



“WithScotland continually researches and contributes to best practice around the process of reviews and has established a knowledge base that is accessible to all child protection committees. The considered approach taken by the WithScotland team, using expertise available to them, enables CPC’s to decide on an approach that is proportional to the event being reviewed – with children always remaining at the heart of the work”

**Phyllis Smart**

Nurse Consultant Child Protection NHS Grampian

**Based at the University of Stirling, WithScotland is the national resource supporting professionals working in child protection. We connect research with practice; exchange knowledge and ideas and coordinate activities across child protection communities. At the heart of our work is the principle of working together to improve outcomes for children and adults at risk of harm.**

## **Significant Case Reviews / Case Reviews – How Can WithScotland help?**

WithScotland’s Community of Expertise (see over), was set up following recommendations from the Eilean Siar inspection report\* (SWIA 2005). Our Community is steadily growing as a harnessed pool of knowledge, skills and experience in child wellbeing and protection, from a variety of disciplines. Many members now have substantial experience in leading/supporting Significant Case Reviews and there is also a growing body of competence in using the accredited model of review, the SCIE Learning Together model\*\*.

Child Protection Committees (CPCs) are welcome to contact WithScotland to source support for situations warranting a Case Review or SCR, as Lead Reviewers, Critical Friends or for advice and support.

Community members work in accordance to our information governance policy and a jointly agreed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Additional support and facilitation is available from the WithScotland team throughout the SCR or Case Review process.

Any support and all facilitation and brokering provided by WithScotland is free of charge. Other cost is negotiated between the CPC and the Lead Reviewer/Critical Friend.

\* Social Work Inspection Agency (2005) ‘An Inspection into the Care and Protection of Children in EileanSiार Edinburgh: Scottish Executive

\*\* <http://withscotland.org/resources/scie-learning-together>

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## Do you need advice or support on child protection?

We can help by providing access to our community of experienced professionals. Our Community of Expertise members, who go through a stringent vetting process, come from a variety of backgrounds. Some examples of areas of expertise and what support can be offered:

- Child protection/social workers, practice teachers and senior managers, independent consultants, child protection paediatricians, children's reporters, nurse consultants and clinical psychologists.
- Advice and support in complex cases, a sounding board for specialist advice, formal case review or organisational development
- Independent report-providers on behalf of CHS/SCRA.
- SCR Lead Reviewer/Critical Friend including SCIE Learning Together model (WithScotland can provide additional support)
- Academics, trainers and clinicians with specialists' knowledge in child protection, family violence, trauma, attachment etc:
- Key note-speakers and trainers/facilitators\*\* at events. Practice development.

### Further areas of expertise\*:

- Legislation
- Expert witness
- Sexual abuse/ Child Sexual Exploitation/Trafficking/Adult survivors
- Operational: Chairing case conferences/ Co-location/ Forensic psychology
- Parenting assessments/ capacity, attachment and trauma
- Leadership and management issues/organisational development
- Policy and strategy
- Mediation, coaching / solution seeking
- Analysis, risk assessment and decision-making
- Relationships/reflection/supervision and therapy
- Journalism, media handling
- Self-evaluation/case file audits and preparation for inspections

\* This is usually a free service, only when it requires more in depth involvement may there be cost implications (includes independent reports on behalf of CHS/ SCRA). All case specific requests for advice and support, which should come through CPC Lead Officers or senior managers, will be provided with a brief, selective literature review

\*\* WithScotland's role is connecting and brokering. Keynote speakers and delivery of training maybe associated with a fee

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