

Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum – 30.07.20

Attendees

Scott Malcolm	CVS Falkirk
Allan Robertson	Social Security Scotland
Gillian Winters	Social Security Scotland
Winnie Delaney	Aberlour
Geoff Reid	Sacro
Karen Head	Barnardo's
Ian Dickson	FDAMH
John Gibson	Wellbeing Scotland
Sharon Laing	Aberlour
Kim Carey	Aberlour

Minutes

Review of previous minutes

- this was not completed due to so much change happening recently

Services currently being delivered under Covid-19 and Renewal Plans

- Please complete the below form for your organisation or services

First Name	Surname	Organisation	Email	Telephone	Current Services	Renewal	Problems (social distancing/funding/volunteers/client group issues)	School Holidays	Contributed to ICSP	CPP Rep - Which Group?

I've also attached a blank copy to the email or you can copy and paste this in to an email and complete

What problems are being encountered during Covid-19 Renewal?

- Less requests for food, support and shopping for families
- Less emergency requests
- Long term financial issues are likely to be a problem
- Falkirk 3rd most likely to encounter unemployment going forwards over 18-36 months
- Barnardos Workshop - Karen Head will send details when date confirmed, and CVS will disseminate
- Aberlour – Helpline between FC, Barnardos and Aberlour (for support for families 01324501200 can get social work to call back) - Will last during school holidays
- Wellbeing Scotland mostly working online but some face to face – have attracted 63 volunteers – looking for telephone befrienders

- Falkirk and District Association of Mental Health – CYP and Adults anxiety about returning to school or work
- Social Security Scotland – Best Start Grant School age Grant ends 28th Feb 2021, Job Start Grant for 16-24 year olds starts soon (unemployed 6 months) – contact details Gillian Winters: gillian.winters@socialsecurity.gov.scot Allan Robertson: allan.robertson@socialsecurity.gov.scot

Use of Zoom going forwards

- Most people felt that using Zoom was a good use of time and required less travel to and from meetings
- I suggested alternating
- There could also be an option to combine and have attendees and people on Zoom (I will look in to how to utilise technology to achieve this)

Request for 3rd Sector Representatives

We have a number of positions requiring 3rd sector representation within this forum and the Community Planning Partnership (CPP)

1. **Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum Chair (will also attend Children's Commission Leadership Group on behalf of VSCSF)**
2. **3rd Sector GIRFEC training Lead - Need a training lead from 3rd sector around GIRFEC (by 12th August)**
3. **Child Protection Committee Representation**
4. **Children's Commission CYP Engagement & Children's Rights**
5. **Corporate Parenting Group**
6. **Child Protection Committee**

If people would like to represent the 3rd sector at any of these partnership meetings please let me know