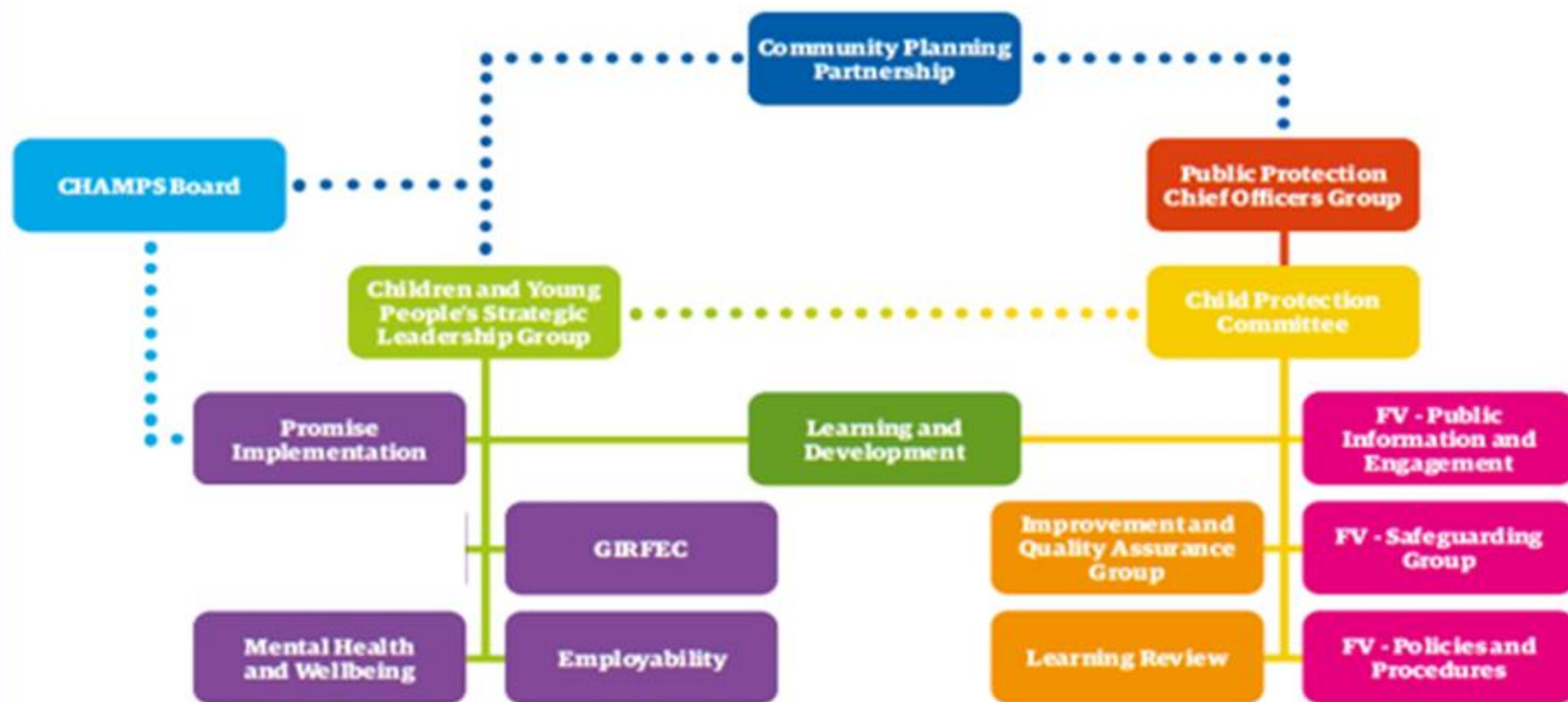
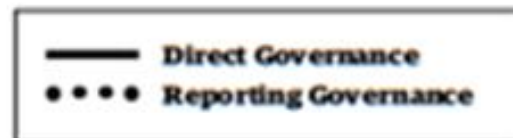


Children's Services Planning Partnership - Governance Structure



Childrens Services Partnership Priorities

- **Our Priorities**

- At a local level, the Partnership has identified our priorities through a refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), taking into consideration the post pandemic context. The JSNA has highlighted the challenges faced by some of Falkirk's children, young people, and families/carers, which for them are significant.

