



**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP**

Minute of the meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership held in the Hay Room, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Friday 21 August 2015 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  
B Atkinson, Education and Children's Services, PKC  
J Flynn, Perth & Kinross Community Health Partnership  
K Fowlie, NHS Tayside  
Detective Superintendent C Gall, Police Scotland  
A Gerry, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration  
J Kerr, Voluntary Action Perthshire  
J Pepper, Education and Children's Services, PKC  
Chief Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland  
F Steel, Action for Children Scotland  
J Walker, Housing & Community Care, PKC  
P Wilson, Vice Principal Academic, Perth College

**In Attendance:** L Bastionelli, W Sayan and J Southern, (all NHS Tayside),  
C Mackie, R Drummond and L Brown, (all Perth & Kinross Council).

**Apologies:** E Devine, PKCHP; J Fyffe, Perth & Kinross Council and S Hay,  
Tayside NHS Board.

B Malone in the Chair

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

B Malone welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence 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 GROUP OF 20 FEBRUARY 2015**

The Minute of the Meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group of 20 February 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

(i) **Follow up on Attainment in Perth and Kinross Schools (Item 5 refers)**

B Atkinson reported there had been an improvement in 6 of the 8 national indicators. More in depth analysis of the attainment results for schools in Perth and Kinross would be reported to a future meeting.

#### **5. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**

There was submitted a joint report (G/15/212) by Kay Fowlie, Wendy Sayan and Lynette Bastianelli of NHS Tayside providing the Partnership with 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 and Kinross.

K Fowlie reported that to address significant concerns on waiting times for the CAMHS service a detailed analysis of the demand, capacity, activity and queue within the service had been carried out and an improvement plan agreed by the team. Reviews of the referral criteria guidance, vetting of referrals across all locality teams and clinical pathways had been undertaken as part of a workforce review and the Leadership team had been strengthened. This now comprised a Clinical Lead (Medical); a Head of Nursing; a Psychology Lead and a Head of Service who focused on the day to day management of the service as well as working alongside the professional leads on service improvements and care governance. This has resulted in a significant improvement in waiting times for the CAMHS service. By the end of July 2015 there were no children or young people waiting over 18 weeks in the Perth and Kinross locality.

B Malone welcomed the improvement in performance. She enquired how improvement will be sustained and if comparator data for other areas was available. In response, K Fowlie advised that demand for the service is likely to increase. 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, Primary Care and other secondary health care referrers, including adult services. Health Improvement, Efficiency Access and Treatment (HEAT) targets are based on the percentage of children seen over a period of time and in this respect performance against target was poor. J Pepper suggested it would be helpful to see how many children are recipients of the service in the Perth and Kinross locality.

##### **The Partnership:**

- (i) Agreed to support CAMHS in the continuation of their improvement journey, particularly in relation to the use of the Mental Health Innovation Fund 2015-2016.

- (ii) Requested that an update report be brought back to a future meeting of the Partnership.

## **6. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT SINCE 20 FEBRUARY 2014**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/207) highlighting the main business activities of the Child Protection Committee (CPC) since the last meeting of the Children and Young People's Strategic Group (CYPSSG) held on 20 February 2015.

### **Following discussion the Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the work planned and ongoing to tackle child sexual exploitation across a wide range of organisation in Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) Noted the recent review and evaluation of the Multi-Agency Screening Group (MAGS) and the associated improvement plan.
- (iii) Noted the work undertaken by the CPC as it strives to continually improve through self-evaluation.
- (iv) Requested that a report on the key indicators to protect children be submitted to the Partnership on an annual basis.
- (v) Requested that a presentation and discussion on performance against the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators is submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership on 6 November 2015.

## **7. SENIOR MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT SESSION – 22 MAY 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/15/211) providing an update on the Senior Management Development Session held on 22 May 2015 which had discussed the key themes of "Closing the Gap" and "Tackling Inequalities" and appending an action plan which aimed to confirm future priorities for the Children, Young People and Families Partnership.

### **Following discussion the Partnership agreed:**

- (i) Further work be undertaken to revise the action plan appended to Report G/15/211 prior to the next meeting on 6 November 2015.
- (ii) To undertake wider engagement through a series of visits to localities for discussions with professional staff on a multi-agency basis. The data held for each area to be used as a starting point for these discussions.
- (iii) J Walker to share with Partners the relevant consumption analysis of Health and Social Care Partnership data.
- (ii) To note that the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) will discuss with the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) how tackling inequalities will be progressed.

