**Improving Life Chances Implementation Group 29th November 2017**

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| **In Attendance:** Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); Alison Melville (SG Youth Justice); Christine Scullion (Robertson Trust); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service);Carole Dearie (St Mary’s Kenmure); Michael Shanks (Includem); Brian Reid (Police Scotland); Fiona Bennett (Barnardos); Angela Morgan (Includem); Vonnie Sandlan (Colleges Scotland) | | | | |
| **Apologies:** Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland); Iain Macaulay (NYJAG/North Lanarkshire Council); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice); Alan Milliken (ADES); Monica Merson (SACRO); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners); Peter Imrie (SG Youth Justice); David Doris (SG Youth Justice); Michelle Gibson (Skills Development Scotland); Olive Arens (Up to Us); Ann Kivlin (Education Scotland); Russell Hamilton (Action for Children); Jackie Deas (Care Inspectorate); Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland) | | | | |
|  | **Agenda Item** | | **Notes of Discussion** | |
| **1** | **Welcome and introductions (All)** | |  | |
| **2** | **Membership update (All)** | | New representatives welcomed to the Group:  Vonnie Sandlan (Colleges Scotland)  Jackie Deas (Care Inspectorate)  Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland)  Monica Merson (SACRO)  It was acknowledged this is the last meeting for Olive Arens and Angela Morgan (deputy chair). Both were thanked for their hard work and contributions to the ILC Agenda. Michael Shanks will be the new Includem representative and Up to Us rep TBC. | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | **Status** |
| 1. Up to Us rep TBC | | OA | | ASAP |
| **3** | **Note/Matters arising (All)** | | Note agreed. Most action points completed; information on benefits, CPOs, and disclosure continues to be collated.  Previous action re: adolescent group was raised. | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | **Status** |
| 1. Discuss with Lesley Evans as senior champion within Scottish Government for Year of the Young Person how the needs of adolescents and those involved in offending can be included in this; 2. Find an appropriate forum to discuss adolescence with Paul Johnson and Michael Chalmers | | AMe  AMe with invite to all group members to this meeting | | Prior to the next meeting  Prior to the next meeting |
| **4** | **Update from the Youth Justice Improvement Board (YJIB) (GR/DD)** | | Issues discussed at YJIB:  -Catherine Dyer to chair an expert group on preventing sexual offending involving young people that will run until March 2019;  -Secure care strategic board met on 5.10 and will report to Ministers late 2018, with 4 subgroups on commissioning; research; vision and purpose; and standards and pathways established;  -A subgroup on sustainability has been established, with the aim being to develop a shared sense of the reality of current service provision and the potential impacts of losing preventative/early intervention services in spite of the evidence base. Meetings with Cabinet Secretary are scheduled and will continue to reinforce the need for young people to be a priority group. February YJIB/Justice Board meeting will also discuss sustainability;  -Victims paper was positively received and has highlighted illogicality in pathways and different information/support available depending on how offences are dealt with;  -Young people in custody paper presented and YJIB members will share within their organisation, with engagement strategy currently being developed;  -DCI group due to commence online development and pilot of outcomes tool dependent on funding. | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | **Status** |
| 1. Share draft remit of expert group | | AMe | | Prior to next meeting |
| **5** | **Review of the workplan and agreed future priorities** | | In reviewing the workplan and establishing priorities for the group for the next 12months, progress of the group to date; existing and forthcoming areas of work effecting youth justice; and areas that we can have maximum impact in were discussed. As a result the following areas for priority were agreed:   1. Education-explore with Education Scotland how the group can influence existing priority in the current education agenda (e.g. pupil equity, attainment, prevention), with a particular focus on transitions from mainstream education to specialist provision (and back to mainstream); 2. Relationships-Gender (continue to support the development and promotion of the SQA course and monitor what more may be needed to support the workforce beyond this CD); LGBTI young people (build on actions emerging from event in May); 3. Health-Progress the action plan arising from the SLCN event; continue to contribute to existing work in this area to ensure the needs of young people involved in offending are included (e.g. child and adolescent health and wellbeing action plan); 4. Opportunities for all-Disclosure (Consider a response from ILC Group to PVG review; support the development and awareness of resources and events to support understanding of the current system); 5. Reintegration and transitions-Continue to link to the work of the secure care strategic board and sub-groups; promotion of the Children and Young People in Custody in Scotland Paper; 6. Produce a document of key messages on the ILC priorities for group members, that can also be tailored to feed into other areas of work. This should include information from relationships and health papers; YP in custody paper; sustainability; gender; 7. Revisit competed actions by the group and try to document the impact of this work, as well as to consider how impact can be assessed/measured for future work (eg by identifying different tiers of impact and steps between work of group and impacting on young people)   Please see the attached revised workplan for comment. As agreed completed actions have been removed.  In addition it was agreed:   * WSA-share with WSA implementation group any support we can provide re: need for holistic support to promote compliance/completion of community payback orders; opportunities to support learning and development; and how positive outcomes from decisions made in respect of young people by sheriffs, children’s panels and selection of such decision makers can be shared; * VS will explore work on retention and attainment by colleges; * MS will remain involved with CCPS event and paper on supporting families, which the group can contribute to | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | **Status** |
| 1. Any feedback on priorities to be shared with GR/DN 2. Feedback on workplan, including any areas individuals think they can contribute to to be shared with GR/DN 3. Share information with WSA group 4. Explore work on retention and recruitment 5. Contribute to CCPS event/paper 6. Circulate CYCJ key messages and consider what else could be included | | All to GR/DN  All to GR/DN  DN  VS  All via MS  DN/All to DN | | Prior to the next meeting    Prior to the next meeting  ASAP  Feedback at next meeting  At an appropriate time  ASAP |
| **6** | **Date of the next meeting** | | Tuesday 20th February 2018 10am-1pm Lord Hope Building, Glasgow;  Wednesday 16th May 10am-1pm Lord Hope Building Glasgow. | |
| **7** | **AOCB** | | LGBTI paper discussed and will be shared with YJIB. It was agreed Group may support actions emerging from this event. Highlighted work has been completed by Strathclyde University; is underway at Dundee University and Scottish Drugs Forum can offer free training for staff. | |