidance.
- Gradually developing ways to include lived experience in the work of Adult Protection, working alongside Adult Social Work to explore how we capture information in a sensitive and timely manner.
- Monitoring staffing situations
- Opportunity for discussions on difficult cases – working in partnership with other agencies to identify issues in relation to any specific cases and monitoring progress and resolution.





Development Day



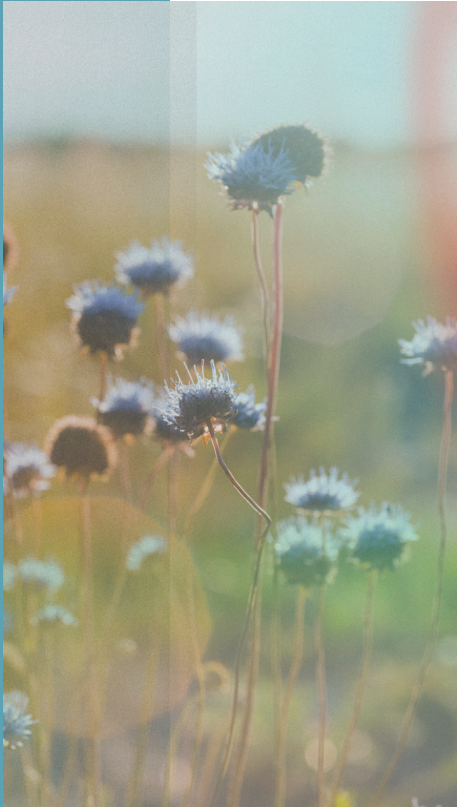
17 September 2025

The Shetland Public Protection Committee (SPPC) Annual Development Day took place on 17 September 2025 at Town Hall, bringing together 39 attendees from a range of partner agencies. The morning session was dedicated to a series of workshops focused on the SPPC Strategic Plan 2025–2028, providing attendees with the opportunity to discuss the key priorities within the plan and explore how current action plans contribute to achieving its objectives.

CHRONOLOGIES	GENDER BASED VIOLENCE	LIVED EXPERIENCE	ONLINE SAFETY
1. What makes a good chronology? 2. Does your service use chronologies? 3. How to support staff to record data accurately? 4. What would progress look like?	1. What are the main issues of GBV? 2. How can your organisation help support the eradication of GBV? 3. Do staff have access to GBV Level 1+2 training? 4. What would progress look like?	1. Does your service capture data & narrative? 2. What should we aim to learn from capturing lived experience? 3. Barriers of sharing lived/living experience? 4. What would progress look like?	1. What are main online safety concerns for adult protection? 2. What are the main online safety concerns for child protection? 3. What is your role to reduce impact on online safety issues? 4. What would progress look like?
YOUR ANSWERS			
+ Factual + Consistent + Sharing information across services	+ Justice system - trust in and awareness of system + Under reporting + Training / education	+ Effective tools/policy for capturing data + Equal voices - from service users to CEO + Managing expectations & changing practice when needed	+ Increased reporting + Online safety training/ education from young age + Challenging developing norms / less online reliance

Throughout the afternoon, we had speakers from different services introducing their recent updates and activities.

Ellen Griffith Weir spoke about the Street Pastors initiative, which trains volunteers from local churches to support people in town centres during evenings and weekends. Following her presentation, members shared their views on the service, including the types of training and learning opportunities they felt would benefit volunteers, as well as the routes and operating hours they considered most appropriate.



Next on, Lewie Peterson introduced the new Compassionate Communities campaign, part of the Compassionate Shetland initiative, which promotes kindness, empathy, and dignity across the islands. Bringing together services, organisations, and local communities, the campaign aims to reduce stigma and ensure people feel valued and supported, especially during difficult times, so that no one feels judged or alone.

