



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC GROUP

Minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group held in Room 410, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Friday 21 March 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: B Malone, Chief Executive, Perth and Kinross Council (Chair)
 Councillor B Band, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor E Maclachlan, Perth and Kinross Council
 Councillor B Vaughan, Perth and Kinross Council
 D Caldwell, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership
 (substituting for J Flynn)
 K Fowlie, NHS Tayside
 B Nicoll, NHS Tayside
 J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services),
 Perth and Kinross Council
 B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services),
 Perth and Kinross Council
 A Irvine, Head of Children and Families' Services (Education and
 Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council
 A Gerry, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
 G Millar, Voluntary Action Perthshire
 Inspector J Robertson, Police Scotland (substituting for Chief
 Inspector M Whitford)
 S Rodger, Legal Services, Perth and Kinross Council
 J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), Perth
 and Kinross Council

In Attendance: F Mackay and C Mackie (both Education and Children's Services);
 L Brown (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Chief Inspector M Whitford, J Flynn, J Gilruth, D McLennan,
 C Harris, P Wilson, F Steel and L Swan.

B Malone in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted and noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OF 13 DECEMBER 2013

The minute of meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership of 7 October 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(i) STV/Hunter Partnership (item 4(i) refers)

B Atkinson advised that the STV/Hunter Partnership had approved the bid. A meeting to discuss future implementation of the initiative, including the funding of a development post had been arranged for the end of April. It was agreed that an update on the outcome of the meeting be provided at the next meeting of the Group.

Action: B Atkinson

(ii) GIRFEC Implementation Plan (item 7 refers)

C Mackie tabled a copy of draft "Challenge Questions" which had been prepared by the National Implementation Support Group on the duties in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill in relation to implementation of Parts 4 and 5 of the Bill.

Following discussion, the Group agreed:

Feedback on the appropriateness of the questions be emailed to B Malone prior circulation to Council and NHS Chief Executives.

Action: B Atkinson

(iii) Service Level Agreements with NHS (item 11 refers)

J Fyffe advised that the Council had agreed to reinstate CAHMS funding for a further year at its budget meeting on 13 February 2014.

During discussion it was suggested there was merit in partners from NHS Tayside and the Council providing a summary of budget decisions made by their organisations which were likely to have implications for the Group.

The Group agreed that a summary of budget decisions made by partner organisations be included as a substantive item for discussion at the next meeting of the Group on 13 June 2014. **Action: B Atkinson**

5. CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Irvine, Head of Children and Families' Services, (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council gave a slide presentation on children

and domestic abuse. The speaker provided statistical information on the prevalence of abuse in Perth and Kinross during the period 2012/13. She detailed the strategic landscape and the 4 broad strands coming out of the new National Strategy and explained the impact of abuse on children and young people. Details of prevent and intervention measures, court mandated programmes, the challenges to delivering services and priorities going forward were also provided.

Following discussion the Group agreed that a report on court mandated programmes be submitted to a future meeting.

Action: B Atkinson

6. EVIDENCE2SUCCESS – DEVELOPING AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/14/102) outlining the proposal for the delivery of improvement activity in the priority areas identified by Evidence2Success; including the planning and implementation of a portfolio of evidence-based programmes. The report also advised that the development of an improvement plan would increase the range of prevention and early intervention provided by Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership and would improve positive outcomes for all children and young people and would ensure the right children received targeted support at the earliest opportunity.

Following discussion, the Group:

- Approved implementation of the Improvement Plan activity relating to the evidence-based programmes outlined in Appendix 2 of report G/14/102 for implementation from 2014/15 onwards.
- Endorsed action to be undertaken in Stage 1 of the Implementation Plan to ensure the strategic alignment of adult services that work with parents to the priorities and implementation activity of Evidence2Success.
- Agreed a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Group on Community Engagement.
- Agreed a further report be provided to a future meeting of the Group detailing proposals for additional programmes and/or activity once these are selected.

7. EARLY YEARS COLLABORATIVE – PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families' Services (Education and Children's Services) (G/14/103) providing the Group with an update on the current activity of the Early Years Collaborative, including examples of Test of Change and related date.

Following discussion the Group noted the activity undertaken to date in the development of the Perth and Kinross Early Years Collaborative and agreed the next steps for further development of the Early Years Collaborative be as follows:

- The development of a training plan to further increase the skills of the workforce in the improvement methodology, including planning and measuring tests.
- The improvement of workforce knowledge of research and what works in relation to delivering improvement in 3 priority areas for Perth and Kinross
- To further enhance activity to deliver the key changes identified as most critical to improvement.
- To continue to identify successful tests which will contribute to improvement if scaled up.
- The development and delivery of a communications plan to raise awareness across the workforce of the Early Years Collaborative, the Model for Improvement and successful Test of Changes both in Perth and Kinross and other Community Planning Partnership area.
- To enhance opportunities for services delivery for adults to engage in the Early Years Collaborative.
- To establish increased support for the workforce through training of Improvement Advisor and key change and data staff.
- To extend the use of methodology to support implementation of the Evidence2Success Improvement Plan.

8. FOURTH DRAFT OF INTEGRATED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2013-2018

There was submitted a fourth draft of the Integrated Children's Service Plan (G/14/104) for discussion and direction.

Following discussion it was agreed that C Mackie arrange a workshop for Group members to review the fourth draft in more detail prior to its submission to the next meeting of the Group on 13 June 2014. **Action: C Mackie**

9. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

There was submitted a briefing note (G/14/105) by S Rodger, Legal Manager, Perth and Kinross Council providing information on the main issues and challenges facing the Group arising from the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 which had recently received royal assent.

The Group noted the position.

10. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE BUSINESS ACTIVITY SINCE 21 MARCH 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/14/106) providing information on the main business activities of the Child Protection Committee, since 13 December 2013.

Following discussion, the Group:

- Noted the information on the Care Inspectorate's Future Scrutiny and Inspection of Service's for Children.
- Noted the progress being made to implement locally the Getting Our Priorities Right: Working with Children, Young People and Families Affected by Problematic Alcohol and/or Drug Use national guidance.
- Noted the bullet point updates regarding other Child Protection Committee ongoing/forthcoming child protection policy and/or practice developments.
- Agreed that the Link Inspector from the Care Inspectorate be invited to observe a future meeting of the Group.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There were no other items of business raised for discussion.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the next meeting will be held in the Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on 13 2014 at 10am.

14. VALEDICTORY

At the conclusion of business B Malone reported that Alison Irvine, Head of Children and Families' Services, Perth and Kinross Council was attending her last meeting of the Group. On behalf of the Group B Malone thanked Alison for commitment, leadership and support to the Group and wished her every happiness in her retirement.

