



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

Children's Services Strategic and Planning Partnership (CSSaPP)

19 April 2022

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KEY POINTS

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1. Darren Little mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that there is a third sector impact tracker which is being considered by the CSSaPP. I asked for a link and to have it raised at the next DGC children's services meeting with TSDG.
2. There was a lot of discussion about the Public Health Scotland discussion paper on children's services, 'Ensuring our Future...'. The report recognises some of our experience in D&G but misses the implications of rural geography and poverty.
3. Overall, the criticism was aimed at the timescales set by the Scottish Government and the absence of awareness of the crisis that CAMHS finds itself as a result of Covid. There is a need for 500 psychologists across Scotland as well as social workers OTs and other support services.
4. Points about the need for infrastructure and workforce need to be made. There is also an urgency to address current need rather than planning for five years in the future.
5. Impact of the war in the Ukraine: led by Lillian Cringles. The refugee resettlement board has been re-established. Between 700 – 1000 Ukranian families are expected to come to D&G.
6. DGC will administer payments and housing. Scottish local authorities and chief social workers are working with UK and Scottish Government to respond to the needs of unaccompanied child refugees. Currently there is no resource for local authorities to support those who arrive.
7. There is an additional out of hours response team in west of region, closer to Cairnryan. This will have more involvement with animal welfare and environmental health staff looking after pets who arrive with refugees.
8. Scottish Government is doing PVG checks to those wishing to be hosts.
9. TSDG role on resettlement board was acknowledged.
10. I confirmed TSDG commitment to the need for proper safeguarding and checks on volunteers in general in relation to those who offer to be hosts to Ukranian refugees.
11. Trauma training was mentioned by the trauma champion in DGC, Hew Smith. This will be available for council, NHS and third sector partners. DGC is recruiting a trauma lead to co-ordinate this training and the practice which follows the training.

12. Although not new training, there is an increasing need for more trauma training.
13. TSDG Children and Young People's forum could consider how TS can access trauma training as they open up services to for example refugees.
14. CAHMS service is 90% about trauma, either recent or childhood based. What are we asking of associated support services staff (such as social workers) in relation to trauma? The specialist psychologists' service has been geared up for trauma treatment for some years.
15. The next inspection will be about services for children who have experienced harm
16. DGC will stick with national guideline for the development of the Child Poverty Action plan rather than the original timeline set by the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership sub-group. This has been agreed by the P&IP.