

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group, May 15, 2017

<p>In Attendance: Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); Michelle Gibson (Skills Development Scotland); Olive Arens (Up to Us); Ann Kivlin (Education Scotland); Alan Milliken (ADES); Russell Hamilton (Action for Children); Alison Melville (SG Youth Justice); Pamela Morrison (CYCJ); Scott Khalil (SACRO); Christine Scullion (Robertson Trust); Angela Morgan (Includem); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners)</p>		
<p>Apologies: Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service); Fiona Bennett (Barnardos); Carole Dearie (Good Shepherd Secure Unit); Iain Macaulay (NYJAG/North Lanarkshire Council); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice)</p>		
	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion
1	Welcome, introductions and membership (All)	Russell Hamilton welcomed as new member of the group replacing Janine Ryan (Action for Children); Fiona Bennett has replaced Helen Jones as Barnardos rep; College rep still being pursued via College Development Network.
Actions		By Whom
1. AK to follow up College rep.		AK
2	Note/Matters arising (All)	<p>Accuracy of note agreed. Matters not covered elsewhere in meeting: AMe advised in respect of the Bailey Gwynne inquiry recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In improving the resilience of schools to the threat posed by weapons, the new school inclusion policy document due for publication will include guidance that any incidents should be recorded and monitored locally to enable LAs to review and improve where necessary local policies; • The law on searching pupils will not be amended as it is deemed robust processes are already in place to enable schools to deal with situations where weapons are suspected. AMi noted that this would be a partnership response involving other services including Police Scotland; • Scottish Government was liaising with Home Office re: legislative controls on the online purchase of weapons. <p>PM advised development of SQA programme for boys would depend on roll out and uptake of girls course. AMe advised brochure for families when a young person is sentenced to secure care remains in draft</p>

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		<p>and cannot be shared currently. Alcohol strategy is currently being refreshed. DD has discussed youth justice reference in alcohol and drug strategies. Meeting with Alison Gough (National secure care project) delayed pending further progress with Secure Care Strategic Board-AMe advised this needs to be aligned with the care review and is not likely to meet until Autumn. The CSWO and secure care report is now available. Other actions carried forward below</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
<p>2. AMe to follow up with SG re existing processes in education 3. AK to follow up with JG and circulate framework 4. Liaise with Martin Cawley at Big Lottery 5. AMe to discuss findings with DD</p>	<p>AMe AK AMo/GR AMe</p>	<p>Prior to the next meeting Prior to the next meeting Prior to the next meeting Prior to the next meeting</p>
3	Update from the Youth Justice Improvement Board (YJIB) (AMo)	<p>The last meeting was chaired by Donald Henderson, who will continue to do so in the interim, with a decision on the new director imminent. The positive progress of this group was well received. Karen McCluskey updated on YJIB on Community Justice Scotland which remains at an early stage and Karen will be a member of YJIB. A joint meeting of the YJIB and Justice Board took place on 5th May. A number of similar themes were identified, including interest in what could be learnt from what we know about young people; variation in young people's experiences/access to services and the impact on their outcomes and likely destination; developing a shared value base; and how improvements in the system and reductions in the number of young people in custody can be maintained. These discussions will go back to YJIB. It was suggested with changes in Police Scotland, approaching a rep for this group may be useful.</p>
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<p>6. DN to follow up Police rep.</p>	<p>DN</p>	<p>Prior to the next meeting</p>
4	Update on areas of work:	