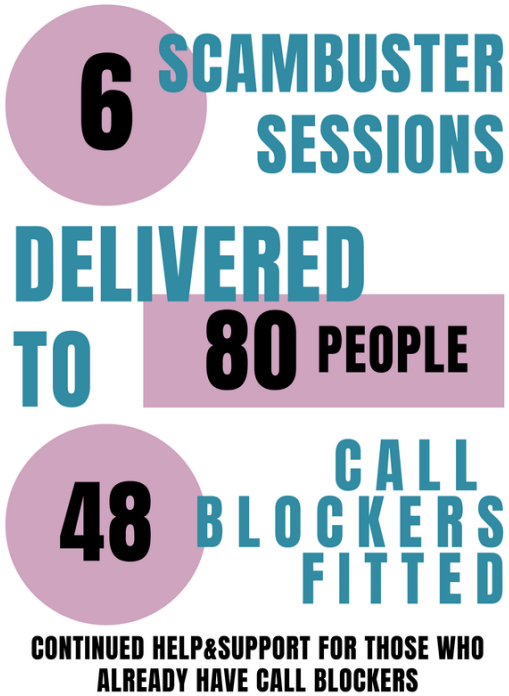
Our last presenter, Joanna Sandison provided an overview of Family Group Decision Making (FGDM), a strengths-based approach that places children, parents, and their wider family network at the centre of decision making. FGDM promotes collaboration, participation, dignity, and informed choice, encouraging wider family and friends to contribute to planning and support.

Work of Sub Committees

PROTECTION IN THE COMMUNITY

Held every quarter, it brings together a range of service providers supporting wider community groups and provisions to consider issues impacting the public.

- Monitoring progress of Street pastors Initiative.
- The committee helped in ensuring changes to the PVG scheme, introduced on 01 July 2025, were clearly communicated to sports and community groups, particularly to coaches/committees and trustees.
- Upkeep of training and support to third sector and sports groups.
- Promoting adult and child protection at both local and national levels, including supporting the local ABC Campaign (Alcohol/Behaviour/Call It Out), delivered ahead of community-wide Fire Festivals.
- Took part in Safer Islander – 135 S1 pupils were given twelve 10 minute presentations around safety. SPPC Team delivered a session on Hate Crime.
- Representative from Compassionate Communities invited to come onto the group.
- Reporting on financial harm at both local and national levels, with financial harm incorporated into Level 2 Adult and Child Protection training.
- The scambusters team continued to visit community groups mainly to speak about scams and financial harm. Sessions were held in Scalloway Over 60s Group, Delting RVS Group, Stroke Support Group, Cunningsburgh RVS Group, Church Guild, and Muckle Roe Hall Winter Drop in.



INTER PARTNERSHIP TRAINING GROUP

the purpose of this group looking at wider remit among partnerships and third sector training, having training information available and bookable by all organisations. This group meets bi-annually.

- Training Calendar updated regularly and accessible by all available on [safershetland](https://safershetland.com) website.
- GBV Level 2 training held quarterly.
- Wir Ain Peerie Bodies Training – every early years setting now has a pack and a video outlining the required training.
- Unmasking the Manosphere Training delivered as part of Safer Internet Day.
- Trauma Skilled Level 2 training, six trainers across SIC support the delivery.
- Trauma Based Practice Level 1 training available on [safershetland](https://safershetland.com) website.





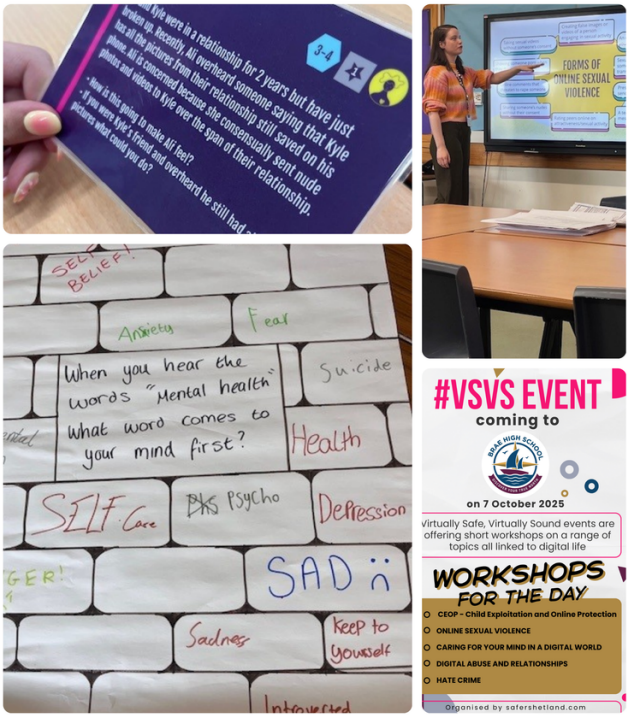
DIGITAL SAFETY AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION COMMITTEE

