

## Improving Life Chances Implementation Group, January 18, 2017

<p><b>In Attendance:</b> Michelle Gibson (Skills Development Scotland); Helen Jones (Barnardos); Janine Ryan (Action for Children); Alison Melville (SG Youth Justice); Carole Dearie (Good Shepherd Secure Unit); Pamela Morrison (CYCJ); Scott Khalil (SACRO); Christine Scullion (Robertson Trust); Angela Morgan (Includem) Vice Chair ; David Doris (SG Youth Justice); Olive Arens (Up to Us); John Galt (Education Scotland);</p>		
<p><b>Apologies:</b> Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland); Alan Milliken (ADES); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service); Gill Robinson (SPS) Chair; Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners); Iain Macaulay (NYJAG/North Lanarkshire Council);</p>		
	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion
1	<b>Welcome, introductions and membership (All)</b>	<p>Acknowledged that Gill Robinson (chair) and Debbie Nolan (secretariat) have been unable to attend the meeting. Meeting being chaired by Angela Morgan (vice chair) and note of the meeting taken by Pamela Morrison.</p> <p>Craig Green is no longer able to be a member of the group due to his other commitments. He was thanked for his contribution and it was acknowledged that a representative from further education should be sought. Members were asked to make any suggestions to Debbie and it was also agreed that Craig Green should be asked if he can nominate someone.</p>
2	<b>Note/Matters arising (All)</b>	<p>Note agreed. Matters arising:</p> <p>Date on the previous note was incorrect. This has now been changed.</p> <p>Housing meeting scheduled to take place on 19.01.17 has been postponed to February due to cancellations. The next meeting will determine if there is a need for more members to be added to the group and its specific focus.</p> <p>LAAC nurse review is ongoing and connection will be maintained.</p> <p>The Scottish Government response to the Bailey Gwynne review is still in development. SG colleagues will feed in relevant points to ILC in due course</p> <p>Implementation of the residential qualification is currently on hold pending the Care Review.</p> <p>Statutory guidance on Children's Services is now published and there are points of connections to the Youth Justice Strategy. Noted for the discussion on review of environment and external drivers for ILCs work. DD will circ link Framework around Education</p>

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		Equity Interventions to be shared with the group. JG will circ link. SG Consultation on school governance. DN finalised and submitted a response on behalf of the ILC. DN to circ.
<b>Actions</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Members to advise Debbie should they suggestions for a representative from further education to join the group.	All members	Prior to next meeting
	SG colleagues	ASAP
	DD	Prior to next meeting
2. SG colleagues will advise the group of relevant points in relation to the Bailey Gwynne enquiry.	AMe/ DN/ PM	At the next meeting.
	DN	At the next meeting
	JG	Prior to the next meeting
3. Framework around Education Equity Interventions to be shared with the group.	DN	Prior to next meeting
4. Update to the group following housing meeting.		
5. Update of the progress of the LAAC nurse review.		
6. Framework around Equity interventions to be shared with the group.		
7. Finalised response to SG consultation on school governance to be shared with the group.		

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3	Update from the YJIB (AMo)	<p>Robert Marshall has moved to head up another dept within justice and YJIB will be chaired by Donald Henderson in the meantime.</p> <p>Since the last Board Ministers have made their decision on the minimum age of criminal responsibility and Board and subgroup members were thanked for their contribution to this outcome. Ministers may decide to re-establish the working group to assist in taking the implementation process forward.</p> <p><u>Implementation Groups:</u> <u>Developing Capacity and Improvement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognised the pressure on the capacity of the group to push forward change.</li> <li>- Recognised symmetries between the work of YJIB and CHIP and the work done by Celcis and CYCJ so looking to maximise impact across themes and resources</li> <li>- Looking to develop a framework for CPPS to ensure link adult and youth justice fully considers young people</li> <li>- Concern raised around the loss of dedicated youth justice resources and workforce.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advancing the Whole System Approach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns raised around the diluting of the Whole System Approach and reprioritising of resources.</li> <li>- There are spikes in referrals to reporters and increases in offending in some areas</li> </ul> <p>The Board considered the wider concerns about sustainability of effective interventions especially in the third sector. SG will establish a working group to consider this and Angela has suggested an invite be extended to Tom Halpin as Chair of the Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum. Tentative date set for 27.02.17.</p> <p><u>Improving Life Chances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive feedback from the YJIB in relation to the work of the group and especially the school inclusion paper.</li> <li>- It was noted that there is a requirement for this paper to be circulated more widely and Gill Robinson will pursue this with SG and ES.</li> </ul> <p>Karen McCluskey CO CJS had been unable to to</p>

