

Improving Life Chances Implementation Group - February 19, 2019

<p>In Attendance: Christine Walker (Robertson Trust, Vice chair and chair for this meeting); Debbie Nolan (CYCJ); Luiza Leite (SG Youth Justice); Laura Crossan and Kenny Gilroy (Police Scotland); Mairi Tulbure (Up to Us); Russell Hamilton (Action for Children); Gemma Fraser (Community Justice Scotland); Greg Hiddleston (Skills Development Scotland); Drew Collier (Includem); Liz Murdoch (SG Youth Justice); Craig French (SACRO); Lynne Binnie (ADES); Kim Hartley Kean (Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists RCSLT); Ruth Kerracher (CYCJ/STAF); Chris Steer (Professional Advisor Scottish Government).</p>	
<p>Apologies: Gill Robinson (Chair SPS); Carole Dearie (St Mary's Kenmure); Ranald McTaggart (National Youth Justice Advisory Group NYJAG/Renfrewshire Council); Jenny Leishman (Justice Analytical Service); Lynne McNiven (Child Health Commissioners); Jan Green (RCSLT); Jackie Deas (Care Inspectorate); Fiona Bennett (Barnardo's).</p>	
Agenda item	Notes of Discussion
<p>1 Welcome and introductions (All)</p>	<p>All parties gave an overview of their role and where Improving Life Chances Implementation group agenda fitted with this.</p>
<p>2 Membership and contact with members update (All)</p>	<p>Changes to membership noted: Sandy Murray (College Development Network) left replacement TBC; Ranald McTaggart (NYJAG) taken over from Iain MacAulay; Alan McCloskey (Victim Support Scotland) left Alison Love has been given information on the group; Kenny Gilroy has taken over Brian Reid (Police Scotland).</p>
<p>3 Note/Matters arising (All)</p>	<p>Note agreed. Notes on outstanding actions: Most action points completed. Updates: -Restorative Justice: Two workshops were held in November 2018 to gather views on the vision for RJ in Scotland, with a document being produced collating feedback from the event. GF advised there was a presentation to the Justice Board on options for the future of RJ in Scotland which, which it is important young people are included in. -On the SQA courses: Info on PDA Promoting Effective Practice with Girls and Young Women at SCQF level 7, can be found at https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/89981.html. The Group Award Specification can be found at: https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/GP2L47.pdf Section 6 has information on Guidance on approaches to delivery and assessment; Likewise for PDA Managing Effective Practice with Girls and Young Women at SCQF level 8 all info can be found at https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/89984.html. The SQA contact who is looking further into the delivery of this course is Angela Marshall. MT advised Up-to-Us will be delivering the course with Y Care having done the initial requirements of delivery centres, e.g. assessment strategies. MT can be contacted by other centres for advice and guidance on this process. -Secure care board-finished in December. Future work transferred to ICR and CYCJ. New governance group will be set up chaired by SG and COSLA. National Standards agreed with Board and will be circulated for validation</p>

shortly, which will feature in the commissioning work which starts in the next few weeks.

-As discussed at last meeting Iona Colvin (CSWO) and Michael Chalmers (SG) have visited North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, Edinburgh and the combined Tayside cluster on GIRFEC (as oppose to youth justice specifically). Common issues around poverty and budget cuts along with confusion over information sharing noted. Some local good practice examples highlighted and all have multi-agency partners around the child. Next visits are to Fife, Renfrewshire and Borders and all visited to be completed in June.

-Mental health-Strategy as 3 actions for youth justice:

1. Ensure secure care pathways includes mental health- Standards drafted which include mental and emotional health and wellbeing. Action complete.
2. Support for practitioners-Links to mental health task force, CARM and START:AV training, IVY, and Developing Capacity and Improvement group looking at workforce.
3. Support for those in custody-work in Polmont through Barnardos, Bereavement coordinator being recruited, and links to review.

There is interface between our group and the high risk work under the Advancing WSA implementation group in this area.

-Presentation from Dr Chris Steer (Professional Advisory Scottish Government Chris.Steer@gov.scot) on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)- presentation shared with note. Queries raised regarding the barriers to gaining an FASD diagnosis and how understanding of need and vulnerability and the subsequent impact for criminal justice approaches and responses could be joined up. Currently there is a risk of practitioners having different pieces of guidance on and feeling that they need to be “experts” in multiple different conditions/diagnoses.

