



Briefing Sheet 1 – Summer 2018

Introduction:

This is the first of our quarterly briefing sheets to help members communicate and disseminate key messages from the CHIP with their colleagues.

Members are asked to distribute this briefing sheet via email or via their staff intranets. It is also available on the CHIP website.

This briefing sheet gives a flavour of discussions/actions at the CHIP meeting on 12 June. The full minutes will be approved, then available after the September meeting on the CHIP website.

The CHIP going forward...

It had previously been agreed to review the work of the CHIP. The four original programmes have come to an end and have been replaced with three new working groups.

Two of the working groups - Better Hearings and Policy, Scanning & Action have both met. Terms of reference are to be agreed shortly and work plans are currently being developed.

The third working group - Data, Evidence & Quality Improvement has been put on hold for the time being due to other areas addressing the main priorities of this work stream. This will be reviewed shortly.

June meeting – highlights

Year of Young People 2018 was discussed and there was agreement by CHIP members that 2018 should not be the only focus on young people, but that work should continue (as normal practice) to engage with young people when designing practice and policy.

Care Review Presentation - Fiona Duncan delivered a very well received presentation as to the principles-led process employed by the independent care review. You can find out more about the work of the Care Review on their [website](#).





Solicitors in the Hearings System

Work is underway to better equip solicitors to support children and families at Children's Hearings.

The CHIP has set up a short term working group set up to identify the essential areas of knowledge that solicitors require in order to engage constructively in the Children's Hearings System. You can find out more in the latest news section of the [CHIP website](#).

Our Hearings, Our Voice

A temporary 'mini site' has been launched on the CHIP website to keep partners up to date with developments to create a young people's board for the Children's Hearings System. Once the board – Our Hearings, Our Voice – is up and running, there will be a dedicated website aimed at young people. Find out more [here](#).

Any questions???

If you have any questions about the work of the CHIP, please contact your organisation's representative or alternatively contact [Peter Imrie](#) at the Scottish Government.

