**Advancing the Whole System Approach**

**Implementation Group 16th August 2017**

**10am- 12.30pm COPFS Conference Room 1**

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| **In Attendance: Neil Hunter (Chair, SCRA), Donna McEwan (CYCJ), Lex Baillie (Police Scotland), Katie Stewart (COPFS), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ), Dorothy Hawthorn (Renfrewshire SW), David Doris (SG), Jim Johnstone (South Lanarkshire SW standing in for Diane Dobbie), Jim Cantley (AFC), Neill Mitchell (SCRA), Liz Murdoch (SG), Peter Imrie (SG), Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland),**  **Lesley Mortimer (Education Glasgow), Janine McGowan (SG),** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Apologies:** **Clare Arias (COPFS), Cleland Sneddon (SOLACE), Diane Dobie (NYJAG), Michelle Burman (University of Glasgow), Tom Halpin (SACRO), Jennifer McDonald (FCAMHS Glasgow), Angela McLeod (Police Scotland), Boyd McAdam (CHS),** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **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. | | | |
| **Actions** | | | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** |
| N/A | | | | |  | | | | |  |
| **2** | **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising** | | | | | | Note of previous meeting from 16th May agreed.  Matters arising from previous meeting:   * E. Ayrshire Pilot report now available and to be circulated by Liz Murdoch. * Pictorial representation of WSA Implementation Group updated, further additions noted. Wider distribution to all implementation groups and WSA Leads for feedback. Must ensure diagram updated to capture evolving connections and gaps. * The Place of Safety Sub-Group work delayed and Jim Devoy preparing a paper that will encompass broader understanding and link with Crim Just (S) Act. WSA Group will consider this paper for any actions. * Mental Health strategy- proposed High Risk workshop/ seminar will be informed by the meeting on 24/8/17 regarding all of the leads for the points from MH Strategy that links with children and young people including children on the edge of secure care. Importance of links across various groups and particularly new secure care board reiterated to avoid duplication and provide concerted drive to progress this aspect of WSA.   WSA Diagram initiated discussion re. Risk Assess (RA) Tools and need to ensure workers trained in use of appropriate tools as this is not as clear for YJ as it is in adult justice. Highlighted current discussion with Risk Management Authority updating validated RA tools for YJ. A number of LA keen to pilot and develop use of START-AV (structured Professional Judgement Tool). Group questioned why such disparity between YJ and adult Justice in knowledge and range of appropriate RA tools? CYCJ, Risk Management Authority (RMA) and Scot Govt in discussion to progress this however, WSA group wish to maintain overview of progress as noted time of the essence. | | | |
| **Actions** | | | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Circulate updated WSA Pictorial representation to implementation groups and WSA Leads | | | | | 1. CYCJ (DM) | | | | | 1. Circulate with draft note of meeting and link with LM for WSA Leads meeting date. |
| **3** | **WSA PhD Paper by Laura Robson** | | | | | | Group in agreement paper highlights importance of the GIRFEC perspective. Recognition that this paper covers from 2013-2015 prior to Supreme Court Judgement re. Named Person and group concerned we are no longer at the same point from which this paper was written. This is a good measure to use as we progress.  The Governance review of Education will have implications as we move forward as Education will sit separate from LA. Concerns this will shift focus to attainment lose focus on well-being & vulnerability. This could have significant impact on NP function and role.  Noted that YJIB need to consider education and vulnerable yp to advocate that their needs remain paramount and will be met and not overshadowed by attainment agenda. Important to support and ensure robust communication of NP role and how responding to vulnerability will promote attainment for all children.  WSA Paper acknowledged as very affirmative in relation to what supports WSA and important to reinforce this to capitalise on what has been progressed and maintain and re-energise drive. | | | |
| **Actions** | | | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** |
| N/A | | | | | N/A | | | | | N/A |
| **4** | **Consultation documents** | | | | | | **Outcomes Tool**- group agreed this was useful and important to ensure YJ has a framework for collecting data and supporting practice.  Group suggested the data collection requires being in 2 parts. Need to identify the baseline for data to identify what this is telling us about the routes through which our under 18years are being processed, how many, gender, ages, patterns, trends, etc. Recognition much of this is available but systems do not communicate across agencies and often collated manually. This highlights national work required in terms of changing the data collection.  Recognition that difference between hard and soft data and it is the actual outcomes and narrative behind this for individual children and their families that is important. However, need the figures and hard data to complete the picture. Connects to prior discussion around attainment and important to link with education to support measurement of real outcomes for children.  **YJ Participation Strategy**- it initiates discussion however number of points noted. Needs to set the scene and clarity required as to whom it is for and how it is integrated within existing wider structures such OHOV. Otherwise, it is tokenistic. Needs to include combination of those marginalised groups and children not in the formal system as well as those immersed within it and capture the distance travelled. Valuable as a guidance to advocate and support ongoing participation work with a focus on understanding the issues facing children involved in or at risk of offending behaviour. Useful for Comm Just leads to support participation. | | | |
