

Advancing the Whole System Approach

Date: Wednesday 7th December 2022

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Online Teams Meeting

In Attendance: Neill Hunter, Chair (SCRA), Donna McEwan, (CYCJ), Kirsten Urquhart (Young Scot), Ranald McTaggart (NYJAG Rep, Renfrewshire), Chris Wright (Care Inspectorate), Adele Hill (CJVSF), Jenny Ward (SG), Liz Murdoch (SG), Jane Donaldson (Police Scotland), Maureen Roberts (CYCJ), Cheryl Clark (COPFS), Elizabeth Paterson (CYCJ)

Apologies: Sharon MacIver (AFC), Mhairi Shewan, Gemma Graham, Stephen Bermingham (CHS), John Trainer, (SWS C&F Standing Committee), Ian McKinnon (Police Scotland), Kenneth Donnelly (CO)

	Agenda Item	Notes of Discussion
1.	Welcome and introductions	All members welcomed and introductions complete.
2.	Note of last meeting	Agreed.
3.	<p>WSA Action Plan review and planning Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree actions • Next steps • Timescales and responsibility • Impact looks like • Risks & Exceptions to achieving outcomes 	<p>The group divided into two rooms, discussions facilitated by NH and DM to review action plan with aim of developing specific actions to achieve outcomes, remove what is no longer relevant, identify the next steps, timeframes, responsibility, expectations and risks to allow an overall refresh of the action plan that reflects changes in landscape since publication of Vision and Priorities. Neither small group were able to cover entire action plan in time available and focus. The two groups then merged back to have an overall discussion and agree what will be developed Key areas that emerged were:-.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEl is central to delivery of the WSA action plan and needs our continued focus <p>From discussions the group agreed that EEl implementation was impacted due to the pandemic, however it was evident that EEl is/should be central on the WSA action plan. Discussions took place around establishing a subgroup to look at implications for increase in Age of Referral and understand what is available and what are the alternatives for young people - have the right people focus on the right things in terms of EEl. There were also discussions around how to approach LAs for information to increase responses to scoping and mapping and if there is a smarter way of doing so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEl is a child centred/GIRFEC aligned approach <p>Members agreed that EEl should not be categorised as being a Youth Justice issue, as it is GIRFEC and needs located firmly within universal services, this approach requires emphasis on family support as integral as highlighted by the Promise, and UNCRC. Discussion highlighted the need for a delicate balance between ensuring that shifting the lens away from “offending behaviour” and “youth justice” labels should not reduce options available to respond to children but still have clear pathways for offence as well as non-offence referrals as majority of referrals will still come from police in response to a crime being reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and framing of children in conflict with the law is important in ensuring they have the right supports and help <p>There is potential that if appropriate groundwork and support not in place in relation to the reframing away from a “youth justice lens” then it may have the unintended consequence of partners perceiving reduction in available options or credibility of response to concerns. Whilst language and framing may change it is important to ensure what has been developed and in place is not lost and it is clear the behaviour will still be responded to and without “offending” of “youth justice” label should contribute to improving outcomes for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Childrens Care and Justice Bill is an important opportunity to embed a child centred approach to prevention <p>This is particularly critical given pending Children’s Care & Justice Bill and impact of increase in age of referral to reporter and need to ensure EEl is able to respond to anticipated increase in numbers of 16/17years referred as these numbers have been low for number of years and reasons. Was highlighted 16/17yr olds being responded to through EEl has been in place for some time and worked well, it is a matter of reviving this and making the steps to ensure that it works effectively like it did previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to make further progress on EEl data set <p>Discussions around strengths identified that there have been strengths however, lack of EEl data to know exactly how to make comparisons or identify strengths. Understanding individualised nature of EEl at local level patchy and recent scoping and mapping of practice and process received 9 responses (7 LA, 2 police). Still gap requiring research into EEl impact, effectiveness and models.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to keep focus on embedding CARM within child protection arrangements <p>There was significant discussion regarding progress of CARM positioning within CP however requires continued focus and support for development of risk practice, local processes and fully integrating within CP processes and training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other areas discussed <p>The need to work together with the YJIB Rights group on giving effect and definition to rights respecting court processes for children who are subject to prosecution Children in custody requires further exploration as to how this issue can be pushed upstream and prioritised – links to secure care work programme</p> <p>From today's discussions, this information will be used to update the action plan and populate the next steps and actions that reflect the group's priorities for 2023-2024 and the changing landscape with pending legislation.</p>
Actions	By Whom	Status
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulate Youth Justice Data from CYCJ website 2. Update action plan and send to group 3. Update Donna via email with anything that you wish to be added/highlight gaps 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DM (CYCJ) 2. DM (CYCJ) 3. Group members 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following meeting 2. 2 weeks prior to next WSA Meeting 3. End of January 2023
4.	Review WSA Mapping and connections diagram	This will be continued to the next meeting
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Identify collaborations/relationships to improve and support achieving outcomes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Group members 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Next meeting Jan/ Feb 2023 (TBC)
5.	Focus of next meeting	Will review updated action plan, aim to have copy of Alt document for group's feedback and views. Additional focus points to be agreed.
Actions	By Whom	Status
N/A	N/A	N/A
6.	AOB/ Date of next meeting	No date set however aim to schedule this for mid-February which will allow clearer indication of where the group are in terms of action plan and populating further actions and next steps.
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Set date for next meeting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Donna McEwan (CYCJ) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 End of Dec 2022