Held quarterly, this group has a specific focus exploring the impact of our digital life, information sharing, training and raising awareness in topics that are forever changing. Exploring issues that impact across all ages and how we work together to minimise risk. This group also manage the overall content of the Virtually Safe Virtually Sound training.

- Members received feedback from Safer Internet Day 2025 and held discussion around this.
- Continue to share CSE information at every meeting.
- AI debate tool developed and piloted at Cunningsburgh&Whiteness School (20 pupils).
- Healthy Balance for Digital Life session held at Cunningsburgh School for P6.
- CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Train the Trainer training completed and 5 people are now trained to deliver CEOP workshops to young people.
- CEOP sessions held for Bridges participants – 5 participants.
- Mobile Phones Use in Schools – survey circulated by Children’s Services and feedback considered and debated at this committee.
- Rolling programme of VSVS events – this year Sandwick in September, Brae in October, AHS in November.
- SLWG set up to progress information videos and podcasts initially on the VSVS topics but will develop with other information in future.
- Fast Forward visit to Shetland, promoting awareness around the risks of gambling.
- For SID 2026 – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Information collated and shared through schools.
- Data gathering exercise by all agencies represented on what digital training they delivered through 2026.
- Parent Involvement Evenings set up with Tingwall Primary School and Brae High School to speak to parents around online safety for their children. 6 adults in total attended which is not a big uptake but good discussions held.
- Online safety session with Library staff so they know the messages to say when speaking with young people in the library.
- TGIT Group Online Safety session for parents with young children (5 people).
- SPPC attended Book bug Week held in March 2026 to talk to parents of young children and provided leaflets on variety of topics
- Met with Family Centre to start developing online safety package to be added to parenting programmes.

#VSVS EVENTS

- ✓ 3 FULL DAY EVENT
- ✓ DELIVERED IN SANDWICK, BRAE AND ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
- ✓ A TOTAL OF 398 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED
- ✓ WORKSHOPS DELIVERED:
 - CEOP
 - ONLINE SEXUAL VIOLENCE
 - DIGITAL ABUSE AND RELATIONSHIPS
 - WELLBEING
 - HATE CRIME
 - CARING FOR YOUR MIND IN A DIGITAL WORLD



