

**Advancing the Whole System Approach  
Implementation Group: August 22, 2018  
10am-12.30pm COPFS Conference Room 1**

**In Attendance: Neil Hunter (Chair, SCRA), Donna McEwan (CYCJ), Janine McGowan (Scot Gov), Liz Murdoch (Scot Gov), Sharon McAiver (AFC), Katie Stewart (COPFS), Gillian Booth (Attending in place of Diane Dobie, NYJAG) Sarah Marchall (Police Scotland), Lesley Mortimer (Education, Glasgow), Dorothy Hawthorne (Renfrewshire SW representing SWS C&F Standing Committee), Fiona Dyer (CYCJ), Jackie McRae (CHS, replacing Boyd MacAdam), Fern Gillon (CYCJ Research)**

**Apologies: Clare Arias (COPFS), Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland), Michelle Burman (Glasgow University), Nina Vaswani (CYCJ- Research), Jennifer McDonald (FCAMHS), Neill Mitchell (SCRA), Gavin Phillips (SACRO)**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes of Discussion</b>
1, 2 & 3	<p><b>Welcome and introductions (NH)</b></p> <p><b>Review of Progress- WSA Action Plan</b></p> <p><b>a) Review of actions</b></p> <p><b>b) Impact &amp; outcomes</b></p> <p><b>c) Priorities</b></p>	<p>NH welcomed everyone to the meeting and ensured agenda and papers received. Introductions completed and apologies noted. Note of last meeting agreed.</p> <p>Outstanding actions remaining from previous meetings noted.</p> <p>Action plan updated and further consideration as to work around alternatives to secure care. Important to link with work of Secure Care Board and current research being undertaken by CYCJ (RG).</p> <p>Need to understand the focus of the Secure Care Board.</p> <p>Noted by the group that there has been an increase in number of 16/17years in Polmont subject to CSO (6 recently). Who are our under 18s in Polmont?</p> <p>Need to understand the use of alternatives to secure care-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we trying to reduce secure care use or identify creative wraparound examples of good practice?</li> <li>• Mapping use of secure care</li> <li>• Quantitative data</li> <li>• Use of other measures with alternatives such as MRCs</li> <li>• Ensure link with above noted CYCJ research by RG</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with individuals involved in the dialogue of</p>

