



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Lifelong Learning Committee
29 October 2014

Summary of Activity of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group

Report by Depute Director (Education and Children's Services)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the activities of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children and Young People's Strategic Group since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 20 August 2014.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following the review of Community Planning Partnership in 2013 the existing Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership enhanced its role and membership to take on the Outcome Delivery Group function for children and young people.
- 1.2 **Discussion and Actions Agreed at the Children and Young People's Strategic Group on 3 October 2014 included the following:**
- STV/Hunter Partnership – B Atkinson advised that progress with this partnership is being made and that an appointment of a Project Manager to oversee the work in Perth & Kinross is likely to take place early in the New Year.
 - Perth & Kinross Child Protection Committee Business – the group noted the main business activity of the Child Protection Committee since the last meeting and in particular:
 - Approved the Perth & Kinross Child Protection Committee Improvement Plan 2014-15
 - Noted the ongoing work of the Care Inspectorate to validate three Perth & Kinross Child Protection good practice examples
 - Noted the broad range of work underway nationally and locally in terms of protecting children and young people from child sexual exploitation.
 - Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2013/14 – this report provided an overview of the key activities of the work of the multi-agency partnership in ensuring that children and young people in Perth & Kinross are protected from abuse and neglect. The report also detailed the findings from a wide range of single and multi-agency joint self-evaluation activities and identified key areas of strength and areas for further improvement.

The Group:

- Approved the Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2013/14
 - Requested that the report be presented to Perth & Kinross Council on 8 October and to Scrutiny Committee on 3 December for endorsement, scrutiny and comment as appropriate
 - Requested a report and presentation on Young Carers be submitted to the next meeting of the Group with an invitation being extended to Young Carers to attend.
- Integrated Children's Services Plan – the third Integrated Children's Services Plan for Perth & Kinross was presented, setting out the strategic outcomes and priority actions for Children and Young People's Services in Perth & Kinross. It was noted that this is a key partnership plan for Children & Young People's Services, enabling the CPP Board to monitor and review progress for children and young people against the outcomes within the plan.

The Group:

- Approved the Integrated Children's Service Plan for 2013-2018
 - Agreed a programme of consultation to be carried out
 - Requested that the Integrated Children's Services Plan be presented to Perth & Kinross Lifelong Learning Committee for endorsement.
- Briefing on the independent enquiry into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham – the Depute Director, Education & Children's Services provided the group with a briefing on the key findings and important messages arising from the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse in Rotherham. After discussion the Group noted:
 - The summary messages arising from the Independent Inquiry
 - Noted that the Child Protection Committee had a strong focus on child sexual exploitation
 - Requested a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Group on the effectiveness of the approaches to preventing and tackling child sexual exploitation in Perth & Kinross
 - Depute Director, Education & Children's Services, be requested to lead a Seminar before Christmas on his report to Perth & Kinross Council as Chief Social Work Officer
- Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Community Planning Partnerships on GIRFEC implementations. The Group noted:
 - National Returns as detailed in the Report
 - Evidence2Success Update – the Group noted:

- The progress made to date in the delivery of E2S Improvement Plan activity relating to the evidence-based programmes. Developing community assets and the workforce and culture change activity
 - Requested that a further report to a future meeting of the Group detailing proposals for additional programmes be implemented once these are identified
- Early Years Collaborative Update – there was a report submitted on progress in relation to this initiative and the Group:
 - Noted the progress
 - Supported the planned organisational development activity to extend the use of the improvement methodology to support other improvement areas for the Community Planning Partnership

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