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**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

**REPORT OF MEETINGS**

**Children's Services Strategic and Planning Partnership (CSSaPP)  
Joint meeting of CSSaPP Executive Group and Planning & Delivery Group**

**12 October 2021**

**THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY**

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

## KEY POINTS

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PERSONAL RECORD BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TSDG, NORMA AUSTIN HART. IT IS BASED ON MY OWN OBSERVATIONS. IT IS NOT A FORMAL MINUTE OF THE MEETING.**

1. This group is part of the community planning framework and reports to the community planning partnership board. See attached agenda and minutes for Working Together
2. UNCRC update; DGC and NHS will continue to be responsible for children's rights and to produce a three year rights report. The report is published on the DGC website alongside the children's services plan.
3. There are some questions around the legal basis of the Scottish Government's role in the plans and implementation of the UNCRC delivery of workstreams. The supreme court has yet to rule and in the meantime the intention is to proceed as planned.
4. Further guidance will be provided on the implementation of the report including reporting duties.
5. GIRFEC: Scottish Government had agreed a new GIRFEC programme just before the pandemic. Recently this has started to pick up pace again. SG is about to publish a refreshed GIRFEC programme and six forms of guidance on statutory and non-statutory issues. DGC proposals will be circulated to this group for comment
6. The formal public consultation on well-being will run over Christmas period - we will promote
7. Re the elements which will involve the third sector and will not be open to the public. DGC agreed to involve TSDG in this process
8. The ambition for core well-being indicators is for them to be recorded between April 2022 and March 2023. The detail is being developed at the moment. This group will be involved.
9. Strategic needs assessment: as part of the statutory guidance for children's services planning, there are ten steps to successful planning and one is a joint SNA. As we move towards a new planning cycle we need to think about how to approach a SNA.
10. The group brainstormed what should be included in a joint SNA. We were encouraged to focus on evidence of current and future needs in different locations by children's age and stage for the child population and vulnerable groups within this. I added points about the capacity of the third sector and its role in partnership working. This jam board will be kept open for a short time after the meeting. This will return to the CSSaPP group again.
11. The new tackling poverty partnership will have a child poverty subgroup. It will start with the child poverty action report.

12. I advised on the new Mental Well Being Fund about to be announced. DGC agreed that there should be a strong link between the children's mental health group and TSDG in relation to this funding.
13. If some children's services are separated off to the NCS there is a real anxiety of weakening these services. Loss of connectivity.
14. COSLA is challenging the consultation because Feeley did not include children's services. Social workers are being encouraged to make their own responses as well as inputting to corporate response. They will be directly affected by these proposed changes if they go ahead.
15. The DGC response to the NCS consultation is being signed off now.
16. The consultation responses will be shared by SG at the end of the consultation period rather than during the process.