Publicity and Awareness Raising

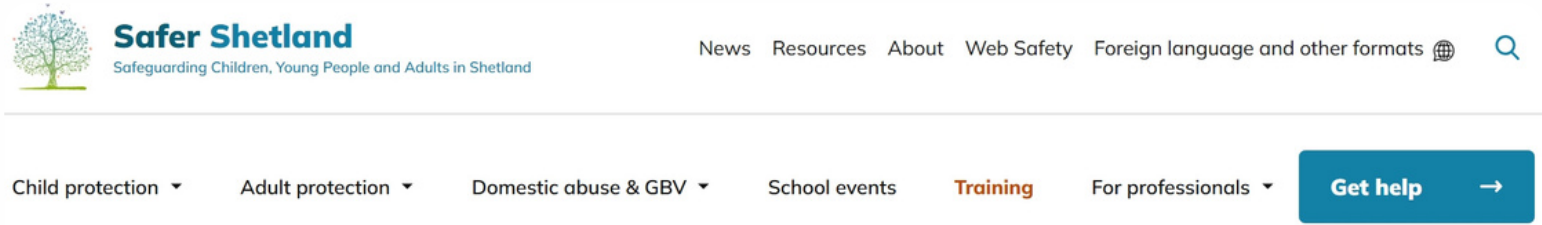
- For National Adult Support and Protection Awareness Day on 20 February 2026 the team along with Trading Standards Colleagues visited some groups to deliver Scambusters Sessions. To talk about how to identify a scam, what the tactics are for scammers and how to keep yourself safe from scams.
- Helped to promote National Care day Feb 2026.
- SID February 2026 – Press release sent out to all parents through education, all SPPC groups, SRT to share on socials, “Talking to your child about staying safe online”. Newsletter sent to all SPPC Groups, Ai debating tool sent to all Primary Schools Head Teachers across Shetland.
- The Public Protection Committee Team attended the Cunningsburgh Show in August 2025. A competition to design a shield for our Tech Buddy was held for young children and parents were asked questions from our survey about being online. The team introduced the #Ask the Awkward cards, a tool to help parents speak to their children about being online. Many leaflets were handed out about keeping safe and for financial harm and scams.
- Local response to national campaigns led to information shared on safershetland website for Safer Internet Day, Anti Bullying Week 10-14 November 2025, #Social Media Kindness Day 09 November 2026, World Book Day March 2026, CyberBite information on online security/scams November 2025, Get Safe Online information November 2025, CyberSecurity Awareness Month spotlight on Scambusters October 25 Information about Home Insulation Scams June 2025, World Password Day May 2025, Basic Parental Controls Information April 2025.
- Attended 40th Anniversary of SRT at Clickimin Leisure Complex in August 2025. Spoke to some parents and promoted the ask the awkward and scams information.
- Attended Outdoor Sports Clothes Swap at Gilbertson Park in November 2025. Spoke to 23 people attending the event promoting the ask the awkward and scams information. Made connections with Wellbeing Hub re scamming in the community. Made contact with The Hub – Employability pathway to undertake session with their Thursday Group.
- Financial Harm Advert / News / Shetland Times / SIBC Advert / Radio Shetland midday bulletin / press release around financial harm May 2025.
- Shetland Heritage Conference Publicity stall at museum in November 25 to speak about scams and safety.
- Took part in the 16 days of action walk in December 2025.



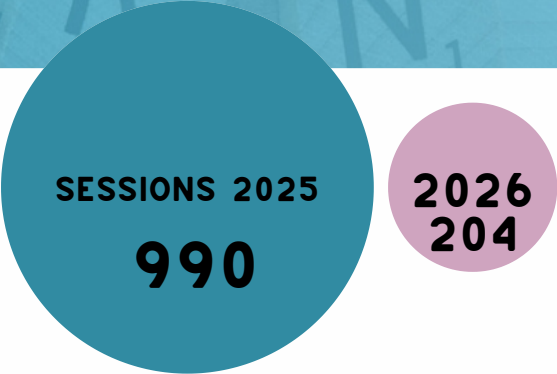


Website Activity

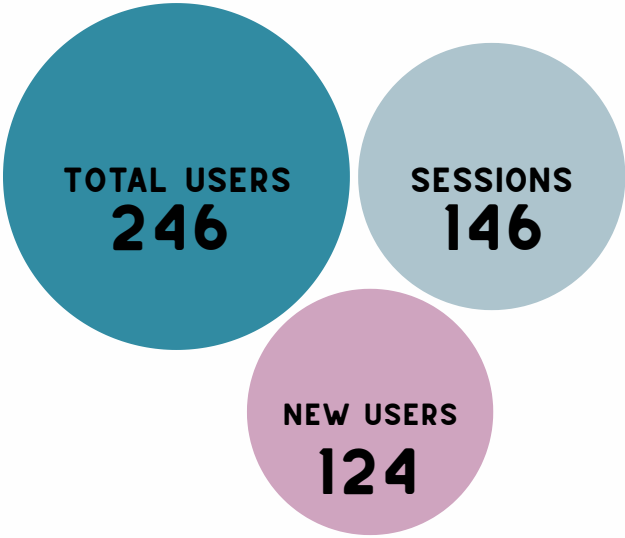
The safershetland website continues to evolve and be updated regularly. Training pages have been added to reach organisations and public who do not have access to SIC and NHS systems.



