



Children, Young People and Families Autumn Network meeting minutes

Thursday 24th September, 2020 at 11am

Attendees: Aileen Binner, Vicky Wan, Mandy Sheridan, Cathi Bertin, Sam Stubbs, Kirsty McLuckie, Sharon Erskine, Tanya MacDougall, Susan James

Apologies: Helensburgh Young Carers, Oban Young Carers.

1. Welcome

Sammy welcomed the attendees and all introduced themselves.

2. Family Support & The Promise

Vicky Wan led the session.

She is disseminating information that she has gleaned from meetings.

Presentations will be provided for general distribution.

The Promise – following up on the Independent Care Review

Family Support – a briefing put together for First minister

Equity Week – Programme for week commencing 28th Sept

The Promise – Independent Care Review officially finished in Feb 20 and there were 7 published reports from this to improve the care experience. The Promise team were created from April 2020 onwards and drive the recommendations into practice.

Cat MacAulay has been assigned to the team.

The Chair is Fiona Duncan, the chair of the Independent Care Review.

To learn more check out www.thepromise.scot which is sparsely populated right now but growing.

PDF is available at TSI website

Family Support – The paper was created ahead of Covid-19 and The Promise publication. The Deputy First Minister commissioned this work and then amended it in light of C19.

The key recommendations were discussed.

PDF is available on TSI website

Equity Week – 28th Sept to 2nd October – resources to help close the attainment gap.

<https://sites.google.com/as.glow.scot/promotingequityweek/home>

3. All Our Children update

Tanya MacDougall and Sharon Erskine led the session.

Tanya, chair, set the scene of the areas AOC cover and appealed for new members to strengthen the sector. Anyone wishing to get involved can contact Tanya or Sharon to find out more.

Tanya email: tanya@familymediation-ab.org.uk

Sharon email: sharon@homestartmajik.eclipse.co.uk

Sharon gave updates on Children's Strategy Plan, Commissioned Services and Quality Improvement.

GIRFEC Leadership – focus groups met around January time. 1 Child 1 Plan was a burning issue – and was around duplication in Children's Services and the other one was Transition (Transition to Adult Services). There has been a call for them to reconvene virtually and Sharon will provide an update as she can.

Young People's Advisory Group – 4 young people who are motivated, engaged and growing knowledge in the Service Plan and co-design so that the child's voice is at the core of the plan.

The Promise – check out the Pinky Promise as a nice introduction before looking at the full document. <https://www.carereview.scot/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pinky-Promise.pdf>

There is an All Our Children Facebook page – audience are education, parents and colleagues and they are looking for practitioners – would you, as a sector, like a group within that page that could be specific?

<https://www.facebook.com/argyllaceshub>

Tanya picked up with Trauma Training. HSCP will talk to John Swinney this week about the achievements. Hoping for online training to start very shortly.

<https://argyll-bute.gov.uk/trauma-informed-practice-training>

Wants everyone to be able to access this training.

4. Violence Against Women and Girls

Mandy Sheridan led the session. Shona Williams leads on this for all Justice services in A&B.

Has been highlighted during covid-19. Each local authority has a forum and co-ordinates work in their areas. Equally Safe plan on the domestic abuse site and a link is in Mandy's supporting paperwork.

During Covid, group met fortnightly to share information and connect who needed supporting with what. Covid provided unique challenges that needed the hive mind to overcome. Meetings have now scaled back to every 6 weeks.

Funding stream: Developing Equally Safe

5. Child Poverty

Mandy Sheridan led the session.

Robin Curry is now head of council and he is very much an advocate for tackling Child Poverty.

Covid has again put additional stress on families who were struggling anyway. Argyll sees a large proportion of female single parents who are significantly working in the tourism or services sector, which has been very heavily impacted.

6. Volunteering Portal

Sam Stubbs led the session.

She explained the volunteering system www.volunteerargyllandbute.org

Sam showed how to register your organisation and put your opportunity up and showed a typical dashboard.

7. Group Session

Sammy Marshall led the session.

YouthLink Scotland funding discussed

Council CommDev team having session with SCDC to discuss what went well during Covid. This will inform Build Back Better. This is in planning and workstream leads have been appointed. It is being led by CPP.

Meeting closed at 1.45pm