



Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership

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Tuesday 12th June 2018 – 12:30 – 15:00

Conference room 2, Victoria Quay,
Edinburgh

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees:

Michael Chalmers, SG - Chair (MC)
Tom McNamara, SG (TMc)
Liz Murdoch, SG (LM)
Thekla Garland, SG (TG)
Fiona Duncan, Care Review (FD)
Lynne O'Brien, Care Review (LO)
Peter Imrie, SG - Minute taker (PI)
Belinda Robertson, SG (BR)
Elaine Adams, CHIP L&D (EA)
Gordon Brechin, SCRA (GB)
Bryan Evans, Children 1st (BE)
Claire Arias, COPFS (CA)
Marie-Louise Fox, SLAB (MF)
Liz Cuschieri, SLAB (LC)
Matt Forde, NSPCC Scotland and CCPS Rep (MF)
Robert Gordon, Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service (RG)
John Urquhart, COSLA (JU)
Boyd McAdam, CHS (BMc)
Joanne McMeeking, CELCIS (JM)
Lisa Bennett, SCRA (LB)
Neil Hunter, SCRA (NH)
Jacqui Dunbar, Our Hearings, Our Voice – Young People's Board (JD)
Rod Finan, Office of the Chief Social Worker (RF)
Emma Wilson, SG (EW)
Lyndsay MacDougall, SG (LMc)

Apologies:

Kate Rocks, SWS East Renfrewshire
Donald Henderson, SG Care Protection and Justice
Jim Devoy, Police Scotland
Pauline Stephen, ADES - Angus council
Alice Bayles, SG, GIRFEC team
Mary Hoey, Education Scotland
Elliot Jackson CHS
Fiona Dyer, CYCJ
Marion Gillooly, Includem
Malcolm Schaffer, SCRA
Julia Donaldson, NSPCC
Duncan Dunlop, Whocares Scotland
Kirsten Hogg, Barnardos
Mike Burns, SWS
Judith Ainsley, SG Child Protection Unit Head
Sheriff Susan Craig, Judicial Institute for Scotland




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| 1. | <p>Welcome and apologies The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting, particularly FD from the Care Review and confirmed that there were no items from partners that were not otherwise covered in the agenda.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of 13 March 2018 and matters arising Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p>Update on actions from 13 March: There was only one outstanding action – “to invite the Minister to a future CHIP meeting (December)”. Confirmation likely by September.</p> | SG to Check invitation - Ms Todd |
| 3. | <p>CHIP Review – LM provided an update. Next Steps paper was welcomed and agreed by the membership.</p> <p>Planning Group – closure report considered. Agreed closure report (interim) previously sent out.</p> <p>Sub groups agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Hearings, and • Policy Scanning and Action Group <p>Workstream leads have met with SG reps from the CHIP planning team to understand the “next steps” in setting up te new groups. Terms of reference to be agreed and work-plans to be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data, Evidence & Quality Improvement has been put on hold pending full mapping of other groups and pieces of work addressing what may be the main priorities of this work stream. This will be reviewed. <p>Quarterly updates would be highlighted to full CHIP membership.</p> <p>Future plans for stimulus presentations noted for September and December.</p> <p>NH re-affirmed that the reflection and rationalisation work would prove a good investment. There should be no loss of momentum, as the new groups will inherit outstanding workloads, but will be able to attack the issues with the recent full mandate of the Partnership.</p> | SG: Once groups have been agreed, membership, remit and work plans will be shared with CHIP over Summer period. |
| 4. | <p>Year of Young People – CHS have on-going engagement – the intention is to attract more young people, more hearings-experienced, and more care-experienced people to come forward for Panel membership.</p> <p>SCRA Modern Apprentice programme for hearings-experienced young people was highlighted by NH. An</p> | <p>YOYP events to be circulated <u>Year Of Young People</u></p> <p>https://young.scot/yoyp2018/yoyp-articles/create18-events/</p> <p>https://national-lottery-yoyp.org.uk/</p> |