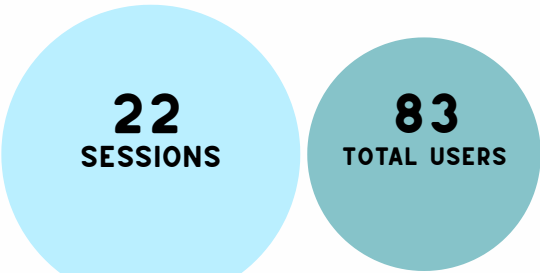
The **“Keeping Adults and Children Safe” Level 1 E** learning had 204 sessions through the period of April 2025 to March 2026.



Introduction to Trauma Informed Practice ELearning

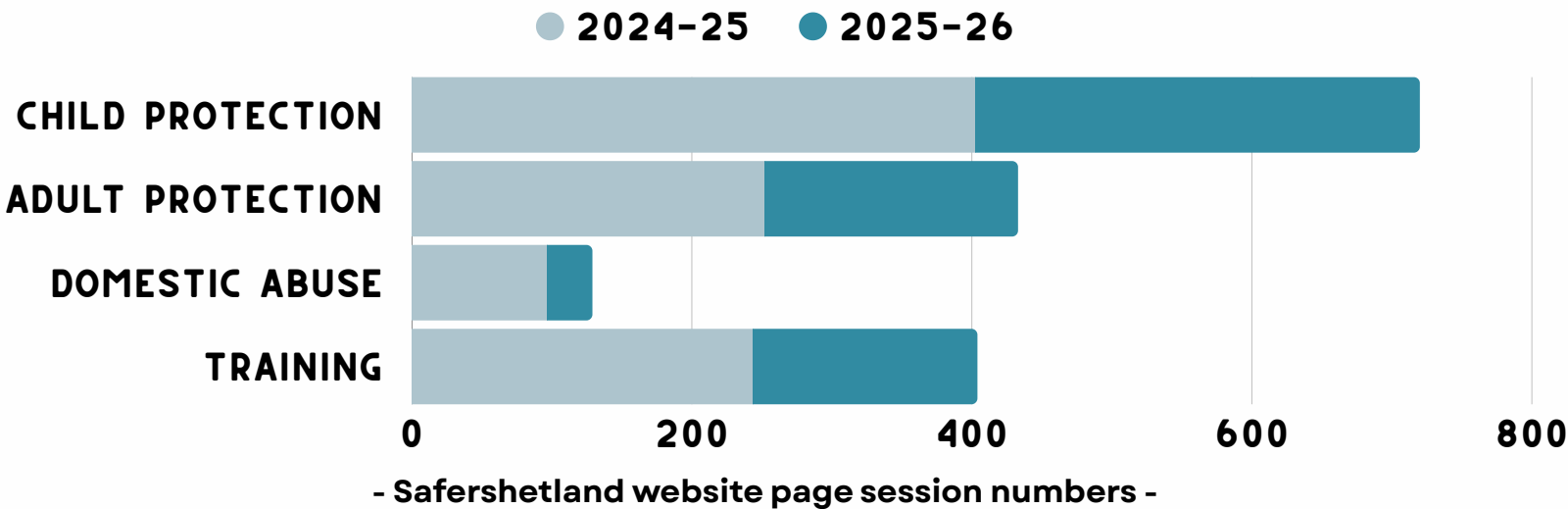


Understanding Gender Based Violence ELearning



*a session is a period of time during which a user interacts with a website

Between April 2025 and March 2026, the data indicates a slight decrease in the number of sessions across most pages of the website. However, usage of the Training Page has increased, which may suggest that training opportunities are being accessed through other organisations and within the community. This is a positive development, as it could reflect wider engagement with learning and development resources.



