



**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Lifelong Learning Committee  
11 March 2015**

**Summary of Activity of the  
Children and Young People's Strategic Group (CYPSG)**

**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 (CYPSG) since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 28 January 2015

**1. BACKGROUND**

Since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee, the CYPSG met on Friday 20 February 2015 and is due to meet again on Friday 22 May 2015.

- 1.1 There was a presentation and discussion on attainment in Perth and Kinross schools and experience in other local authority areas. The presentation also provided data on young carers attainment in Perth and Kinross. Following discussion the Group agreed to invite a wide range of organisations to join them at a half day workshop on 22 May 2015 to discuss:
- Tackling inequalities going forward and how will this fits into the future priorities for the Group;
  - The wellbeing agenda going forward;
  - Issues around GIRFEC.
- 1.2 The Group received an update report on the business activity of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee since 5 December 2014. This had included recommendations from the Children in Scotland's Review Report: Safeguarding Scotland's Vulnerable Children from Abuse: A Review of the Scottish System. After discussion the Group agreed a number of actions in response to Safeguarding Scotland's Vulnerable Children from Child Abuse report as follow:
- A joint report by Perth and Kinross Council and NHS Tayside will be submitted to future meeting on the impact of the Health and Social Care Partnership on child protection and wellbeing.
  - A commitment was given to meet with staff who have Named Person responsibility and to obtain feedback on how this is being implemented.
  - To report back to a future meeting on educational awareness raising work with midwives on GIRFEC.
  - To refresh the approach to public awareness.

- 1.3 A report on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) had provided the Group with concise background information and a contextual summary on CSE describing in more detail the significant programme of work which is underway to tackle CSE within Perth and Kinross.
- 1.4 Following discussion of a progress report on the development of the role, remit and responsibilities of the CYPSPG undertaken in parallel with work through Health and Social Care Integration the Group agreed to rename the Group as the Children, Young People and Families Partnership (CYPFP) and to implement the new role and remit as detailed in the report.
- 1.5 Reports on a proposal to establish a Corporate Parenting Sub-Group, and a suggested response to Draft Statutory Guidance for Part 9 (Corporate Parenting of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014) were also considered. Following discussion the Group agreed to:
- Seek nominations for membership of the Sub-Group as set out in the terms of reference.
  - Submit an update report to the Children, Young People and Families Partnership in 6 months' time setting out the work plan for the Sub-Group.
  - Submit any further comments on the draft statutory guidance by 27 February 2015 and submit a final response to Scottish Government by 2 March 2015.
- 1.6 The Group considered a report on Scottish Government Strategy to Eradicate Violence Against Women and Girls which had previously been submitted to the Council's Community Safety Committee on 14 January 2015. It was agreed to add this to the programme for discussion at the half day workshop planned for 22 May 2015 and, thereafter, to seek feedback from staff on the ground on any issues within their locality.
- 1.7 Following discussion of a report by NHS Tayside on the Annual Review of Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Action Plan 2011-2015 the Group had agreed that a revised Strategy and Action Plan should be submitted to the October meeting of the CYPFP.
- 1.8 Updates were also received on: (1) Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Implementation of GIRFEC, (2) Evidence2Success, and (3) the Public Social Partnership. Following discussion the Group agreed the following:
- Further information should be brought back on the cross Tayside SLWG's development of a Child Plan for Tayside.
  - Data sharing options should be explored.
  - Strengthening Families – Explore further how parents can support pier group.
  - An update will be submitted to CYPFP later in the year on the good work going on in the prison with families

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