

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Lifelong Learning Committee****27 January 2016****Summary of Activity of the Children and Young People & Families Partnership
(CYPFP)****Report by Director of Education and Children's Services****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on the activities of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning - Children, Young People and Families Partnership (CYPFP) since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee on 4 November 2015.

1. BACKGROUND

Since the last meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee, the CYPFP met on Friday 6 November 2015 and is due to meet again on Friday 19 February 2015.

2 UPDATE

The items for discussion at the meeting included:

2.1 Measuring improvements and outcomes for children, young people and families

Perth and Kinross Council's Corporate Research & Information Manager made a presentation to the Partnership and tabled a paper which had been developed in collaboration with NHS Tayside and Police Scotland which recommended key indicators for the Partnership to monitor and evaluate performance in improving the wellbeing of children and young people. The table of indicators was organised around the key themes of:

- Improvements through prevention and early intervention
- Improvements in outcomes for all children and young people
- Improvements in the life chances of vulnerable children and young people
- Child protection

It was agreed to make some additions to the table of indicators including information which relates to the performance across localities and to report regularly on each of the themes through the year with an annual review of performance.

2.2 Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) Business Activity Report since 21 August 2015

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/277) highlighting the main business activities of the CPC since the last meeting of the Partnership. This report included a positive evaluation of the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Summit held in Perth on 8 September 2015. The success of this local leadership summit, the engagement of young people through the Young People's Speak-Up Innovation Lab held on 8 September 2015 and ongoing work across a wide range of organisations to tackle abuse and exploitation was noted.

Following discussion the Partnership noted the implementation of the significantly improved CPC Management Information and Performance Outcome Framework and planned further developments informed by the data contained within the CPC Standards and Quality Report 2014/15. This included a refined approach to quality assurance and self-evaluation including a plan to carry out a detailed review of the circumstances of children and young people for whom there had been concerns about their wellbeing which did not meet thresholds for child protection.

The important role for the Partnership in scrutinising and supporting the CPC was considered and a decision was taken to hold a joint meeting early in 2016.

2.3 Senior Management Development Session – Updated Action Plan

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/278) providing an update on the progress against the priority outcomes identified within the action plan arising from the Children, Young People and Families Partnership Development Session held on 22 May 2015. This workshop embraced key themes of 'Closing the Gap' and aimed to confirm future priorities for the Partnership. It was agreed that the Integrated Children's Services Plan would be updated to reflect the outcomes and actions agreed and that greater priority should be given to the development of strategic commissioning for children's services.

Dates for six local multi-agency events were confirmed for November 2015 to carry out wider engagement and professional discussion in support of a local approach to leading and planning services for children, young people and families.

2.4 Health and Social Care Integration and the implications for Children's Services

The agreement to review and update the membership of the Partnership to ensure strong leadership and direction to improve outcomes for children, young people and families and ensure robust connections with relevant services for adults was revisited.

As a result of this the importance of housing services to families was recognised and the Head of Housing and Strategic Commissioning was welcomed as a member of the Partnership.

2.5 Attainment in Perth and Kinross Schools 2015

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (G/15/279) presenting a summary analysis of pupil attainment for academic session 2014/15 in Perth and Kinross, specifically in relation to Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) progress with learning and achievement in P4, P7 and S3, and attainment at SCQF levels 5, 6, and 7 in secondary years S4, S5 and S6. The aspiration to further improve attainment for all Perth and Kinross pupils was noted in addition to the need for a strong focus on groups such as children and young people who are looked after at home for whom more progress was required to close the attainment gap.

3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the update from the Children, Young People and Families Partnership.

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