Training

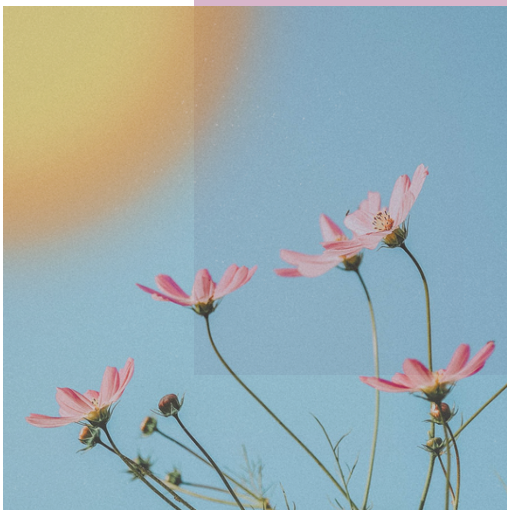
Training has continued to be delivered with more face-to-face sessions being available, which is best wherever possible. Training for Adult Protection and Child Protection has been updated to take account of updated national advice and guidance. Over this year Level 3 Child Protection training has been a priority with commitment from the trainers to deliver 4 courses to ensure those who need an update get the opportunity in a timely manner.

Level 3 Adult Support and Protection is being delivered regularly to ensure easy access to those who require it. A priority for 2026-27 is to explore the inclusion of Sexual Exploitation training within current courses and the introduction of Police Scotland delivering a standalone course. Trauma informed practice remains a priority with staff accessing online or in person training.

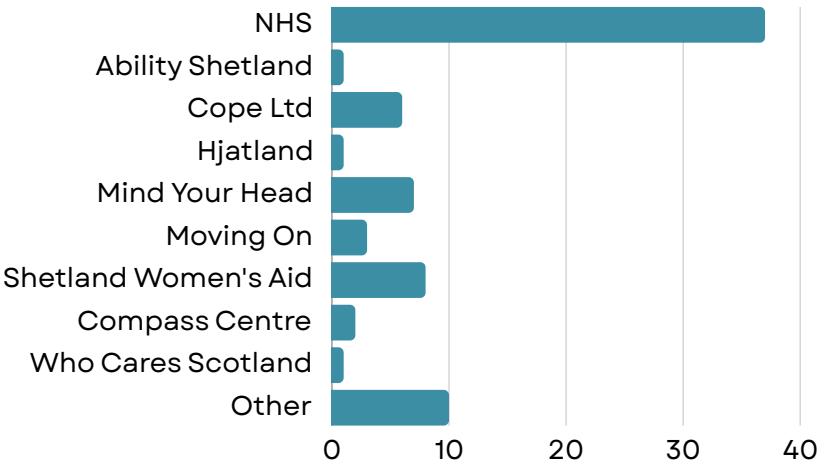
ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING STATISTICS

Training numbers reported by Workforce development between 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

	2024-25	2025-26
Total number of people trained	787	607
Number of Training sessions held	61	51
ELearning course completion (SIC staff)	681	774



	2024-25	2025-26
NHS	49	37
Voluntary Sector	46	28
SIC	594	528
Private/other	11	13



No of Training Sessions

	2024-25	2025-26
ASP Level 2	21	20
ASP Level 3 Blended Learning	6	3
Council Officer	1	postponed
CP Level 2	23	24
CP Level 3	6	4
Gender Based Violence Level 2	4	0

eLearning Course Completion SIC/NHS staff

	2024-25	2025-26
ASP Level 3	57	61
Child and Adult Protection - It's Everyone's Job	444	540
Child Protection Level 3 Refresher	21	44
Level 1 Understanding Gender Based Violence	61	40
Prevent	78	89



