



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGY AND PLANNING PARTNERSHIP (CSSaPP)

23 August 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. The partnership heard an update on the production of the new Children's services plan and the Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) on which the plan is based.
2. The plan needs to be in place by March 2023. This means the plan needs to be ready by end of January to allow time for its journey through DGC and NHS committees.
3. In turn this means that CSSaPP needs to sign off the plan by 13 December 2022 which allows the autumn for the development and writing of the plan
4. At the end of September there will be a wide stakeholder engagement event which will include third sector organisations on the draft priorities and outcomes. There will also be wider consultation on these. The results of the consultation will be presented to CSSaPP on 11 October.
5. CSSaPP Executive will decide then on the final version of the objectives and work will begin on the action plans.
6. The SNA needs to be finalised as soon as possible. The SNA is overseen by a multi- agency reference group on which TSDG is represented.
7. The draft structure of the SNA was shared and there was a detailed discussion about various aspects of the draft. Regarding the data that shows D&G as the lowest wage local authority area in Scotland, I made the point that employment in health and social care in the third sector is likely to be lower paid than the public sector. I agreed to bring any evidence to the draft of the SNA as soon as possible.
8. Child dental health is used as a proxy for measuring parental care and poverty. Partnership working is recognised as essential for improving child dental decay; research has shown that the resources which support improvements in dental health are repaid by the reduction in dental treatments for children. This analysis is essential since one in four children in D&G live in poverty.
9. D&G has the highest reach into the child population for CAMHS.
10. In many other areas the children in D&G are doing well. The challenge for the SNA is to provide a rounded picture. The group was asked to send any final comments on the draft of the SNA by Friday 26 August with particular emphasis on the blue boxes at the end of each chapter.