**Advancing the Whole System Approach**

**Implementation Group 20th March 2018**

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

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| **In Attendance: Neil Hunter (Chair, SCRA), Donna McEwan (CYCJ), Liz Murdoch (SG), Janine McGowan (SG), Gavin Phillip (representing SACRO in place of Tom Halpin), Clare Arias (COPFS), Katie Stewart (COPFS), Angela McLeod (Police Scotland), Sharon MacIver (Action for Children, replacing Jim Cantley), Neill Mitchell (SCRA), Lesley Mortimer (Education Glasgow), Diane Dobie (NYJAG),** | | | | | | | |
| **Apologies:** **Cleland Sneddon (SOLACE), Michelle Burman (University of Glasgow), Jennifer McDonald (FCAMHS Glasgow), Boyd McAdam (CHS), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ), David Doris (SG), Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland), Fiona Dyer (CYCJ), Dorothy Hawthorn (Renfrewshire SW), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ)** | | | | | | | |
|  | **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 29th November 2017 agreed.  Suggestion that may be appropriate to discuss with SOLACE representative whether it would be more appropriate for another member of that group to link with WSA due to demands on capacity.  Further consideration regarding pending education changes and how this may impact upon YJ is required; will guidance in relation to YJ be centrally or locally driven? Also, how does this link with NPS as this progresses? | | |
| **Actions** | | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Develop picture re. education changes and impact for YJ- centrally or locally driven. 2. Link with SCTS | | | 1. DM & LM 2. DM | | | | 1. Next WSA meeting 2. Next WSA meeting |
| **3** | **Review WSA Action Plan** | | | | The Action plan will be circulated for the next WSA updated with actions as discussed and will be the first agenda item for the May meeting. | | |
| **Actions** | | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** |
| 1. WSA Action Plan updated and circulated | | | 4.DM (CYCJ) | | | | 1. May meeting |
| **4** | **Matters Arising- Updates**   1. **Connecting with existing structures** 2. **Place of Safety Sub-Group** 3. **MH workshop & MH/HR** 4. **Updated Practice notes for SWS and CHS** | | | | A number of structures were highlighted to be added to the WSA Diagram-   * Divert strand of the SOC strategy * Secure Care Strategic Board * Expert Group on reducing sexual offending by yp * Care Review   Consideration of our YJ links and do we have the right connections?  Police Scotland updating this Guidance, a draft was not available in time for the WSA Meeting.  This is an area, which remains difficult to grasp fully with the continual shifts on how the relevant action points relating to children and young people are being progressed. Presently this appears disjointed and lack of connection between the leads responsible. However, DD is meeting with MH colleagues and will be able to advise at the next WSA meeting the outcome of that discussion and identify more clearly actions for WSA group to support.  The impact of SLCN and FAD were noted as possibly having a significant impact upon on mental wellbeing and raises questions regarding practitioner skills and knowledge in this area. It is unclear how skilled workers are in recognising the possible indicators of FAD and/ or SLCN or in understanding the implications for children and how to respond. ILC Group progressing these aspects.  The notes circulated are not believed to be the most up to date copies. Group agreed the updated practice notes must be positioned from SWS and CHS to strengthen the position. Previously this practice note has been valued by practitioners.  Must ensure the core language and messages are the same. Reflect the underpinnings of WSA re. strengths based, multi-agency responsibilities and responses required. Should include minimum for YJ workforce, training and competency. | | |
| **Actions** | | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Update WSA Pictorial representation. 2. Update Practice Notes SWS and CHS for WSA Group and link with DH and BM respectively 3. Link with Iona Colvin CSWO Advisor SG re. Practice Notes 4. Circulate dates of FAD event & SLCN events 5. Update from BR of Police Scotland re. POS Guidance | | | 1. DM(CYCJ) & LM 2. DM (CYCJ) & NH (Chair) 3. JM (SG) 4. DM (CYCJ) & DD (SG) 5. DM (CYCJ) | | | | 5. Next WSA meeting  6.Next WSA meeting  7. Next WSA meeting  8. Next WSA meeting  9. Next WSA meeting |