| **Action** | | | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Feedback from WSA Group shared with appropriate leads. | | | | | 2. CYCJ (DM) | | | | | 2. Completed 21/8/17 |
| **5** | **Updates**   1. EEI  * Core Elements * Interim Guidance on EEI practice * EEI Practitioners Forum   (b) Serious and Organised Crime   * Divert and Deter group   (c) Bail Sub-Group update | | | | | | COPFS – policy dept updating range of offences available to EEI and Diversion. Any work regarding EEI and Diversion to ensure links with KS and NM including EEI Core Elements update. Practitioners must inform update to Core Elements reflecting CYPA and information sharing as must make sense for practitioners. Must also reflect pending General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which will apply in UK from 25/5/18 and consideration of any further implications for practice.  Group acknowledged this note reiterates importance of EEI and key messages. Suggestions made re. Info sharing to make clearer for practice and then should be circulated to EEI Practitioners Group and wider circulation to support EEI practice. Query as to level of participation of children and yp involved in EEI can be maximised and should be reflected in this brief note for practice.  EEI Forum initial attendance is promising and practitioners keen to involve wider services particularly education. EEI Forum developing agenda to progress- keen to increase range of offences considered for EEI, increase nos of 16/17year olds. Note of meetings to be shared with WSA Group.  Group highlighted similarities across SOC and addressing and preventing radicalisation. Work of Side Step Project noted as valuable and informative in this area; case examples would be helpful. Limitations to this work are information sharing between agencies yp often do not recognise involved with SOC. Acknowledgement of positive work by Police Scotland in HMYOI Polmont and HMP Saughton to identify yp at risk of SOC and develop opportunity to divert yp through building support networks for their return to community. Challenges of this work are identification, assessment and intervention.  An information and awareness-raising brief on SOC has now been completed under the Divert & Deter Sub-group and once approved can be shared with WSA Group.  Paper delayed for further revisions. Anticipated will be available for groups consideration mid-September. | | | |
| **Action** | | | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Arrange input from Side Step 2. SOC Practice Brief circulated to WSA Group once available. 3. Revised Bail Paper to be circulated once approved. | | | | | 3. JC and DM  4. CYCJ (DM)  5.CYCJ (DM) | | | | | 3. Next WSA meeting Nov 2017  4. Anticipated for Nov meeting.  5.Mid-September |
| **6 & 7** | **Diversion**  **Data-**   * Jointly Reported * Criminal Advice | | | | | | Need to establish baseline of Diversion implementation across both COPFS and LA. Creation of Core Elements for Diversion suggested. Issues across adult diversion also mirror under 18s difficulties- important to tie this up together. GF is involved with Aberdeen City improvement project and will share learning as progresses. Clarity as to what is required for Diversion- ensure process is streamlined and standardised as far as possible nationally whilst ensuring individualised response that address and meets the needs of yp referred. Cannot be a postcode lottery.  Recognition that whilst increase in offence related referrals need to understand what this actually tells us and the numbers as opposed to % to provide balance. This can be skewed by specific incidents as opposed to longer lasting trends. Also questioned whether impact of information sharing has resulted in increase of SCRA referrals where as previously would have been through EEI?  Information to be sought on the increase in offence referrals at local levels and through EEI practitioners and NYJAG for views and responses. | | | |
| **Actions** | | | **By Whom** | | | | | **Status** | | |
| 6. Creation of Diversion Sub-group to progress  7. Views from NYJAG & EEI Practitioners re. increase in offence referrals. Discuss at next meeting | | | 6. CYCJ (DM) and Scot Govt  7. CYCJ (DM) and Scot Govt .. | | | | | 6. Convened by Oct 2017  7. Next available meetings of these groups and then fed back into following WSA Group (anticipated Nov meeting) | | |
| **8 & 9** | **Scot Govt Update**   * CSE Action Plan * Update to Workplan | | | | | DM, NM and LM will meet with CSE Strategy lead to progress and feedback.  Action plan being re-drafted and updated to highlight completed work and incorporate new actions. | | | | |
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| 8.Updated plan to reflect progress and identify actions | | | 8. NH & DM | | | | | 8. In progress, available for Nov meeting. | | |
| **10** | | AOCB | | | | Group agreed response to Sentencing Council Consultation should be submitted (27th October is submission date). | | | | |
| Actions | | | | By whom | | | | | Status | |
| 1. Consultation circulated for the Groups consideration prior to submission. | | | | 1. CYCJ (DM) | | | | | 1. October 16th 2017 | |
| **Date of next meeting- 10-12.30pm Wed 29th November 2017 within Conf Rm 1 at Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) Office, 10 Ballater Street, Glasgow** | | | | | | | | | | |