

## **Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum**

"Working together, sharing our knowledge skills and resources to support children, families and communities to reach their full potential".

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
2pm – 4pm  
Zoom

### **Attendees**

Winnie Delaney	Aberlour
Geoff Reid	Sacro
Allan Robertson	Social Security Scotland
Louise Smith	CVS Falkirk
Scott Malcolm	CVS Falkirk

### **Minutes**

- 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies.**
- 2. Review of previous minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting not available.

- 3. CVS Updates**

### **Childrens Rights and Engagement Group**

Infographics from engagements with CYP now available and these contributions have helped inform the ICSP

Action: Scott to send out infographics

### **Strategic Leads Network 16th June**

#### **Summary / Key points**

New ministerial appointments

- New ministerial appointments: John Swinney DFM (COVID Recovery); Shirley-Anne Somerville (Education & Skills); Clare Haughey (Children & Young People)

### Children's Services Plan

- Priorities for Children's Services Plan 2021- 2014 include COVID recovery intervention, the implementation of UNCRC and the Promise.

### UNCRC

- A working group has been set up to support daily duty bearers and local authorities in relation to UNCRC implementation. There will be guidance to help organisations to do this with a collective approach.

### Wellbeing outcomes indicators

- Over 200 measures are being used in reporting by Children's Partnerships. A short life working group is being set up to look at core wellbeing indicator set that can be used in the outcome framework developed by April 2022. The shared framework and outcomes will benefit annual reporting on children's services plans. The WG will map the wellbeing indicators used at present. Commonalities look at attainment, children's health, child protection. Also areas of gaps for things like participation.

### Summer offer for CYPs

- Julie Humphreys pointed out the further information about summer offer has been added to the Parents Club website. It was recently announced that Councils would receive £15 million and up to £5 million to a coalition of national partners to strengthen existing summer provision.  
<https://www.gov.scot/news/get-into-summer/>

### Family Support Delivery Group

- FSDG is working closely with this network to ensure the connection between national policy and local implementation of holistic family support. The route map was presented at the meeting. Strategic Leads agree with the priorities and ideas for change.

### Children's Partnership – self evaluation of third sector engagement

- Vicky was invited to present an offer of support to local partnership with their self-evaluation on their third sector engagement in children's services planning and delivery. Based on "How Good" framework, a set of questions were developed to help partnerships to reflect on their practice. Positive responses were received initially at the meeting.

### **Actions**

- Aware of the above areas of development
- Raise questions, if any, regarding the above
- Identify issues from network discussions for Reps to take to next meeting

- Share experience about third sector's involvement in the summer offer

#### **4. Aberlour Updates**

- Initial Response Team in place
- Childcare allocations, Review and Allocations Group
  - is a multi-agency group which allocates support to early years and their families
  - meets monthly on 15<sup>th</sup>
- Falkirk families support line has ended
- Young people support line being planned
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#### **5. Sacro**

- Change in management – New Team/Service manager – Kerry Page

#### **6. Social Security Scotland**

- Child Disability Payments - New process being tested in 3 local authorities
- Replacement for DLA for adults begins next year
- Falkirk expected to go live with new child disability payments this year
- Family benefits
  - Starting school payment of £250 in addition to £100 from Falkirk Council
- Universal credit
  - Scottish child payment of £10 per week for all children under age 6

#### **7. Practitioner Pages**

Just a reminder of how to access the Practitioner Pages and a note that there will be some resources added to build capacity with reference to UNCRC

Promotional documents enclosed – link to practitioner pages for childrens services <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fa/GirfecFalkirk/>

#### **AOCB**

Next meeting – 20.09.21