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## **THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

### **REPORT OF MEETINGS**

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICE STRATEGIC PLANNING PARTNERSHIP (CSSaPP)**

11 October 2022

#### **THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY**

*Working together to put our sector first*  
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. Darren Little presented the outcomes of the recent workshops to discuss the development of the Children's Services Plan.
2. The workshop had agreed that most of our children and young people have good outcomes.
3. The next plan should concentrate on improving outcomes for the most vulnerable.
4. The aims will be:
  - a. To keep our children safe
  - b. Implement the promise
  - c. Incorporate UNCRC and human rights into all areas of our work
5. Priorities will be:
  - a. Targeting early intervention
  - b. Improving outcomes for most vulnerable children and young people
  - c. Engaging positively with children and young people
6. Darren also summarised the observations made at the workshop. There was a wide range of views:
  - a. Questions about use of 'vulnerable'
  - b. How do we reflect GIRFEC and child poverty?
  - c. What does targeting mean in relation to early intervention?
  - d. What do we mean by 'most' vulnerable?
  - e. Should we use 'involving' instead of 'engaging'?
  - f. More mention of 'transitions' (primary to secondary schools and leaving school)
7. There was emphasis in the CSSaPP about the difficulty of delivering children's services within the impact of financial constraint.
8. There followed an extensive discussion about where further work is needed, especially about young carers, children and young people with disabilities and child poverty.
9. I raised points about the linkages of this plan with the need to retain more young people in the region and how this links to the regional economic strategy. It links to transitions from school.
10. I also pointed out the importance of context to explain the statement 'most of our children and young people have good outcomes' rather than 'all'
11. Stephen Morgan emphasised the importance of GIRFEC.
12. It was acknowledged that TS has not been as represented as we would like in the structure. I suggested that our Children and Young People's Forum might be a source of representation.