

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group - August 22, 2016

<p>In Attendance: Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); Michelle Gibson (Skills Development Scotland); Olive Arens (Up to Us); Helen Jones (Barnardos); Michael Shanks (Includem); Janine Ryan (Action for Children); Alison Melville (SG Youth Justice); Ann Kivlin (Education Scotland); Scott Khalil (SACRO); Alan Milliken (Conference call) (ADES); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service); Kay Fowlie (Child Health Commissioners); Carole Dearie (Good Shepherd Secure Unit); Pamela Morrison (CYCJ); David Doris (SG Youth Justice); Keir McKechnie (Scottish Health Council/Includem)</p>		
<p>Apologies: Christine Scullion (Robertson Trust); Craig Green (Glasgow Kelvin College); Angela Morgan (Includem); Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland); Iain Macaulay (NYJAG/North Lanarkshire Council); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice)</p>		
	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and membership (All)</p>	<p>Membership update: Carole Dearie will replace Audrey Baird as the Good Shepherd Rep; Kay Fowlie will be leaving the group due to retirement. Kay was thanked for her contribution and Lynne McNiven will join the Group; Christine Scullion is a new member; Keir McKechnie attends this meeting given the health focus and his secondment at Scottish Health Council.</p>
2	<p>Note/Matters arising (All)</p>	<p>Note agreed. Matters arising: Housing meeting had previously been held with Bill Barron to discuss issues faced with housing policy. GR has also met Liz Cooper to gather SPS evidence in housing issues. Community Justice have raised similar issues. It was suggested understanding young people's housing rights is an issue and an information sheet could be a useful output from these discussions. AMe updated on children who are LA at home advising the LAC strategy presumes against this placement type and service delivery needs to be considered, with early intervention the preferred option. Final meeting of Part 12 guidance group was held on 26 July, with final draft in production and due to be reviewed by GIRFEC team and SG lawyers prior to publication in the next few months. LAC nurse forum discussed. KF advised that the review of school nursing will impact on service</p>

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Actions	By Whom	Status
1. Further housing meeting to be convened 2. Louise Hill to be contacted re: group input to Part 12 guidance 3. LAC nurse forum chair details to be shared 4. AMe to gain update from Julia Egan (SG) and DN from Marian Flynn (Celcis) re: school nurse review/LAC pathway	GR/LM DN KF AMe/DN	ASAP Guidance has been sent to SG lawyers and cannot be further amended Prior to next meeting Prior to next meeting
3	Update from the YJIB; Young people in custody narrative (GR)	<p>GR updated on board from 23 June. New members of Board include Rosie Wright and Barry McEwan (Police Scotland); Tim Barraclough (Scottish Court Service). DD reminded that Implementation Groups should focus on the “game changers” that will make a significant difference. Each Group is to develop a communication strategy for sharing and disseminating messages and work.</p> <p>GR provided Group with presentation on the data on under 18s in custody. Presentation will not be shared at present but data will evolve into a narrative to help thinking in different parts of the youth justice landscape. Importance of, and issues with, gender specific information were highlighted and whether data could be matched with housing information was raised.</p>
4	Draft action plan	<p>Draft action plan discussion and focus on:</p> <p>4.1 <u>School inclusion</u>-Discussion on common themes paper and next steps. It was agreed the narratives of the young people and where possible direct quotes; “if only” points; and insights of what school experiences and exclusion meant to young people are the key points to expose practitioners to and challenge them with. Understanding the context and whole picture around the child and the role of the professional, as well as families and other workers in this is also important. This has the potential to bring together what young people want education staff to know; “educate the educators” to be empathetic from the start and to see beyond</p>

		<p>behaviour; and to build capacity to make a real difference to young people's educational experiences. It is also important school staff once seeing beyond the behaviour and understand what is underpinning this know what to do next and what supports are available that young people can be referred to and to staff, although this seems a more local issue.</p> <p>In terms of communication it was agreed it would be useful to have this information/ a document to share with the Education Scotland event in Polmont on 26 November. If ready this could also be used at the Scottish Learning Festival. This requires further consideration.</p> <p>The publication of the Bailey Gwynne inquiry report in autumn may have implications for this group also re: school exclusion policy and knives.</p> <p>CD highlighted teachers are eager to gain information, as evidenced in the gender training/inputs, for example regarding the residual effects of trauma, female development, identity, and self-harm, which can increase tolerance levels and understanding of complexity of education staff.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Victims and community confidence</u>-Meeting held on 10 August. Brief scoping exercise currently being completed. Community confidence part of this needs more consideration and links with community justice work.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Opportunities for All</u>-Subgroup has met twice, with the next meeting late September. Focus has been on gathering barriers and good practice examples. Links are being made with DYW Employer Group and SG Group</p> <p>4.4 <u>Health and wellbeing</u>-Update given on health profiles document. KF suggested linking in to the Part 12 work and school nurse review with this information to avoid duplication.</p> <p>DN advised initial findings of group have fed into CYCJ responses to consultation on CAMHS and mental health strategy-it would be useful for other organisations to respond to these consultations. KF suggested support at tier 1 and 2 rather than behavioural and emotional issues leading to CAMS referrals would be more appropriate.</p> <p>KM advised SHC are developing a capacity building tool for health professionals and young people-anyone who would like more information to contact KM.</p>
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		4.5 <u>Reintegration and Transitions</u> -Please see attached presentation given by Briega Nugent. It was agreed individuals should reflect on the findings of this presentation and at the next meeting next steps under this priority would be discussed further.
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5. School exclusion document to be updated/reworked to reflect above, prior to being shared with young people. GR to continue to liaise with AMi	DN/GR	By November 2016
6. Any information re: information or supports to young victims to be shared	All to DN	ASAP
7. Remaining group members to share any health information	To DN	ASAP
8. Individual organisations to respond to CAMHS and mental health strategy consultations	All	CAMHS deadline was 17 August; Strategy consultation closes 16 September
9. Reflect on R&T theme ahead of next meeting.	All	Prior to meeting
5	Stakeholder survey (DN)	DN requested that those who have not yet participated do so.
6	Date of the next meeting	TBC