

Minutes of All Our Children Meeting Held on 15th June 2020 by Zoom

Present:

Tanya MacDougall, Family Mediation Argyll & Bute
Sharon Erskine, Homestart Majik
Arlene Colewell, North Argyll Young Carers
Aileen Binner, Homestart Lorn
Cathi Bertin, Befrienders
Sue Croft, Family Mediation Argyll & Bute (Minute Taker)

Apologies

Minutes of Previous Meeting held 18th May

Agreed as a true record.

Updates

SE had the statistics from the Child Protection Committee, which is a weekly meeting and an opportunity for everyone present to give updates. The importance of Police Scotland being aware of our continuing services was discussed.

There is an Argyll & Bute Children's Meeting this week. They are currently working on the draft of the Children & Young Persons Service Plan. The Draft Children's Services Commissioning Plan was discussed along with Argyll & Bute Council's contract with some third sector services. This will be ready for production soon, once finalised.

GIRFEC Leadership Programme – This group have not been able to meet as yet, but there is work going on in the background.

Children & Young People Engagement – this will directly influence the 2023-2026 Children's Plan. The first meeting with young people is due to be held this week.

Trauma Training – Information was sent to all attendees and relevant organisations regarding Trauma training on offer. There are different levels of training aimed at different people within our organisations. There is a 3-hour online course aimed at Volunteers and Administrative Staff. There will be a 3-day Course from Managers which it is hoped will be split over 6 X ½ days. We are currently awaiting dates from Argyll & Bute Council who will be delivering the training through NESS. TMcD offered the use of our Zoom licence as the Council do not have these. Alex, Rosslyn, Lena, and Tanya will be delivering the training across Argyll & Bute to create a Trauma Enforced Workforce. The levels of training were discussed.

Befrienders – Their Volunteers are very keen to get back to work and start supporting the young people they were working with again. Cathi is to do individual risk assessments with each family they work with before Volunteers can re-start. SE offered a RA that they will be using.

Carers Centre – Continuing supporting all their clients and young carers through Zoom or Messenger. Risk Assessment has recently been completed and doorstep/garden gate visits can resume with young people, which means they can have direct contact with the kids who have not engaged with them as much and they can do welfare checks.

Homestart – The Trustees are looking at risk assessments with regards to doorstep visits and going back to the office.

Homestart Majik – SE is currently working on funding bids. The risk assessment paper is now done. Office adjustments have been made but remain closed to the public. A survey was done with Staff regarding confidence about returning to their roles. The hubs continue to take Key Workers children over the school holidays. However, staff are due annual leave so this may be an issue; the third sector are unable to assist with this due to their own caseloads at present.

Family Mediation Argyll & Bute – The service continues to be busy offering mediation via Zoom as well as Child contact and digital post box contact. Handovers are currently being looked at. Housing Mediation continues to be busy. We have employed an additional member of staff for three months to cover the additional work that we have been doing. We are preparing the Centre for re-opening in line with the regulations that the Early Learning Centres will be adhering to. SE offered to ask Louise for their PPE provision.

PPE was discussed further and what level other services are using. A discussion took place regarding TSI and their knowledge of what the third sector are doing about PPE and the option of linking us in with the Local Authority and the importance of all agencies working together on this. TMD to approach Sammy who is the new contact for TSI, as Jakki has left TSI to propose a meeting for all to attend via Zoom.

Any Other Business

Boots have opened consultation rooms for anyone suffering Domestic Violence.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be arranged at a time that suits Sammy from TSI – Tanya to keep everyone informed.