

**Children's Services Strategic and Planning Partnership (CSSaPP)
10:00 to 11:30 am, Tuesday 12 October 2021, MS Teams**

MINUTE

Present:

Alice Wilson – Nurse Director (Chair)

Mark Hollis - T/Superintendent Operations, Police Scotland

Stephen Morgan – Senior Manager, Children and Families Social Work (Chair, Corporate Parenting Group)

Lindsay Abrines – Locality Reporter Manager

Darren Little – Children's Services Manager

Ann McShane – Interim Team Leader, Lifelong Learning (Chair, Parenting Group)

Norma Austin-Hart - Chief Executive, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Linda Williamson - General Manager, Women and Children's Health Services

Gillian Brydson – Director Skills, Education and Learning

Lillian Cringles (LC1) – CSWO/Head of Children, Families and Criminal Justice Services

Hamish McGhie – Independent Chair, Public Protection Committee

Jane McMillan (JM), Planning & Communications Officer (Notes)

Apologies/Not present:

Laura Gibson – Health and Wellbeing Specialist

Sally Walton – Public Protection Nurse Consultant

Jim Brown – Chief Education Officer/Head of Education: Quality and Curriculum (Chair)

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager (Chair, CLD Strategic Partnership)

Louise Cumbley (LC2) - Consultant Clinical Psychologist (Chair, Mental Health Strategy Group)

Jo Kopela – Public Health Improvement Team Lead

Angie Adams – Clinical Midwifery Manager

Agenda item	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p>	
<p>2. Minute The minute was agreed as an accurate reflection of the August meeting.</p>	
<p>3. UNCRC Update DL advised that the 2017-20 Children's Rights Report has now been published on the Council website, on the same page as the Children's Services Plan and Joint Annual Reports on the plan. Action DL to circulate link https://dumgal.gov.uk/article/16748/. At the meeting of Dumfries and Galloway Council, and Youth Council, it was agreed that a Member-Officer Group would be established to look at Rights implementation going forward.</p>	

	<p>The Supreme Court has judged that elements of the Scottish Government UNCRC legislation are outwith the competence of the Scottish Parliament. The current position is that the Scottish Government will work on an amended version of the legislation, while plans around implementation should continue. Guidance is still being prepared. Public guidance is expected initially, followed by statutory guidance for public bodies, and then guidance on reporting.</p> <p>4. GIRFEC Update</p> <p>DL advised the group of the 6 types of guidance that Scottish Government was developing. Of these, the statutory guidance on Wellbeing Assessment will undergo public consultation. The remaining guidance will be open to GIRFEC stakeholders, including DGC and NHS D&G. The group agreed that with various consultations taking place at a time of exceptional pressure, an efficient way of responding to these was required. DL advised that the 5 non-statutory draft guidance documents would go to himself (as the Council GIRFEC rep) and an NHS D&G representative on the Scottish Government GIRFEC Stakeholder Group. These would then be shared with the GIRFEC Leadership Group and other key colleagues, and a single response collated.</p> <p>The timescale for the non-public consultation would allow a Third Sector Children and Young People Forum to be arranged. Action DL to liaise with NA-H and Selena McMorran at DG Third Sector.</p> <p>There are ongoing challenges to the Council with regard to information-sharing, and DL is involved with ongoing discussions with colleagues in Legal Services.</p> <p>5. Core Wellbeing Indicators update</p> <p>DL updated the group on the Scottish Government's ambition to establish a set of core indicators for reporting alongside Children's Services Plans. The group noted that there could sometimes be a disconnect between different pieces of work led by Scottish Government, with group members being asked to take part in consultations on data-sets that were apparently unrelated to other work. It was noted that a consultation was underway on Curriculum for Excellence, and yet the only current indicators for CfE related to Successful Learners – it was unclear how the development of the core indicators would fit with any further development of CfE indicators. DL was asked to share any draft document at the earliest opportunity so that the group could highlight any areas of disconnection/duplication. DL was also asked to check whether parental views were represented in the development of the core indicators – Action DL.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DL</p>
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6.	<p>Strategic Needs Assessment</p> <p>DL advised the group that a strategic needs assessment was one of the 10 steps to successful children’s services planning; and advised that with the planning cycle for the next Children’s Services Plan likely due to start in 2022, the group may want to start to consider in advance of this what a strategic needs assessment might look like.</p> <p>There then followed a short workshop, using a ‘Jamboard’ in which group members were asked to give their views. This would be left open for a week after the minutes are circulated for members to give further feedback, and the link circulated to Priority Groups for comment. Action all Chairs. The next steps will involve collation of feedback and further discussion.</p> <p>Jamboard link: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1BkdoN7HxruWnU8Jut8KBDs54kk4_IO6UaggSpttilaQ/viewer?f=0</p>	All Chairs
7.	<p>Priority Leads’ update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Parenting: SM advised that progress was being made, but this was slower than planned due to significant staffing issues. (SM needed to leave the meeting at this point). • Child Protection: HM had recently taken up the position of Independent Chair of Public Protection Committee and will update on Priority 1 at the next meeting. LC advised that the Adult Support and Protection Inspection had now concluded. The Care Inspectorate will provide an initial overview of their findings on the 1st/2nd November, to be followed by the formal report on 23 November. • Poverty: DL advised that Laura Gibson from Public Health would be chairing the Child Poverty sub-group of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership; and the group would initially be looking at publishing the 2020-21 Child Poverty Action Report by the end of the year. The development of this report would help to determine the direction of future action-planning. It was noted that GB was attending CSSaPP in the role of Child Poverty Lead. The group agreed that once the arrangements for the new Child Poverty sub-group were finalised, then GB would step down from CSSaPP. • Mental Health: JM advised that there was with the Perinatal Mental Health workstream. A Psychologist and nurse are in post and the position of midwife is still out to advertisement. Additional funding has been received to fund infant mental health but there are other peri-natal professional posts needed (psychiatry, pharmacy, OT and admin). An NHS sub-group of the Mental Health in Schools group is looking at finalising pathways into various levels of MH support across NHS and this will be discussed at next meeting. Workstream Leads are working on SMART objectives and measurable outcomes. NA-H advised the group of 	

