

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."

Thursday 27th August 2020
2pm – 4pm
Zoom

Present:

Scott Malcolm (Acting Chair)
Geoff Reid (GR)
Winnie Delaney (WD)
Kim Carey (KC)
Karen Head (KH)
Iain Dickson (ID)
David Bennet (DB)

LGBT Youth Scotland
SACRO
Aberlour
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Barnardos
FDAMH
GCVS

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed forum members to the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 30.07.20

The forum agreed the minutes were an accurate record. It was discussed that the review of 3rd sector service delivery would be emailed out to the forum mailing list to prompt organisations to complete information relating to their service delivery and also provide information on what others are offering. The purpose of this is to allow greater partnership working and knowledge of the sector.

Action: SM to email service review document to mailing list

It was discussed that some services such as FDAMH and Aberlour are receiving increased or continued enquiries for support. This and the potential of a 2nd wave could have implications such as:

- Attendance at school – self isolation or anxiety halting attendance
- Misdiagnosis of Covid symptoms and being sent home to self-isolate
- Inconsistency of learning
- High schools to wear masks from Monday 31st August
- Teachers have Perspex screens

An issue was raised regarding anxiety around the availability of facemasks for school children. Aberlour and Barnardos offered funding to support this through

the Urgent Assistance Fund

Action Complete: SM to contact Falkirk Council education department to determine whether facemasks are to be provided and liaise with WD and KH regarding further support.

SM contacted Falkirk Council Head of Education who confirmed Facemasks will be provided by schools

3. Nomination of Chair

It was discussed that having a rolling chair was potentially confusing and off-putting to the forum. So, it was decided to take nominations for chair and vice chair at the last meeting. WD was nominated by SL via email and seconded by GR. KH was nominated as Vice Chair by WD and seconded by ID.

4. Learning from Significant case Review

A multi-agency workshop event has been organised to discuss learning from 2 recent cases. This will be led by Aberlour with the aim to be learning and changes to systems and practices.

Action Complete: SM to send information to VSCSF mailing list.

Sent 28.08.20

5. Partnership Meeting Updates

No partnership meetings have taken place

6. Organisation Updates

Aberlour

Enquired about Food provision due to a recent case where a service user requires food.

Action Complete: SM to Liaise with Roots near Denny to enquire about their service provision and connect with WD

Passed details of Denny Community Support Group are apparently doing parcels until October

Sacro

GR discussed an increase in serious offences such as absconding and drug and alcohol use – this could potentially be attributed to boredom.

FDAMH

ID noted an increase in contact from school aged service users.

CVS Falkirk

Operating normal services and reduced emergency provision. The emergency response food group has now ceased with details being passed to another project run collaboratively between Forth Environment Link and Outside the Box. SM has invited former participants of the emergency response food group to contact the worker from the new food group.

7. AOCB

Next meeting – Thursday 24th September 2020 10am-12pm



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