| **5** | **Updates – a)** EEI   * Core Elements/ Info Sharing * EEI Practitioners Forum   b) Serious and Organised Crime   * Divert and Deter group   (c) Bail Sub-Group update   1. Diversion | | | | Concerns re. EEI remain with regard to Info Sharing. A flowchart has been devised through the work of a sub-group of the CHIP. However, this has not been approved and thus, is not presently available. Clarity is required regarding thresholds relating to well-being and information sharing which the Scot Gov legal team are now looking at it.  There is also question regarding responses to well-being and compliance with HRA 1998 as opposed to GDPR. Further discussion is taking place between YJ and GIRFEC Teams within Scot Govt. Concerns were also noted that education colleagues are also unsure re. Info sharing. Agreement that the principles for EEI remain relevant and pertinent it is how we ensure the processes are enabling.  Within the frame of WSA how do we identify children/ yp at risk or involved in SOC and the various aspects which may include CSE? Police Scotland have revamped an input on SOC and children to raise awareness and primarily being used across education, youth work. Discussion re. possible input to YJIB re. SOC.  The extracted focus paper on bail to be circulated for next meeting. Further exploration of bail use, unintended consequences and what would more effective use of bail look like will be progressed by CYCJ and feed into WSA group.  Justice & YJIB have expressed keen views of diversion linking with Community Justice plans. We know core consistency varies nationally, lack of consistent data. Short Life Working Group initially looking to develop Core Elements for Diversion however not clear this is the best route to pursue. Consideration that there is no overarching guidance currently for Diversion and this may be the priority to ensure consistency across youth and adult diversion. Diversion Practitioners Forum will be asked for their views when the initial meeting takes place on the 4th May. | | |
| **Action** | | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** |
| 1. Ensure link with NM (SCRA) for updating EEI Core Elements 2. SOC input from AFC next meeting   12. Check legal position for Diversion | | | 10.DM (CYCJ) & NM (SCRA)  11. SM (AFC)  12. KS (COPFS) & LM (SG) | | | | 10.Update to next WSA meeting  11.Next WSA meeting  12. Next WSA meeting |
| **6 & 7** | **Data-**   * Jointly Reported   SCOT Gov Update   * CSE Action Plan | | | | Increase in <16yrs reported to SCRA increased over previous 3 qtrs. SCRA had consulted with locality managers regards this trend. Feedback was based on impressionistic as opposed to evidence however there was a view suggested that some of the referrals for offending behaviour they were now receiving would previously have gone through EEI but no understanding of why.  Additional information re. CSO vs not on CSO for offence referrals was viewed as helpful and will be included moving forward.  Recognition of the trends around no. of joint custody referrals <16 vs 16/17yrs- following the implementation of Crim Just (S) Act 2016 there is an expectation of reduction in qtr 4. The anticipated increased volume may have a knock on effect on throughput for decisions as to who will retain the case.  The cases <16s retained by PF would be those on petition & bail as not being flagged to SG for risk of remand. It would be helpful to gather details of these offences and for those cases where s.49 advice and remit of 16/17years has taken place.  How do we ensure the risks of exploitation are recognised within offending behaviour? Do people see this systemically across work with children & yp? Limited action to date by WSA Group though highlighted through other work such as links with SOC group practice paper.  Suggestion that a paper/ Info sheet regarding CSE and offending could be useful for professionals to highlight what may be behind the presenting behaviour. Identifying the links across CSE, offending and SOC as well as EEI and what should a WSA response look like. Consideration of the links with COPFS, Human trafficking and legislation as to how such children are treated within the justice system- accused or vulnerable victim. | | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** | |
| 1. Monitoring whether any delay in initial decision making as to who will proceed noted following CJ(S)A 2016 implementation over previous qtr. 2. Details of offences <16yrs retained by PF & s.49 remit offences | | 13.KS (COPFS), CA (COPFS) & NM (SCRA)  14.NM (SCRA) | | | | 13.Update next WSA meeting  14.Update next WSA meeting | |
| **8** | AOCB | | | N/A | | | |
| **Actions** | | **By Whom** | | | | **Status** | |
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***Next WSA meeting has been re-scheduled and will now take place on-***

**Tuesday 22nd May 10am-12.30pm in the Lord Hope Building, Level 1, Room 104 A,B & C at the University of Strathclyde, 141 St James Road, Glasgow, G4 0LT**