



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Lifelong Learning Committee

4 November 2015

**Summary of Activity of the
Children and Young People & Families Partnership (CYPFP)**

Report by Director (Social Work)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the activities of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children and Young People & Families Partnership (CYPFP) since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 26 August 2015

1. BACKGROUND

Since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee, the CYPFP met on Friday 21 August 2015 and is due to meet again on Friday 6 November 2015. The items for discussion included:

1.1 Mental Health Services for Children

NHS Tayside submitted a joint report (G/15/212) providing an update on the improvement work which had been undertaken by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) over the previous 12 months and the impact this has had on the waiting times for children and young people in Perth & Kinross. This has resulted in a significant improvement in waiting times for the CAMHS service and to ensure performance is maintained, the Mental Health Innovation Fund for CAMHS will be used across Tayside to develop pathways at Tier 1/Tier 2 levels, working with Local Authority partners

1.2 Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) Business Activity Report since 20 February 2014

Following discussion, the Partnership noted the work planned to tackle child sexual exploitation across a wide range of organisations in Perth & Kinross. A report on delivery of services for children and young people was requested to be submitted on an annual basis. It was agreed that a presentation and discussion on performance against the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators be submitted to the meeting on 6 November 2015.

1.3 Senior Management Development Session

A report was submitted by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) which provided an update on the Senior Management Development Session held on 22 May 2015. Following discussion it was agreed that further work be undertaken to revise the action plan appended, to the report and that

wider engagement be undertaken through a series of visits to localities for discussions with professional staff on a multi-agency basis.

1.4 Health and Social Care Integration and the implications for Children’s Services

A report was submitted setting out the key recommendation to ensure continued progress in improving outcomes for children, young people and families through integrated working, following the decision not to include Children’s Services in the scope of health and social care integration in compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The position of Children’s Services in the context of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) was noted and it was agreed to review the membership of Children, Young People and Families Partnership to ensure strong leadership and direction to improve outcomes for children, young people and families and to ensure robust connections with relevant services for adults.

1.5 Integrated Children’s Services Plan 2013-2018

The Head of Children and Families’ Services submitted a report detailing progress made to date against the actions identified within the Integrated Children’s Services Plan from November 2014, and the progress made to date against the priorities and actions was noted and the revised reporting schedule was agreed.

1.6 Joint Young Carers Strategy 2015 – 2016

A report was submitted by the Head of Children and Families’ Services highlighting the development of the Perth and Kinross Young Carers Strategy 2015-2018, and the action plan which will be officially published and presented in November 2015. The work to date of the PKAVS Young Carers Service, in partnership with the Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership and Perth and Kinross Council, was noted and acknowledged. The refreshed Perth and Kinross Young Carers Strategy 2015-2018 and the associated action plan was endorsed, and it was agreed that the Young Carers Strategy Group return with an updated Action Plan in August 2016.

1.7 Perth & Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) Standards and Quality Report

The Executive Director, Education & Children’s Services, submitted report (G/15/216) providing an overview of the key activities of the work of the CPC to protect children and young people from abuse and neglect. The Executive Director was requested to present the report to Perth & Kinross Council on 7 October 2015 and also to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015.

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