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		<p>re-aligning children's services as important people hold the fact these are children.</p> <p>Barriers highlighted were prioritising children with complex needs and multiple adverse childhood experiences from C&amp; F rather than those involved in offending. Highlights still issues as to how children involved in offending are viewed.</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inconsistency in EEI disposals being recorded nationally</li> <li>2. Collate CSE materials and gaps</li> <li>3. Update action plan and include EEI, Diversion &amp; Bail</li> <li>4. Linking with YP network</li> <li>5. Share SOC discussion with DD</li> <li>6. Update contact SCTS &amp; SPS re bail &amp; remand</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LB (Police Scotland)</li> <li>2. DM &amp; LM (CYCJ &amp; SG)</li> <li>3. DM &amp; NH (CYCJ &amp; SCRA)</li> <li>4. DM &amp; GF (CYCJ &amp; CJS)</li> <li>5. DM (CYCJ)</li> <li>6. DM (CYCJ)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outstanding</li> <li>2. Outstanding</li> <li>3. Outstanding</li> <li>4. Completed</li> <li>5. Outstanding</li> <li>6. Completed</li> </ol>
<p><b>4 EEI</b></p>	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <p><b>a) EEI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Input from Fern Gillon re. EEI research</b></li> </ul>	<p>FG input on her research highlighted the following main points-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of scrutiny as to why &amp; how decisions were made in EEI</li> <li>• Significant variation nationally continues</li> <li>• Who are the yp referred and how are their circumstances influencing the decisions made</li> <li>• Inherent conflict as EEI is benign –unintended negative consequences through net widening, up tariffing those yp already known.</li> </ul> <p>Practice findings of the research-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of high-level policy- GIRFEC, WSA, multi-agency, info sharing.</li> <li>• Wellbeing and welfare used interchangeably and net widening.</li> <li>• By virtue of alleged involvement in offending this represented a need that must be responded to and little consideration of no need for intervention.</li> <li>• Varied practice conflicting between child focussed vs system/ service where child fits the criteria</li> </ul> <p>Partnership working was evident as a principle and viewed by all agencies as positive. There was a shared goal and understanding, acknowledgement of power imbalances as statutory agencies perceived to hold more power in decision-making. Chairs of meetings also seen as having more decision-making power as well as the individuals experience, position and expertise</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Core Elements/ Information Sharing</b></li> <li>• <b>EEI Practitioners Forum</b></li> </ul> <p><b>b) Bail and remand</b></p> <p><b>c) Diversion</b></p>	<p>influencing this. Police seen as having power over process as their decision whether yp considered for EEI or not.</p> <p>Implications for EEI that it was a diversion to something rather than from something (i.e. SCRA).</p> <p>Potential to overestimate risk, hold onto cases, and scrutinise other areas of the child’s life that would not otherwise have been overseen for such low-level behaviour.</p> <p>What is required? –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of practice locally and nationally</li> <li>• Strategic leadership and governance</li> <li>• Question lack of rights based approach within EEI</li> </ul> <p>Core Elements to be progressed incorporating research findings. Once Police Scotland have outcome of info sharing protocol this will be reflected in Core Elements update.</p> <p>Police Scotland are confident that the data required to understanding trends and patterns in EEI and what this means for children should be available in 3-6months. Noted that data should be meaningful and clear what we want, analysis and use and not just collection for sake of it.</p> <p>The bail and remand work is moving slowly due to necessity to ensure the correct data and agencies are on board. Project plan in place and ethics application is next stage.</p> <p>Diversion meeting took place with significant parties except YJ representation. Important to ensure synergies across YJ and adult justice. Final draft of vision statement will be circulated to WSA Group for approval.</p>
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<p>7. Core Elements to incorporate learning from research and progressed.</p> <p>8. Final draft of Diversion Vision Statement to be circulated with amendments.</p>	<p>7. DM (CYCJ)</p> <p>8. DM (CYCJ)</p>	<p>7. Update to November meeting</p> <p>8. November meeting for final approval</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Data Update</b></p> <p>a) <b>SCRA data reported</b></p>	<p>Ongoing communication with locality reporters re. increase in numbers. The offence types can be provided for joint reports and SCRA referrals. This may assist in highlighting any shifts in thresholds or types of offences, also which if any may have been suitable for EEI.</p>
<p><b>Actions</b></p>	<p><b>By Whom</b></p>	<p><b>Status</b></p>
<p>9. Offence type for jointly reported and SCRA referrals to be provided for consideration.</p>	<p>9. NH &amp; NM (SCRA)</p>	<p>9. November meeting</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>a) <b>Existing structures diagram</b></p> <p>b) <b>Place of Safety</b></p> <p>c) <b>MH Strategy/ High risk</b></p> <p>d) <b>Position statements</b></p>	<p>No further update to diagram, remains a live document.</p> <p>Remains outstanding at this time. Once approved by senior management in Police Scotland will be circulated for WSA Group.</p> <p>Update required for next meeting. As previously noted important that high risk is not solely tied to mental health strategy.</p> <p>Awaiting feedback from SWS and new member from their group will progress on behalf of WSA Group. CHS progressing.</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>By Whom</b></p>	<p><b>Status</b></p>
<p>10. Place of Safety Protocol</p> <p>11. Progression of position statements</p>	<p>10. DM &amp; JM (CYCJ &amp; SG)</p> <p>11. DM (CYCJ)</p>	<p>10. Outstanding</p> <p>11. Outstanding</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<p>SOC – delayed for next meeting</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>By Whom</b></p>	<p><b>Status</b></p>

12. How can WA group support work of Divert and Deter	12. DD & DM (NYJAG & CYCJ)	12. Discuss Nov meeting
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**Date of next meeting** 10am on December 4, 2018 within University of Strathclyde, Collins Building, Room 202 (Upstairs) 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow