

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group - November 11, 2019

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)

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);

Agenda item	Notes of Discussion
1 Welcome and introductions (All)	<p>Introductions made and group members advised of changes to the group; Calum Scott named as the representative from Police Scotland and Gemma Fraser is now vice-chair. Extended thanks given to previous vice-chair Christine Walker.</p>
2 Note/ Matters arising (All)	<p>Note from previous meeting agreed. Gill Robinson has arranged a meeting with Education Scotland to plan activities to share relevant messages with Improvement collaborative staff and will feedback to the group in due course.</p> <p>Common factors paper Paper has now been published on the CYCJ website with each individual chapter being highlighted in the CYCJ e-bulletin. The YJIB website is still due to be set up and the paper will be hosted here also. 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: St Mary's Kenmure has become the first centre to be approved to deliver the SVQ courses on Vulnerable Girls and young women. Course will become mandatory for all staff with the first practitioners starting this month. There is considerable interest in the courses. A meeting was set up to invite 3rd sector organisations to come together to explore working together to produce assessment tools and seek SQA approval. Meeting took place on 30th October with representatives from Includem and Action for Children attending. Feedback from both organisations in due course. Carole Dearie from St Mary's Kenmure offered her support to the organisations throughout the process. Discussed the value in having the course incorporated into the Children's panel training. Following contact with the College Development Network with no response, individual colleges will now be contacted advising of the course.</p> <p>SLCN subgroup Strategic leads events organised for Nov 26th (Glasgow) and 3rd Dec (Dundee) to bring together WSA and SLT leads. It is hoped that this will allow partnership working and encourage local events to take place to discuss local assets and gaps in this area.</p>

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Actions	By Whom	Status
1. Gill to meet with Education Scotland and feedback to the group about how to engage with Improvement Collaborative staff	GR	Prior to the next meeting
2. Gill to speak with Neil Hunter re the SQA course being incorporated into Children's Panel training	GR	Prior to the next meeting
3. Contact to be made with colleges in relation to the SQA courses	PM	Prior to the next meeting
4. Includem and Action for Children to feedback to Pamela re their potential progression of the SQA courses	DC, RH	ASAP
5. Feedback to group following SLCN strategic leads events	PM	Dec/Jan
3 Update from Youth Justice Improvement Board	Next steps for Youth Justice Strategy / Action Plan / Timeline It is the intention to have the end year report and the next plan ready for Ministerial clearance by spring 2020 and for launch at the Youth Justice Conference in June. It was proposed that the end of strategy report should follow a similar format to the progress report published in June 2017. Joint meeting with the Justice Board A joint meeting with the Justice Board will be held on 21 November. The Board confirmed that the key issues that they wish to bring to the board are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to move forward with possible legislative change around 16/17 year olds • Incorporating WSA and resourcing implications • Young people in custody and use of secure care It was agreed that due to time restrictions, it is unlikely that all three aspects could be satisfactorily discussed at one joint meeting. A paper with follow up questions for consideration and a further joint meeting	

	proposed for around 6 months later once the Independent Care Review have reported.	
4 ILC impact	<p>A set of questions were sent to the group prior to the meeting to help support thinking about the impact of the group. Members felt it would be helpful to take time to speak to their respective organisations and feedback.</p> <p>Discussions included the need for incorporating impact into any future plans from the outset and the complexity in capturing 'softer' impact through discussions and changes of culture. Acknowledged the large ILC agenda and the length of the strategy. Suggestion that previous group members could support this area of work.</p> <p>Moving forward group members highlighted transitions, restorative justice and participation as important areas to continue to focus on.</p>	
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1. Group members to feedback on the impact questions sent round the group 2. Explore the possibility of contacting previous group members to support impact report 3. Impact report to be developed		All GR/ PM GR/ PM
Input from Phil Raines, Scottish Government	<p>Input from Phil Raines, Children & Young People's Mental Health Taskforce highlighting the work of the taskforce and looking for input from ILC group members.</p> <p>Focus of the discussion was around examples of young people who seem to have fallen through a gap in identifying/addressing their mental health and wellbeing needs. Highlighted the need for early intervention, an understanding of young people's experiences and some of the practical changes that can be made, and discussed the need to meaningfully include young people and incorporate their views. The clinical environment was noted as a significant barrier to children and young people attending appointments and the importance of peer support and relationships, in particular the being aware of the purpose of a relationship and the consistency and continuation. This will require a shift in culture and staff training.</p> <p>Group members were keen to continue the discussion a contact details will therefore be shared.</p>	
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Link in Phil with Ruth and Carole	PM	ASAP
AOB	Action for Children 10 year evaluation is now available. Action for children are also undertaking a piece of research in relation to coercive control and gender. Work in relation to structured deferred sentencing is ongoing with the Cabinet secretary due to visit work in Hamilton.	
13 Date of the next meeting	11 th February 9.30am Level 1 Lord Hope Building	