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| | <p>annual report for young people was published at the start of 2018. New CP plan published in April. All staff engagement and development work has had young people's rights at their core.</p> <p>BM - Care experienced young people intend to speak to Panel lead panel reps and Area Conveners, to help share their experiences.</p> <p>MC reported that a 4 nations policy event with civil servants from across UK administrations was attended by YOYP ambassadors and there was significant interest from other administrations.</p> <p>He emphasised that YOYP should not cease in December, but that meaningful engagement once established should continue.</p> <p>MF posed a question about organisations ability to show their capacity to represent and consult young people in their area of work – in a manner that met young peoples' needs and expectations.</p> <p>FD – had heard concerns that an adult designed and adult-led system may not be addressing the needs of today's children and young people. We may need to embed practice that will benefit young people going forward.</p> <p>JD offered an update about the Our Hearings Our Voice approach to young people's engagement.</p> <p>A general discussion followed about ensuring representativeness when 'enabling voice' and about the need for an ethical, honest approach to any disengagement afterwards and to supporting young people to move on positively to other activities.</p> | <p>Jacqui Dunbar to be invited formally to September meeting - complete</p> |
| 5. | <p>Blueprint – LB / EW provided an update, and tabled a paper on progress to date.</p> <p>EW updated CHIP from the last update in December 2017 included meetings with Chief Social Work Officers, and planning towards qualitative measurements as well as quantitative process measurements.</p> <p>LB highlighted that this work is now becoming embedded within the wider Better Hearings efforts, and timely work should be understood as an integral element of better quality.</p> <p>Full measurement is not expected until 2020 – this will be taken forward within the CHIP Better Hearings work-stream.</p> <p>BMc – reinforced the need to reduce the overall timescales - the impact on young people of delay and uncertainty is</p> | |



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| | <p>significant.</p> <p>Standards have been reached with liaison with agencies and children and their families.</p> <p>NH - Blueprint standards will presently be based on the 2001 standards – the intention was to investigate the possibility of truncating the timescale - and optimise performance - within the current set-up. It is finding a balance between time and quality and ensuring that agencies have enough time to fully undertake what is being asked of them and that being in the best interest of the child / young person. The future Blueprint will require a more tailored approach to risk-driven sharing of information.</p> <p>MF – important to consider GIRFEC implications with reference to the development of the Child’s Plan, and the subsequent uses made of that.</p> <p>LB - The intention is to enable a single referral process with a minimum data set.</p> <p>NH – suggested it may be helpful to re-circulate the referral to reporter practice guidance.</p> | |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>CPIP Update – NH provided an update and spoke to the paper provided prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Page 4 of the paper had been amended and is attached for reference.</p> <p>A wide-ranging discussion followed, with broad support in principle for further advancing this important work.</p> <p>There was some caution around resourcing and legislative consequences, but a shared interest in identifying them comprehensively to support Ministers and other decision-makers to look at the matter in the round.</p> <p>NH was much encouraged by discussion. Would return the paper to CPIP with suggestions, particularly around the legal system and the various definitions of a child.</p> | <p>Amended paper attached</p>  <p>CPIP - Paper on 16-17 year old...</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Care Review Presentation - FD delivered a very well-received presentation as to the principles-led process employed by the independent care review. SG will circulate a copy of the presentation, when available.</p> <p>A Q and A session and broad discussion followed.</p> <p>https://www.carereview.scot/intentions/</p> | |



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| | <p>The Partnership thanked FD for her attendance, for the information she offered and for her input to the discussion. They all offered – individually and collectively – to give FD and her team any possible assistance, advice or information that would support the journey phase.</p> <p>Any individual or organisation that wishes to participate in the review with ideas or concerns should either contact Fiona directly or via the website: https://www.carereview.scot/get-involved/ In addition there is a “pledge” option: https://www.carereview.scot/pledge/</p> <p>Any further questions, or thoughts, should be directed to fiona@carereview.scot.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Members should ensure they have acquainted themselves with the Better Hearings paper and action plan (previously mentioned under item 3 and circulated in the papers for the meeting). There are clear proposals for the CHIP group to consider around on-going governance – any issues should be highlighted / emailed to Lisa Bennett / Peter Imrie / Liz Murdoch.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Date of Next Meeting: 13 September 2018, (10:00-13:00) Conference Room 2, Victoria Quay.</p> | |

