

Advancing the Whole System Approach

Implementation Group September 8, 2016

COPFS Conference Room 1

In Attendance: David Doris (SG), Liz Murdoch (SG), Neil Hunter (SCRA), Paul Beaton (COPFS), Craig Wainright (COPFS), Boyd McAdam (CHS), Lesley Mortimer (Education Glasgow), Neil Mitchell (SCRA), Katie Stewart (COPFS), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ), Donna McEwan (CYCJ), Rosie Wright (Police Scotland), Jennifer McDonald (FCAMHS Glasgow), Jim Cantley (AFC)		
Apologies: Tom Halpin (SACRO), Sean McKendrick (SW Scotland), Cleland Sneddon (SOLACE), Arlene Stewart (SG, Community Justice), Dorothy Hawthorn (Renfrewshire SW), Fiona Dyer (CYCJ)		
	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion
1	Welcome and introductions (NH)	NH welcomed everyone to the meeting and ensured agenda and papers received. Introductions and welcome of new members completed and apologies noted.
Actions		By Whom
N/A		
2	Previous Minutes and Matters Arising	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>The group accepted that action regarding feedback from Police Scotland YJ event in January was not required as had been shared previously.</p> <p>PB advised the definition of “exceptional circumstances” is an ongoing matter and he will provide update as appropriate. This is the same situation for his paper in relation to bail which will also be informed and link with the working of the bail sub-group.</p> <p>Note of previous meeting agreed.</p> <p>Polmont focus group with young people had been delayed and now scheduled to take place on 5th October.</p>
Actions		Status
1. Feedback from lived experience focus groups.		1. At next meeting

<p>3, 4 & 5</p>	<p>Update work plan</p> <p>Refreshing WSA-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence • Workforce , skills & development <p>16/17yr olds –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court • MRCs • Alt to Secure Care 	<p>Full discussion re. WSA work plan highlighting need to assess whether appropriate progress is being made and to ensure clear reporting to YJIB. Recognition that YJ as a priority is potentially slipping hence WSA group reiterating importance of integrating YJ within the wider systems such as CPPs and Children’s Service Plans. Scot Govt have offered support nationally to do so and some have issued correspondence to CPP’s seeking such support. Scot Govt and CYCJ will liaise to determine how such support can be offered. Also highlighted importance of linking with Community Justice Scotland and timeframe for doing so. Agreement that outcomes for children and young people should be reflected within work plan.</p> <p>Areas to be added to work plan are-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure care (links with the secure care project); • Alternatives to Secure Care/ Custody • Serious and Organised Crime (link with the Divert and Deter work group); • Mental health and distress (co-morbidity). <p>Recognition of range of interventions available to support working with children and young people involved in the spectrum of offending behaviour. However, the variance of availability of these interventions across the country remains an issue. Need a consistent framework to support delivery of EEI and particularly Diversion as COPFS need confidence in what is and can be delivered to take diversion to next level.</p> <p>DD noted Scot Govt has identified YJ as priority with progress report on YJ Strategy in 2017, 2 years from its launch.</p> <p>Agreement that there should be close links across the 3 implementation groups (WSA, ILC and DWC) and understanding of the cross-cutting themes.</p> <p>Update on bail working group which has now met twice. Focus is to identify a core framework for all stakeholders to utilise in relation to children and young people. Recognition that overarching principles must be applicable to all populations to secure buy in. Group will now undertake scoping of best practice examples.</p> <p>Group acknowledged the challenge of reducing number of 16/17yr olds in the Court system as highlighted within previous CYCJ paper. Ambition to have more 16/17 year</p>
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		<p>olds retained within Hearing System with aces to effective pro-social, welfare based interventions aimed at sustainable behaviour change..</p> <p>Discussion around limited use of MRCs and reasons for this. Recognition by group of a training need across partners to better understand the possibilities of utilising EM. Range of issues regarding use of EM noted as-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence that the intensive wraparound supports required will actually be implemented • Report writers understanding the level of creativeness it offers and consider all implications • Crossover for supporting vulnerable individuals and not just for offending behaviour. • Assessing needs of children and yp • Quality of assessments for MRC, the rationale and evidence of effectiveness behind these • Confidence of decision makers based on these assessments • Efficacy of the use of MRCs with yp and who it works best for. <p>Role within SCRA and CHS to remind people of consideration of MRC.</p> <p>Role of DM as EM Champion and seeking to link with EM Working Group when re-convened to ensure value of EM with yp across range of arenas is considered.</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
2. Bail working group to feedback to WSA Group outcome from scoping exercise and next steps.	2. TH, PB, DM, FD	2. At next meeting
3. Update work plan with areas noted.	3. DM	3. By 25 th October 2016
<p>6</p> <p>(a)</p>	<p>Data</p> <p>Jointly Reported Cases</p>	<p>NM and PB updated group on ongoing progress around jointly reported data with positive trends continuing. Now including the no. of advice/ remittals.</p> <p>PB explained the timescales around decision making for complex cases, the solemn and sexual matters, do take longer due to their serious nature.</p> <p>KS offered that COPFS could undertake analysis of those cases where the timescale is 40plus days, for initial decision as to who will proceed with the case, to determine reasons this occurs.</p> <p>Discussion that timescale for serious cases from initial</p>

		<p>decision taken until case actually coming to Court may also be helpful.</p> <p>Positive relationships between SCRA and COPFS. SCRA in discussion with Police Scotland also in relation to jointly reported decisions by police.</p>	
Action		By Whom	Status
4. PB to speak with Tim Barraclough of Court Services re. information and linking with WSA.		4. PB	4. By next meeting
7	Update Scot Govt Guidance	<p>Reintegration and Transitions Guidance has been updated but on hold due to CYP Act 2014 situation.</p> <p>Court Support Guidance -meeting scheduled with multi-agency partners.</p> <p>Noted that WSA Group should have sight of the guidance.</p>	
Action		By Whom	Status
None			
8&9	Connecting with existing structures	<p>Group reiterated importance of connecting with CPPs, Community Justice Scotland and the new Community Justice Partnerships, LA, Child Services plan to ensure WSA is embedded and maintain focus on supporting the needs and risks of children and young people involved in offending behaviour.</p> <p>Agreement that current members reflect appropriate range of stakeholders. Additional representatives will be invited to attend as appropriate.</p>	
	Membership		
Actions		By Whom	Status
N/A			
10	AOCB	<p>Need for schematic representation of all groups and sub-groups taking forward YJ Strategy. Question raised regarding Comms Plans and whether should link with main overarching Comms Plan or create individual one?</p>	
Actions		By Whom	Status
5. Communications as agenda item at next meeting.		5. DM	5. Actioned.

Date of next meeting- 10am on 30th November within conf rm 1 at the Procurator Fiscal's Office, 10 Ballater Street, Glasgow

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