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	<p>Health and wellbeing paper</p> <p>Schedule of drivers</p> <p>Relationships paper</p> <p>Reintegration and Transitions Housing</p> <p>Victims and community confidence</p> <p>Opportunities for all subgroup</p>	<p>Amendments to the paper suggested to be actioned by DN/GR and circulated back to the group. Various possible groups where this could be utilised to be followed up and plan developed for disseminating messages.</p> <p>Growing Communication Assets for Scotland's Future plan to be circulated for comments by Monday 22nd May. A round table event on SLCN is scheduled for later this year-any recommendations on speakers or topics can be shared with DN. Schedule of drivers developed to help target our outputs and identify where the group can have maximum impact. Suggestions for revising structure to be incorporated and document to be updated and referred to at each meeting. Agreed DN will incorporate any contact group members have outwith meetings with relevant parties into this document.</p> <p>Draft has been developed and shared with GR and AMo. This has been amended to focus on the importance of relationships and what can support/enable staff to build and maintain relationships on an individual, organisational, and policy/strategic level. This will include quotes or case examples. Feedback will be sought from young people on the document and other methods of capturing young people's voices will be explored. The challenges of the housing system which is not designed to provide stable accommodation for young people (and other groups) and which is highly legalisatic, focusing on entitlement rather than sustainability of housing was highlighted. GR updated on the development of Scottish Quality standards and housing strategy, as a point of good practice which it is hoped housing providers will sign up to. The group has been invited to comment on this. AMo advised as this applies to people in/leaving custody, there may be scope for working backwards to develop similar standards for prevention.</p> <p>Also requested that group members share examples of the housing challenges faced/barriers to accessing and sustaining housing for the young people we are working with, as well as examples of good practice or where this has worked well. There appears to be a shift of approach in respect of homelessness with the recognition of needing to address housing prior to other difficulties. It was</p>
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	<p>School inclusion</p>	<p>noted the Scottish Parliament’s Local Government and Communities Committee has launched a call for written evidence on homelessness.</p> <p>DN advised an event on restorative justice and young people is planned for later this year.</p> <p>Engage event on the costs of youth justice took place on 3rd May, with presentations available here.</p> <p>Thanks to all those who contributed and attended. Scoping exercise is now complete and will be shared with subgroup prior to wider dissemination.</p> <p>Group has met on several occasions and achieved numerous objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships-paper completed; • Disclosure- PVG review consultation is likely to go live in August and alliance group focused on young people has been formed that will explore guidance, training and a conference to bridge the information and support gap to young people, their families, professionals working with them and employers. CYCJ representation on this Group will continue, linking back to the ILC Group as necessary. Issue of colleges asking for high amounts of disclosure information and the General Data Protection Regulation which will apply from 25 May 2018. • Benefits-Universal Credit information sheet published. Significant difficulties for young people navigating the system highlighted. It appears that it would be for SG to determine whether they can act to mitigate some of these difficulties for this group. • CPOs-Issue of flexible and meaningful use of unpaid work hours, support, and extending opportunities beyond sentence were highlighted. In inspections CLAD projects in employability are often identified. It has been suggested that this could be pursued outwith the group and could feed into the sentencing council review-how best to pursue this will be discussed at review meeting on 16.5.17. • Employers: identified the need to support employers and provide information on recruitment and disclosure and this is now being supported by the Employer Network who are developing a website which MG will
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		<p>remain involved with.</p> <p>Agreement reached that group should now cease but could provide a reference point if required. MG and PM in particular thanked for their input, as were all group members.</p> <p>AMe advised that SG are reviewing children services plans and community justice plans for their youth justice focus/content.</p> <p>GR will reschedule meetings/contact with AMi and SG re: dissemination and monitoring of impact of this. Education Scotland have agreed to disseminate at SLF in September. It was agreed social media could be a helpful way of continuing to promote this document including in linking into coverage on other areas eg attainment.</p>	
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7. Update health document to reflect discussion from today's meeting	DN/GR	Prior to next meeting	
8. AMo/CS to follow up re: adolescent health group	AMe	Prior to the next meeting Prior to the next meeting	
9. AMe to follow up re: prisoner healthcare group	DN	With minute	
10. DN to circulate Everyone has a story paper	DN	15.5.17	
11. DN to circulate Growing Communication Assets for Scotland's Future	DN	Prior to next meeting	
12. DN to amend schedule of drivers document before sharing with group and update on an ongoing basis	All to DN	ASAP	
13. Share quotes/examples on the impact of relationships on outcomes for young people and their families; what staff	All to DN	By 9 th June	
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	DN	Prior to the next meeting.	

<p>can do in practice to support relationship building and maintenance; and what can assist at an organisational/system and policy and strategic level;</p> <p>14. DN to circulate Housing Standards document and any comments to be returned by 9th June</p> <p>15. Share examples of the housing challenges faced/barriers to accessing and sustaining housing, and good practice examples</p> <p>16. DN to finalise and circulate scoping exercise on victims initially with subgroup and more widely</p>		
<p>5</p>	<p>Date of the next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting to be scheduled for August.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>AOB</p>	<p>AM advised Paul Beaton will head MACR Bill Team and Janine McGowan will join the youth justice team as professional advisor.</p>