## **8. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Children and Families' Services, Perth and Kinross Council and the Child Health Commissioner, NHS Tayside (G/15/213) 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 Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the position of Children's Services in the context of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- (ii) The recommendation under 2.4 of Report G/15/213 to review the membership of the 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 be agreed.

## **9. MEASURING IMPACT – EVIDENCE2SUCCESS AND EARLY YEARS COLLABORATIVE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/208) providing the Partnership with a summary of the impact of Evidence2Success and the Early Years Collaborative on improving the priority outcomes for children and young people identified following the Evidence2Success surveys in 2013.

### **The Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the impact of Evidence2Success and the Early Years Collaborative to date.
- (ii) Requested that a further report be prepared for a meeting of the Partnership within six months outlining progress in delivery of the following actions:
  - (a) Full implementation of planned activity;
  - (b) Identification of any additional activity required;
  - (c) Further development and spread of the community engagement model;
  - (d) Tracking of the impact of interventions on service usage;
  - (e) Disinvestment in services that are evaluated as no longer required;
  - (f) Realignment of Service Level Agreements to support strategic commissioning.

## **10. UPDATE REPORT ON GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC) AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families Service, (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/214) providing an update to the Partnership on the current position in relation to the phased commencement of the various parts of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act), including key elements of GIRFEC and the state of readiness for compliance with the forthcoming new duties.

### **Following discussion the Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the key provisions of the Act which will be subject to statutory guidance and regulations in 2015.
- (ii) Noted the work underway in preparation for additional statutory responsibilities for GIRFEC and the support for young people who are or have been looked after.
- (iii) Noted the content of the self-assessment return provided to the Scottish Government in July 2015.
- (iv) Requested that a further report on the local plan for GIRFEC be submitted to the Partnership by the end of the year.

## **11. CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-GROUP**

J Pepper reported that the first meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Group was due to be held on 21 October 2015. A young person in care has been appointed as a young person participation assistant to promote young people in care in Perth and Kinross. Looked after young people are part of the planning group and have been involved in planning the Innovation Lab scheduled to be held on 8 September 2015.

The Partnership noted the position.

## **12. INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2013-2018**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families Service (G/15/215): (1) detailing the progress made to date against the actions identified within the Integrated Children's Services Plan from November 2014 to June 2015, (2) the progress made in relation to milestones and timescales, and (3) identifying areas of exception and challenges.

### **Following discussion the Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the progress made to date against the priorities and actions contained within the Integrated Children's Services Plan.
- (ii) Agreed the revised reporting schedule.
- (iii) Agreed that a presentation be given to a future meeting of the Partnership on the Maternal and Infant Nutrition Plan.

### **13. JOINT YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY 2015-2016**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families Service, Perth and Kinross Council, (G/15/209) 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.

J Pepper advised that the Strategy aims to embed a sustainable model of support for all young carers by building on the role of named persons in schools.

#### **The Partnership:**

- (i) Noted and acknowledged 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.
- (ii) Endorsed the refreshed Perth and Kinross Young Carers Strategy 2015-2018 and the associated action plan to be launched at the Carers Conference on 14 November 2015 and requested that a further report be submitted to the Partnership in 12 months' time.
- (iii) Instructed the Young Carers Strategy Group to return to the Children, Young People and Families Partnership with an updated Action Plan in August 2016.

### **14. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPC) STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2014-2015**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (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, and presenting the findings from a wide range of CPC-led single agency and multi-agency self-evaluation activity.

#### **Following discussion the Partnership:**

- (i) Noted the contents of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2014-2015, appended to Report G/15/216.
- (ii) Requested that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) present the CPC Standards and Quality Report 2014-2015 to the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council on 7 October 2015, with the request that the Council scrutinise and endorse the contents of the report as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report G/15/216.
- (iii) Requested that the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) present the report to the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council's Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 with the request that they scrutinise and endorse the content of the report as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report G/15/216.

- 15. UPDATE ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**  
There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), Perth and Kinross Council (G/15/210) providing an update on the commencement of the various parts of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) and advising of progress made by Perth and Kinross Council towards implementation. The report also provided an update on work which had been undertaken across Community Planning Partners partnerships to embed GIRFEC, and in particular those aspects of GIRFEC contained within the Act through GIRFEC in Perth and Kinross.

The Group noted the position.

**16. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There were no other items of business for discussion.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Partnership noted the next meeting would be held at 10am on Friday 6 November 2016.