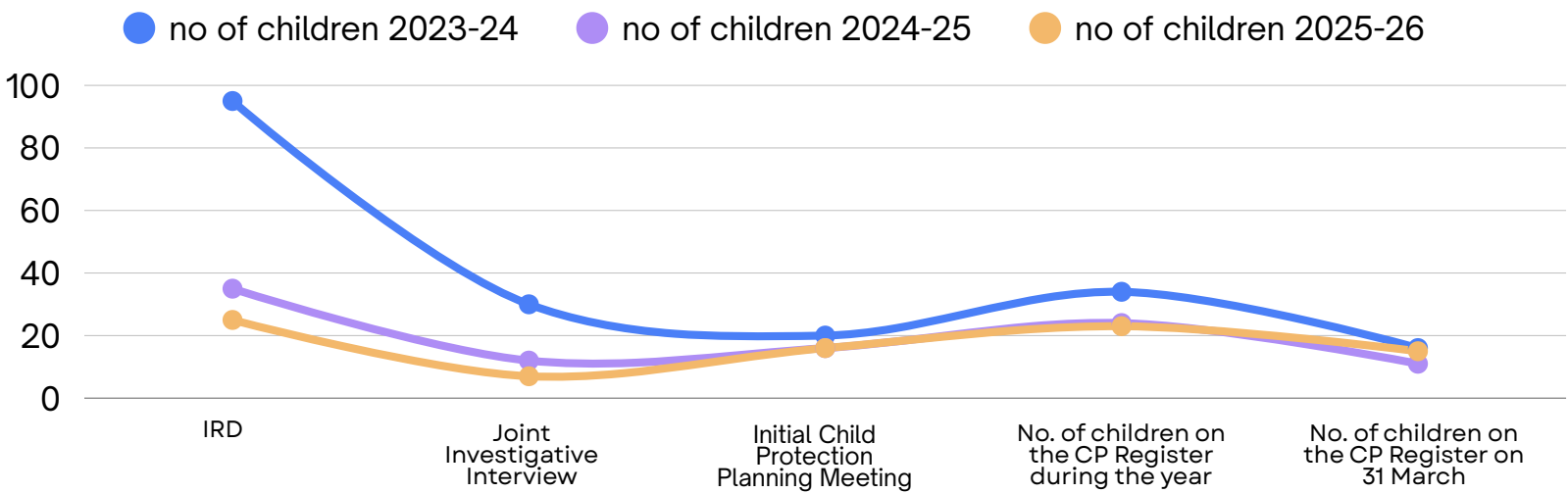
Analysis

of Adult and Child Protection Data

CHILD PROTECTION

Between April 2025 and March 2026, the following information on Child Protection Data in line with the National Guidance for Child Protection Scotland 2021 was noted.

Child Protection	No. of Children 2023-24	No. of Children 2024-25	No. of Children 2025-26
Initial Referral Discussion	95	35	25
Joint Investigative Interview	30	12	7
Initial Child Protection Planning Meeting	20	16	16
No. of children on the Child Protection Register during the year	34	24	23
No. of children on the Child Protection Register on 31 March	16	11	15



- In 2025/26 the 25 IRD’s involved 31 children
- Of the 7 Joint Investigative Interviews, <5 were refused by young people, <5 still to be complete
- Interviews still to be complete are not an issue, <5 historic in nature and young person is safe, <5 has only just been at IRD and scheduled
- Of the 16 Initial Child Protection Planning Meetings (ICPPM) held, involving 25 children/babies in total. Of the 25 total, 5 were pre-birth
- Of the 25 at icppm, 23 were registered. <5 were not registered, returned to icppm the following month and were subsequently registered
- 23 Children on CP register in 2005-26 and 19 children removed



