

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group October 31, 2016

<p>In Attendance: Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); 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); Craig Green (Glasgow Kelvin College); Angela Morgan (Includem); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners); Iain Macaulay (NYJAG/North Lanarkshire Council); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice); Keir McKechnie (Scottish Health Council/Includem).</p>			
<p>Apologies: Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland); Olive Arens (Up to Us); Ann Kivlin (Education Scotland); Alan Milliken (ADES); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service);</p>			
	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion	
1	Welcome, introductions and membership (All)	Lynne McNiven and Christine Scullion welcomed as new group members.	
2	Note/Matters arising (All)	Note agreed. Matters arising: Follow up housing meeting scheduled for 9 November-any issues for this meeting to be shared with Pamela Morrison/GR; DN updated on meeting with CELCIS re: LA at home/Edge of Care and planned round table event; DN has contacted Alisa Clunnie as LAC nurse chair; Bailey Gwyne inquiry report recommendations raised-LM advised SG are considering recommendations-there may be a future role for this group; Other matters identified under discussion areas below.	
Actions		By Whom	Status
1. Information for housing meeting to be shared by group members.		All to GR/PM	ASAP
3	Update from the YJIB (GR)	GR updated on board September. YJIB are happy with ILC Groups work and emerging information which can be fed into existing work under the priority areas. Strategic Planning Partnerships have been lettered by YJIB with 7 respondents expressing an interest in discussing youth justice further. SG have started meeting with these organisations; Child Sexual Exploitation Action plan to be discussed at Chairs meeting to identify which	

		<p>Implementation Group this best aligns to;</p> <p>Presentation on under 18s in custody, will be shared with the Group once information on offence type is clarified;</p> <p>Discussion on sustainable services and what good partnership working looks like in practice began, which may be the focus of a short-life working group;</p> <p>Link to The Next Steps towards Better Hearings shared;</p> <p>WSA group chaired by Neil Hunter (SCRA) is focused on WSA guidance refresh; what works for EEI; diversion and bail (bail subgroup established); and jointly reported cases;</p> <p>Developing Capacity and Improvement Group is exploring self-evaluation framework. Multiple issues re: qualification of residential childcare workers raised which will be shared with this Group and AMe to discuss with SG LAC team;</p> <p>Liz Murdoch will lead on reporting on progress of the Implementation Groups to YJIB in July.</p> <p>Agreed GR will continue to provide verbal updates from YJIP meetings to group.</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
2. Issues re; qualification of RCC workers to be shared with SG team and developing capacity implementation group.	AMe/DN	ASAP
4	Draft action plan	<p>4.1 <u>Reintegration and Transitions:</u></p> <p>Agreed that findings from Briege Nugent's presentation cut across priorities of ILC Group with key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The power of relationships both positive and negative; -Time needed to build relationships with yp but the impact of short-term funding/services on this; importance of focussing yp's needs and outcomes rather than outputs such as completion of programmes; and need to recognise that due to the experiences and needs these yp often present, there is no quick fix; -Importance of relationships with siblings (how can we ensure this is reflected in family strategies and part of child's /throughcare plans?); -Relationships with the police and impact on this-CS

		<p>advised a meeting between PSPs and police is taking place on 7/11; Police Scotland approach to young people now published - action plan is an area of work where we may be able to influence; with a range of issues such as flexibility, rethinking what is deemed policing in the face of pressures, managerial support, and the importance of relationship-building for yp's long-term outcomes highlighted;</p> <p>-Yp not having anywhere to go or things to do and the importance of addressing this in giving a sense of purpose, filling time, having people who care and this being a place and space for change. In terms of service design, the importance of available, accessible, responsive and sustainable local services, that adopt an assertive outreach approach, was highlighted. The role of community development and youthwork was cited in this, although financial pressures have often lead to the loss of these services, and also the importance of activities that are not 'service-based'. Corporate parenting duties may be a lever to access services, as may the Community Empowerment Act and position in CPPs. It was however noted Leisure Trusts are independent position from local authorities in some areas which may adversely affect this;</p> <p>-Issues with employment (being addressed via Opportunities for All subgroup);</p> <p>-Challenges of supporting young people to be ready to engage with services/interventions and then moving young people beyond services to social networks, opportunities etc but recognise that achieving a "positive destination" is often not the end of these yp support needs and this is a longer journey. SACRO are currently exploring mentoring, advocacy and counselling services in schools, which they will seek feedback from Group on;</p> <p>-That yp leaving custody have different throughcare needs to adults and gender needs differ-the importance of early intervention, an individualised approach, and often longer support was highlighted;</p> <p>-Rethinking how we frame desistance-ceasing offending is only one part and other outcomes (such as quality of life) are key both in sustaining desistance and improving outcomes;</p> <p>-Need to ensure basic needs such as housing and benefits (including sanction issues) are met.</p>
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		<p>4.4 <u>Relationships</u> Discussion carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p>4.5 <u>Victims and community confidence</u></p> <p>Scoping paper started, follow up meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>4.6 <u>Opportunities for All</u></p> <p>Subgroup is continuing and papers are being developed which will be shared with the Group. Relationship paper has been developed and reinforces the above discussion on transitions. Further papers will be shared with the group in due course.</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
<p>3. Revisit health and school exclusion information and action plan to reflect above discussion.</p> <p>4. Continue to link with Briege Nugent re: her work.</p> <p>5. School inclusion document to be shared and feedback sought.</p> <p>6. Health document to be shared and feedback to DN</p> <p>7. Group Empowering Teachers consultation response to be developed and circulated for Group's comments.</p>	<p>DN/GR</p> <p>DN/GR All to GR ASAP</p> <p>All/DN</p> <p>GR/AM/DN</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting</p> <p>Prior to the next meeting ASAP</p> <p>Prior to the next meeting</p> <p>Consultation deadline 6.1.17</p>
5	Date of the next meeting	Next meeting to be scheduled for January. As detailed above pieces of work will be consolidated via email.