

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group

Meeting note - August 13, 2019

<p>In Attendance: Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Pamela Morrison (CYCJ); Luiza Leite (SG Youth Justice); Russell Hamilton (Action for Children); Ruth Kerracher (CYCJ/STAF); Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland); Carole Dearie (St Mary's Kenmure)</p>	
<p>Apologies: Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners); Jan Green (RCSLT); Greg Hiddleston (Skills Development Scotland); Kirstin Abercrombie (SACRO); Lynne Binnie (ADES);; Gina Wilson (College Development Network); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice); Alison Love (Victim Support Scotland); Fiona Bennett (Barnardos); Drew Collier (Includem); Jackie Deas (Care Inspectorate); Mairi Tulbure (Up to Us);</p>	
Agenda item	Notes of Discussion
<p>1 Welcome and introductions (All)</p>	<p>Introductions made and group members advised of changes to the group; Calum Scott named as the representative from Police Scotland and Gemma Frazer is now vice-chair. Extended thanks given to previous vice-chair Christine Walker.</p>
<p>2 Note/ Matters arising (All)</p>	<p>Note from previous meeting agreed.</p> <p>Common factors paper Paper has still not been published. A YJIB website is being set up which will host the document. LL will chase this to prevent unnecessary hold up with the publication. Themes will be available separately and highlighted monthly in the CYCJ e-bulletin. The image provided by a young person engaging with Up-2-Us is to be added. Image was greatly received by all the group and thanks will be sent to the young person. Ongoing discussions around how the paper can be circulated/ promoted and how the impact of this is captured.</p> <p>Girls and Young Women SQA course: Meeting took place with SQA, St Mary's Kenmure and Up-2-Us around the barriers to the SQA course progressing. Step by step guide for organisations established beginning with them being set up to deliver SQA courses. CD at St Mary's progressing with this within her organisation with a realistic timescale for the first cohort of practitioners starting training being September. Group decided that a subgroup to progress this within the 3rd sector would be helpful to support each other through the steps and potentially put together a proposal for further funds to move this forward.</p> <p>SLCN subgroup Further subgroup to take place later today. Focus of the group is the strategic leaders event planned for later in the year to provide leads with a workshop to support local discussion and assessment of local assets in this area.</p>

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	<p>recommendations – SG Mental Health Team are taking forward a deliverable relating to “Targeted pathways for specific groups of children and young people” and asked for the views of the ILC group. Group agreed that this would be something that they would be interested in supporting however raised that there was no specific ask in the email request. Suggestion given to setting up a meeting with Ally Winford who is leading on this area.</p>	
Actions	By Whom	Status
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Card to be sent to young person from Up-2-Us 2. Girls and Young women subgroup to be established 3. A proposal for government funding to write programme materials to be completed 4. Set up a meeting with Ally Winford with members of the ILC group following the purpose being established 	<p>CW</p> <p>PM</p> <p>MT</p> <p>LL</p>	<p>Prior to the next meeting</p>
<p>3 Update from Youth Justice Improvement Board</p>	<p>LL provided feedback on a number of areas.</p> <p>Police Scotland Update – data collection, EEI, and information sharing - Police Scotland confirmed that they are able to share information with statutory partners, however the issue remains around third sector organisations. Current legal implications remain unclear, particularly around explicit consent. A paper looking at a number of options is currently being considered by Police Scotland senior officials. Issues still remain across local authorities, and legal teams are concerned with legal implications. It was agreed that SG would share this concern internally to help progress matters. Internal communications within SG are underway with Michael Chalmers taking this forward.</p> <p>Outcomes and evaluation session – A meeting will take place 14.08.19 to discuss the future direction of Youth Justice following the end of the Strategy and look at evaluation and monitoring of the strategy. This will help establish the initial steps and have a plan of action from Spring 2020, as the Strategy concludes in June 2020. Members are encouraged to get involved in discussions as they progress over the next 9 months, to ensure that the next iteration of the strategy is developed in collaboration. A plan of action will be considered at this meeting.</p>	

	<p>Expert review of Mental Health Review in Polmont - There are two specific recommendations which will impact on Youth Justice, the first around considering the development of new models of secure care and custody provision and secondly that consideration should be given to an extension of the WSA approach up to age 25. Fuller discussion is proposed at the joint meeting with YJIB and Justice Board for September.</p> <p>Youth Justice Standards update - This is currently in draft format, and the intention is to go out to consultation after the summer. The consultation process will likely last 12 weeks.</p> <p>Secure care standards - These have been drafted, the plan will be to do a soft launch of the Standards after the summer and for them to be implemented in April 2020. It was agreed that they would be shared once finalised.</p> <p>Justice committee - Recent evidence sessions focused on the mental health review and secure care. It is likely that the Justice Committee will want to return to this after the summer break, and may be calling on people to provide evidence.</p>
<p>4 ILC workplan</p>	<p>School Inclusion – Better links to be made to Education Scotland and discussion to be help with GR on her return to work.</p> <p>Strengthening relationships and engagement - Discussion around the action point to explore the possibility of mapping young people’s networks and access points to steady and stable relationships. Acknowledged that the group’s capacity for change in this area is limited. Group agreed that there is a lot of information available and that a visual document to go along with the common factors paper plotting the differences of the relationships for those in conflict with the law and those not could be helpful.</p> <p>Victims and Community Confidence – Contact will be maintained with the Robertson Trust taking forward the community perception reframing work on care experienced young people. Restorative Justice work will remain a big focus and group members have been given the opportunity to be part of the SG action plan groups moving forward. These are yet to be established. Unfortunately Victim Support Scotland have been unable to attend the recent ILC meetings.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – SLCN subgroup are taking the recent action plan forward with focus on the upcoming strategic leads event</p> <p>Opportunities for All – A lot of work has been carried out in this area. Disclosure Scotland work is ongoing and group will be updated with any progress in this area. Scotland Works for You is not currently progressing as the Bill moves through parliament.</p> <p>Transitions – YJ Good transitions document is being drafted and will be sent round the group for comment. YP in custody paper to be sent round the group for promoting and update to be received on the corporate parenting tool.</p> <p>Group agreed that the action plan is still too ambitious and it requires to be more focused for the remaining months of the strategy.</p>

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	Discussions also took place as to how the group can ascertain the impact the work they are doing is making and how this may be monitored moving forward.	
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Better links to be established with Education Scotland	GR/PM	ASAP
Good Transitions document to be sent round group	PM	ASAP
YP in custody paper to be shared with the group	PM	ASAP
Update on Corporate parenting tool	PM	Next ILC meeting
Workplan to be edited to reflect realistic timescales	PM/ CW/ GR	ASAP
Inputs from Phil Raines, Scottish Government	Children & Young People's Mental Health Taskforce	
Actions	By Whom	Status
1. Presentations from speakers to be sent round the group	PM	Prior to the next meeting
13 Date of the next meeting	2019/2020 meeting dates: 11 th November 2pm Level 1 Lord Hope Building 11 th February 9.30am Level 1 Lord Hope Building	