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		attend the last Board but is expected to be present at the next meeting.
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8. School inclusion paper to be promoted through group members own contacts.	All	ASAP
4	<b>Reflection on Progress to Date</b>	<p>The ILC had originally agreed that the approach needs to influence and make use of the opportunities developing in relevant policy and strategy developments, encouraging and challenging their connections to the needs of young people who (may) offend. This is working well. The group considered current and impending external drivers as the basis for maximising impact and shaping priorities. Identified areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Child Protection improvement plan.</b> Importance discussed of linking in with this and</li> <li>2. <b>Care Review.</b> Team leader, Miranda McIntosh leading this review. Parameters of this still to be set and it will begin in April/ May and will last approximately 2 years. Robertson Trust to feed into the review in relation to the language used/ stigma around the care system and how it can be reframed.</li> <li>3. <b>Mental Health Strategy</b> being finalised and <b>Health and Wellbeing strategy</b> to go along with it. Throughout both there is a strong focus on young people and prevention.</li> <li>4. Current focus on <b>Adverse Child Experiences</b> and the progress that has been made in Wales. This is being progressed by Scottish Government and CYCJ.</li> <li>5. <b>CYCJ Key messages document</b> provides a strong background link for the work of ILC</li> <li>6. Independent funders also have an interest in driving policy and practice. Big Lottery noted as the biggest funder in Scotland suggest profile of ILC activity is raised with BLF (Martin Cawley CE or Carolyn Sawyers Head of Policy).</li> <li>7. Lankelly Chase publication 'Hard Edges' - a study in England looking at the Mapping of Severe and Multiple Disadvantage. This study is being replicated in Scotland by Herriot Watt University over an 18-month timeframe. Christine Scullion to keep the</li> </ol>

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		<p>group updated on the progress. Proposed action that DN develop a schedule of external drivers with significant dates/ individuals where known to maximise targeting for impact ILC Workstreams updates: <u>School Inclusion</u> Ensure School inclusion paper continues to be circulated and promoted by the group. More actions may follow after GNs further discussions with SG and ES <u>Relationships</u> a) All discussions in ILC so far and the Opportunities for All subgroup paper on Relationships highlight the underpinning importance of relationships a) for effective service interventions and b) for sustainability of outcomes. Given the financial insecurity of so much YJ (direct or linked) provision, the Group identified the need for a 'best practice for all' document to be produced to provide a benchmark for commissioned services on relationship based approaches eg of value to the new CPPS and link to the proposal of the Developing capacity subgroup. It was felt that given continuing austerity, only services adhering to the best practice should be commissioned. As well as examples from ILC group members youth work orgs eg Youthlink and Access to Industry were noted to have good papers on the benefits of youth work. A paper underpinning relationships in similar format to schools inclusion paper would be helpful. This should include practice examples and direct feedback from young people. Multi media potential noted –eg inclusion of direct YP voices in podcasts b) Update on the VGYW courses. Writers have met and a further meeting will take place with SQA on 07.02.17. Programme to be complete by June 2017. SQA developing a media launch and Scottish Government will be advised of this. Discussions around the possibility of this being launched at the Youth Justice Conference. Scottish Government colleagues raised the possibility of an equivalent SQA course for boys and young men. It was noted that unlike girls and young women which was developed in the absence of research and good practice there are existing programmes for young men.</p>
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		<p>and feedback. Propose have final draft ready for discussion at the next meeting with focus on where to target the paper and key messages. Need to ensure Lynne McNiven or another health representative is able to attend. It was noted for info that Foetal Alcohol Syndrome was discussed at a previous meeting and GR has contact with an expert Doctor who is willing to speak with group members if they have an interest in this.</p> <p>The group noted the importance of and role of psychologists in schools. Acknowledged the inconsistencies in NHS areas around these services.</p> <p>Mental Health Strategy will be out prior to the next meeting which will allow the opportunity to feedback drawing on our document.</p> <p>It was also suggested that as we do not have a specific rep from Drug and Alcohol services it would be valuable to invite someone to a future meeting to address issues in this area. We need to determine if current D and A strategies make reference to youth justice and to reaffirm links with the alcohol and violence colleagues. Tom Hardy will be kept informed of the group's discussions.</p> <p>A further area previously identified for ILC to link to is Child Sexual Exploitation which is an area of practice development in CYCJ.</p> <p>The Group was advised of an app for young people with Autism which aims to help young people who have difficulties interpreting others or being aware of their own sexual behaviours Being taken forward by Adrian Hannah Scottish Drugs Forum.</p>
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9. Community Justice paper to be circulated.	CS DN	Prior to next meeting ASAP
10. Scoping exercise to ensure workplan is in line with external and relevant agendas.	GR/ AMo CS PM	Prior to the next meeting Ongoing Ongoing
11. Liaise with Martin Cawley at Big Lottery.	CD	Prior to the next meeting
12. Group to be kept up	DN/ All	Prior to the next meeting

to date with the 'Hard Edges' research by Herriot Watt University.	DN	ASAP
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13. Explore the possibility of an SQA course for boys and young men	All members	ASAP
	DD	Prior to next meeting
14. Brochure for families when a young person sentenced to secure to be circulated to the group.		
15. Health and Wellbeing paper to be recirculated and the group to comment and feedback.		
16. Develop a schedule of external drivers.		
17. Develop underpinning relationships focused paper in similar format to schools inclusion.		
18. Practice examples/stories from young people for Relationships paper to be provided by group.		
19. Determine if current drug and alcohol strategies make		

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	reference to youth justice and to reaffirm links with the alcohol and violence colleagues		
<b>5</b>	<b>National Secure Care Project</b>	Meeting to be arranged between Alison Gough, Secure Care National Advisor open to individuals from both the Advancing Whole System Approach as well as Improving Life Chances Group to address actions moving forward. Acknowledged that a strategic board is being set up. Tender progressing through Scotland Exel for secure units. Secure accommodation network review of care standards has taken place, awaiting feedback. Concerns that the care standards are falling short of what is required.	
<b>Actions</b>		<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Status</b>
20. Meeting to be arranged between Alison Gough and implantation group members.		DN	ASAP
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	Next meeting to be scheduled for March, prior to the next YJIB. Debbie to arrange. Work to be completed by group members via email prior to the next meeting.	