**Advancing the Whole System Approach**

**Implementation Group 17th May 2017**

**1.30pm-3.30pm COPFS Conference Room 1**

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| **In Attendance: Neil Hunter (Chair, SCRA), Donna McEwan (CYCJ), Paul Beaton (COPFS), Kadeesh Sarwar (COPFS), Angela McLeod who will now replace Lex Baillie (Police Scotland), Katie Stewart (COPFS), Boyd McAdam (CHS), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ), Dorothy Hawthorn (Renfrewshire SW), David Doris (SG), Jim Johnstone (South Lanarkshire SW standing in for Diane Dobbie), Jim Cantley (AFC)** |
| **Apologies:** **Cleland Sneddon (SOLACE), Arlene Stewart has now left post (SG, Community Justice), Diane Dobie – Jim Johnstone attending in for (NYJAG), Michelle Burman (University of Glasgow), Neill Mitchell (SCRA), Sean McKendrick (SW Scotland)- has now left post and new representative will be sought, Liz Murdoch (SG), Tom Halpin (SACRO), Lesley Mortimer (Education Glasgow), Jennifer McDonald (FCAMHS Glasgow),** |
|  | **Agenda Item** | **Notes of Discussion** |
| **1** | **Welcome and introductions (NH)** | NH welcomed everyone to the meeting and ensured agenda and papers received. Introductions completed and apologies noted. NH advised of Implementation Group chairs and leads meeting which agreed moving forward to collate the evidence from significant pieces of work undertaken by each group. Co-ordinated delivery of these areas of work to strengthen argument and request for specific actions once submitted to YJIB.  |
| **Actions** | **By Whom**  | **Status** |
| N/A  |  |  |
| **2** | **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising** | Note of previous meeting from 1st March agreed. Matters arising from previous meeting:* Continue to monitor for E. Ayrshire pilot report.
* Pictorial representation of WSA Implementation Group updated and to be circulated.
* The Place of Safety Sub-Group has met and update for next meeting.

Joint YJ & Justice workshop- positive view of the holistic approach from YJ. Clear common interest 16/17yr olds and focus on 18-21yrs. Questions as to why cannot move this forward. Recognition that robust partnership at local level and clear connectivity between local and strategic levels required to progress. Recognition of importance in understanding impact of ACEs across all groups. Whilst keen to progress and obvious synergies important to uphold confidence and the integrity of the Justice system. Noted similar discussions at recent Sentencing Council event in regards to view of under 18s and need to understand evidence re. brain development, ACEs etc. Again need to uphold confidence in and integrity of Justice system. In addition, how to ensure the right information is going to the right people and how to do this? Group acknowledged need not to minimise or mitigate but provide platform for understanding and this understanding needs to link to interventions. Group updated re. Mental health workshop and further planning meeting (proposed Aug 2917) required to ensure appropriate stakeholders are involved and clarity as to focus and actions. Need to link with MH Strategy and avoid duplication of work.  |
| **Actions** | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| 1. Circulate updated WSA Pictorial representation
 | 1. CYCJ (DM)
 | 1. Circulate with draft note of meeting
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| **3 & 4** | **Refreshing WSA-*** **EEI**
* **SOC**
* **Bail sub-group**

 | Interim brief to be completed by end of June 2017. Establish position with Core Elements as clarity required following current situation as previously highlighted pending NP and full implementation of CYPA 2014. Need to address drift, re-energise, and focus EEI practice. Information from practitioners continue to relate to concerns regarding consent and information sharing which has had an impact upon multi-agency practice. Acknowledgement legislation has not changed and this is an opportunity to reflect on practice and develop moving forward. PB- highlighted opportunity regarding what offences are dealt with under Lord Advocates guidelines as COPFS undertaking review of prosecution. EEI could feed into this. Continue to link with Deter & Divert sub-group. Information brief being completed as part of that sub-group relating to awareness raising across multi-agencies with focus on level of EEI & Diversion. Will be shared with group once completed. Paper currently still under revision. Following approved draft will be circulated and for the group to identify recommendations to progress and how this should be communicated.  |
| **Actions** | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| 1. Approved draft of Bail paper for Group consideration
2. Approved Interim EEI brief/note for group consideration
 | 1. CYCJ (DM & NV)

3. CYCJ (DM) | 2. End of June circulated to group1. End of June
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| **5** | **Diversion** * **Issues re. numbers.**
* **Address and raise profile**
 | PB advised that COPFS have written to all LA & Comm Jus advising of shift to Sheriffdom approach with view this will alleviate issues highlighted by boundaries. View of COPFS that there has been no drop in numbers for Diversion, which is contradictory to LA views. Further exploration required. COPFS have issues range of areas they wish to be addressed through Diversion nationally and keen to maximise. From practitioners perspective it was noted that establishing key contact points between COPFS and LA Diversion services to flag or discuss possible diversions would be extremely beneficial. COPFS have had dialogue with Comm Jus and agreed framework protocol.  |
| **Action** | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| None |  |  |
| **6** | **Data** * **Jointly reported**
* **Criminal Advice/ Remits paper**
 |  As requested at last meeting further data provided regarding age at termination of CSO and 3 or more offence referrals in year of CSO being terminated. This equated to 16.5% of of children/ yp had their CSO terminated who had 3 or more offence referrals in that year. Unable to extrapolate further. Discussion re. paper by Gillian Henderson on Criminal Advice & Remit. Stimulated discussion – 98% had previous hearing involvement; 87% had history of offending. Almost ¼ of yp recorded in police or SW reports as having a disability but 41% did not appear to have supports. Few remittals for serious offences; geographical differences reflecting patterns of joint reports & prosecution- does this reflect a more concentrated effort? Whilst numbers of yp through Court significantly reduced little difference in remittal numbers which remain 3%-2%. around decision making in relation to reasons for remittal or not. Highlighted areas of concern regarding decision making, confidence in Hearing System being able to respond to offences particularly where yp has been through system previously. How this paper can be shared/ inform other parties such as Sentencing Council, Judicial Institute, Lord President in terms of a practice note. Report will be published utilising the information from this paper.  |
| **Action** | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| None |  |  |
| **7** | **Child Sexual Exploitation**  | CSE Action plan Action 42- Improve practice to better support yp who may be @ risk of or involved in offending behaviour. Consideration of links with new technologies and updated research. Insufficient time to discuss so pushed to next meeting in August.  |
| **Actions**  | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| 4. Discuss at next meeting  | 4. Group | 4. For next meeting |
| **8** | **Update to Workplan**  | To be discussed at next meeting with updated view of actions to move forward.  |
| **Actions** | **By Whom** | **Status** |
| 5.Updated plan to reflect progress and identify actions  | 5. NH & DM | 5. Updated plan for Aug meeting |
| **9**  | AOCB  | Summary of WSA PhD paper by Laura Roberston to be discussed in full at next meeting as insufficient time. Viewed as relevant points for sustainability and progress of WSA.  |
| Actions | By whom | Status |
| 1. WSA PhD paper for groups information and discussion for next meeting.
 | 1. CYCJ (DM)
 | 1. Next meeting
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| **Date of next meeting-** 10-12.30pm Wed 16th August 2017 within Conf Rm 1 at Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) Office, 10 Ballater Street, Glasgow |