Actions	By Whom	Status
1. LM to send minutes of YJIB once agreed	LM	Ongoing
2. Update on RJ progress	LL and GF	At the next meeting
3. Share above update on SQA course with interested parties	All CW with CJVSF; LL with learning colleagues and on Women’s Group chaired by Louise MacDonald Young Scot.	Prior to the next meeting
4. Update on mental health at next meeting	DN	At the next meeting
5. Contact Chris Steer with any possible links in youth/criminal justice, particularly judiciary	All DN to discuss with Fiona Dyer GF to link with Hamilton court	ASAP
6 Learner Journey input	Update provided by Jon Gray (SG lead on community learning and development policy Jonathan.Gray@gov.scot). The 15-24 Learner Journey Review (report can be found at	

<p>and discussion</p>	<p>https://www2.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00535273.pdf) looked at how schools/education was defined and how a wider range of partners could be involved in delivering services and coproducing the curriculum to offer more multifaceted provision for a wider range of young people. The aim being to keep children in school and for these children to gain greater value from school. The report made 17 recommendations, with the current focus on making these achievable. This group was highlighted as a way to bring value and authority to assist change. Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Interface with Speech and language and communication capacity - a national asset; -Learning and work from secondary schools in Dundee which Robertson Trust and Includem are involved in; -Consistent measurement of outcomes is crucial but challenging; -Role of PEF in expanding services but challenge of sustainability of service changes and funding-how do we champion and highlight those services that manage to do so? Example of MCR Pathways and social bridging funding highlighted; -Need for, and challenge of, achieving cultural change, systematic changes of approaches, and funding shifts; -Importance of relationships and young people feeling those involved in their education care for them and want them to be present and succeed-relationship-based practice and informed choice should be prioritised; -A group led by Mandy Toogood involved in the evaluation of raising attainment are looking at the third sector role in this which there may be learning from; -Work on the principles of good transitions lead by Scottish Transitions Forum may be helpful; -Important role of youth work approaches. 	
<p>Actions</p> <p>6. Any further information, examples, case studies etc to be shared</p>	<p>By Whom</p> <p>All to Jon Gray</p>	<p>Status</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>4 Update from the Youth Justice Improvement Board (YJIB) (LM)</p> <p>7 Workplan, impact and outcomes document</p>	<p>December review session was postponed to January due to various sensitive issues. Key areas/concerns highlighted at January session of relevance for this group include the need to invest more in family support; transitions, particularly regarding accommodation; and victims and community confidence, particularly how do we marry public perceptions with professional views?</p> <p>In light of this feedback and the need to give greater focus to the workplan for this group, particularly on what can be achieved and should be the priorities for the final year of the strategy, this will be the focus of the May meeting.</p> <p>2018 impact document will be shared with the YJIB.</p>	
<p>5 Key messages/factors document</p>	<p>Amended document agreed by group. Final quote/very short case examples to be provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> p.1 DC covering a couple of the 6 priority themes; p.3 MT will ask a young person to create visual; p.6 RH on relationships; p.9 CF on victims; p.12 KHK on health and wellbeing; p.15 DC opportunities for all. 	

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	Paper will then go to March YJIB.	
	The page of workplan on key factors will be shared for all group members to populate who are the key stakeholders we can share this document with and what are our asks of them. This will be the comms plan for the document.	
Actions	By Whom	Status
7. Final information to be provided	As above to DN	By 5 March
8. Group members to add to stakeholder asks/comms plan for document.	All	By 28 March
8 SLCN subgroup (KHK)	Comprehensive input on the work of the group thus far; mapping exercise; and recommendations both more widely and for the SLCN subgroup was provided. The importance of addressing SLCN, as a matter of children's rights, in providing effective interventions, and in achieving wellbeing and positive outcomes was reiterated. The key role of this group and the YJIB in owning the vision, individually and collectively, was stressed. Query was raised about focusing solely on SLCN when various other needs or diagnosis could be focused on but the underpinning importance of SLC and that most children in the justice system will have needs in this area was agreed. Other points included the importance of national buy-in (for example regarding improving how all professionals involved communicate with young people in the court process); the need for cultural change; importance of raising awareness of communication inclusive standards and profiling tools; and promoting consistency of understanding of these issues in the workforce. It was felt many of these issues are addressed in the proposed workplan. Networks where similar input may be beneficial were identified as NYJAG; WSA leads; and Community Justice Leaders Network. There was also a query about whether the subgroup had capacity to deliver the proposed actions, which will be discussed with the subgroup.	
Actions	By Whom	Status
9. KHK and DN to finalise mapping and recommendations for YJIB	KHK/DN/CW	To be presented at YJIB meeting-March 2019
9 Wellbeing and resilience input (MT)	Unfortunately this input required to be carried forward to the next meeting	
10 Other updates	CW updated that Lankelly Chase Hard Edges report, which has identified the criminal justice system as the ultimate safety net for vulnerable people. The report will be published late March and circulated but CW can be contacted for draft report.	
13 Date of the next meeting	2019 meeting dates: 7 th May 2pm Level 1 Lord Hope Building 13 th August 10am Level 1 Lord Hope Building 11 th November 2pm Level 1 Lord Hope Building	