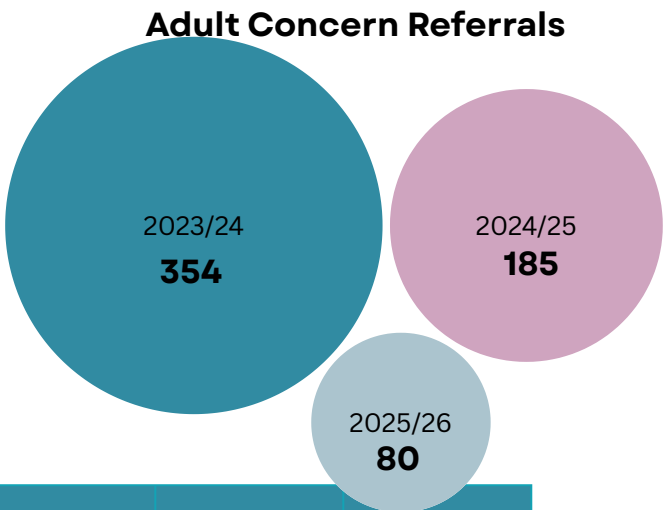
ADULT PROTECTION

As the National Dataset evolves the way Adult Support and Protection data is recorded has therefore been changing.

Adult Concern Referrals for year 2024/25 were less due to changes in triaging and recording Concerns.

The number of Adult Concern Referrals for year 2025/26 has further reduced due to ongoing triaging with the Social Work and Inverness Hub teams. The data is discussed at the quarterly QAAP sub committee and shows Shetland data is in line with the National picture.

More Adult Concerns are now taken through other legislation, the AWI and MH Acts. Advice and Support is offered from a range of services including the Community Mental Health Team, Care at Home support, environmental health and housing and relationship, alcohol and health support from different agencies.



Adult Support and Protection Data

Category	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Adult at Risk Referrals (Meeting 3 point criteria, Inquiries)			
No of Investigations (Inquiries using investigative powers)	20	72	53
Outcomes for those meeting 3 point criteria			
Number of Case conferences	<5	15	7
Number of Protection Plans	<5	8	5
Legal Orders	0	0	0
Ongoing ASP Work	-	39	8
Advice and Support	-	14	13
No opportunity for further ASP intervention	-	0	<5
Outcomes for those not meeting 3 point criteria			
No further action	282	12	6
Advice and Support	52	7	25
Adult at Risk Referrals (not meeting 3 point criteria)			
Number of Inquiries concluded without using investigatory powers	-	113	27
Ongoing ASP work	-	<5	<5
No Opprtunity for further ASP intervention	-	<5	<5
No further action	-	56	<5
Advice and Support	-	52	21

Conclusion

**In 2025/26 the priorities for the Shetland Public Protection Committee have been to:**

- Complete any further updates to the Adult Protection Procedures and the Child Protection Procedures.
- Continue to build on the good work of Shetland Violence Against Women, Children and Young People Partnership to increase awareness in our community of gender-based violence.
- Ensure the priorities in the Improvement Plan following the Adult Support and Protection Inspection continue to move forward.
- Ensure that, some progress on including individuals with lived experience in the work of Shetland Public Protection Committee can be practically demonstrated.
- Ensuring we continue to prepare for an inspection of services to children at risk of harm, through taking forward the outcomes of our Guided Record Reading, and completing self-evaluation work for the Scottish Government on the extent to which we have implemented the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021

In 2026/27 the priorities for the Shetland Public Protection Committee are:

- Continue to monitor and progress the actions from the ASP inspection improvement plan and prepare for future inspections across both services.
- Develop an interagency training plan for mandatory training within the Inter-Agency Training Group.
- Develop protection work in raising awareness and improve publicity awareness through public engagements in Adult and Child Protection.
- Develop the work led by Shetland Violence Against Women, Children and Young People Partnership to improve training, publicity and awareness of gender-based violence and support the roll out of level 2 training.
- Deliver workshops as required to update professionals on changes within Child and Adult Protection Procedures updates.
- Participate in the National Review on Group based Child Sexual Abuse and Criminal Exploitation
- Deliver interview skills training for ASP Social Workers
- Creation and delivery at combined Level 2 Public Protection for those staff who require both Child and Adult training.
- Explore specific multi agency training in relation to conducting Learning Reviews, upskilling local staff to assist or take a lead on certain aspects of the review.
- Progress action plan from first Learning Review completed by SPPC.