	<p>a new Mental Wellbeing funding stream to be announced by Scottish Government and administered by the Third Sector. Funding needs to be committed by 31 March 2022. Action: JM to liaise with NA-H and identify a Third Sector representative to attend the next Mental Health Strategy Group meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability: following the retirement of the Chair of the Disability Strategy Group, recruitment is underway for a new post-holder who will have a wider remit within the Women, Children and SexualHealth Directorate. The new post-holder is expected to take up the Chair of the Disability Strategy Group, but this is likely to be in the New Year. In the interim, the work of the group continues, with the Integration Manager (Education) making arrangements for the next meeting of the group. • Support for Parenting: AM advised that the Priority Group were expanding their focus to take a more holistic approach to family support, and not just parenting. The action plan is up-to-date, and a sub-group is creating a roadmap of support for professionals and parents. Closer links are being established with the Corporate Parenting Group with regard to common issues. It was noted that there is a lack of training for staff on UNCRC and The Promise. 	JM
8.	<p>Learning and Development</p> <p>The group were advised that this had been discussed at the preceding meeting of CSSaPP, and were asked to use the Jamboard to provide feedback on non-child-protection related training needs. This would also be left open for a week after the minutes are circulated for members to give further feedback. Action: ALL</p> <p>Jamboard link: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1BkdoN7HxruWnU8Jut8KBDs54kk4_IO6UaggSpttilaQ/viewer?f=0</p>	All members
9. 9.1	<p>AOCB</p> <p>COP26 Update</p> <p>MH advised the group of the scale of activity around the COP26 event to be held in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November; the impacts on Police capacity in Dumfries and Galloway; and the mitigations that were in place locally. COP26 will involve around 40,000 delegates including world leaders, in the largest ever operation of its kind in the UK. Approximately 30% of the local operational division are involved in COP26. The event occurs at a traditionally busy time of year for the Police, with increased activity around 31 October and 5 November. As a result, the following mitigations have been put in place: no leave or training will take place, and court activity has been postponed. All non-essential functions have been cancelled and all officers redeployed to front-line roles. MH assured the group that child protection and serious crime were a priority, but there would be a backlog of low-level concerns to address. Action MH to circulate a 1-page briefing to the group.</p>	MH

9.2 National Care Service	<p>The group discussed a range of views about the potential inclusion of children's services within a National Care Service and agreed the importance of all agencies responding with all concerns. The group agreed to share their responses. It was noted that when giving feedback in the consultation, if at all possible, any concerns needed to be incorporated into direct answers to the questions, rather than being included under 'other comments'. A further Scottish Government feedback session is planned, which SM, JB and DL can attend. Any comments from the group to be raised at this session should be sent to JM for collation by Monday 25 October. Action all members.</p>	All members
14. Future meetings	Tuesday 14 December, 10:00 to 11.30	