To reflect these Priority areas, Falkirk Children's and Young People's Integrated Children's Services Plan 23-26, sets out our collective vision and aims based on a refreshed joint strategic needs assessment. Together with NHS Forth Valley and our strategic partners we have set out how we would deliver services to ensure that all our children and young people grow up to be safe, loved and respected to reach their full potential.

Quality Indicator 1.1 indicates the following priorities for Falkirk:

Domestic abuse

Poverty & Inequality

Substance & Alcohol use

Mental Health & Wellbeing

The priorities are being progressed through five workstreams:

The Promise and Whole Family Wellbeing

Getting it Right for Every Child

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Employability

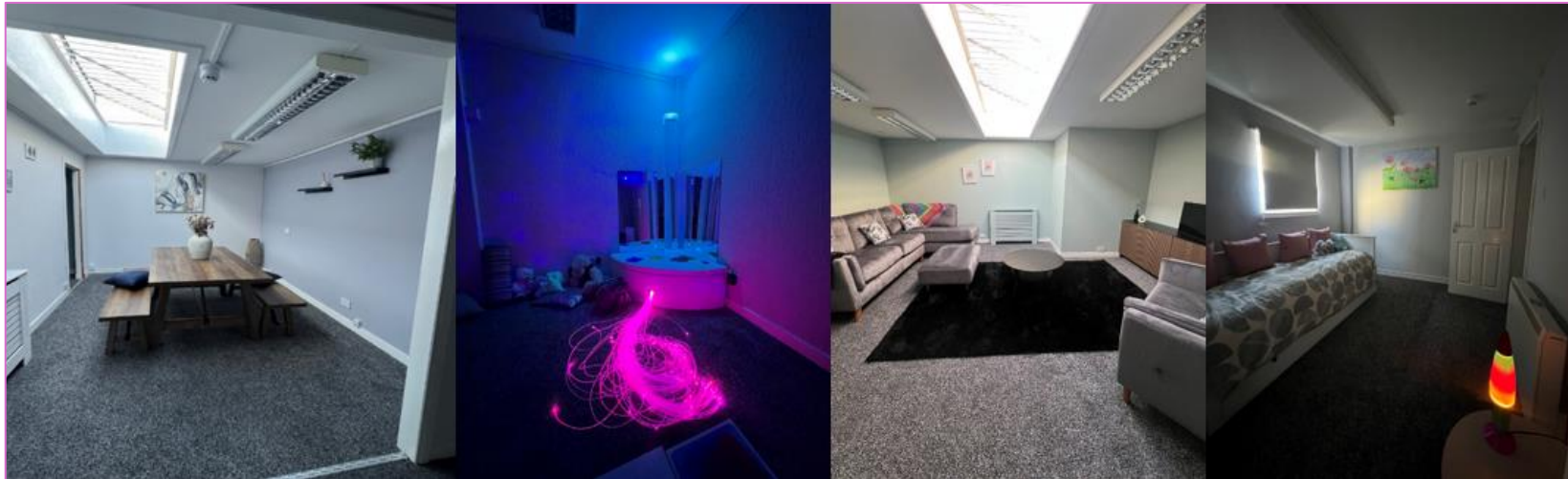
Workforce Learning & Development

We are required to submit an annual report to the Scottish Government to report on how we are doing meeting our priorities.

Myself and Gillian Millar have submitted this years report and this should be available to access on the internet shortly.

Examples of work that was celebrated within the report were activity such as:

The Breathing Space test of change



Single Point of Access and Children's Rights

In June 2024, the Falkirk Children and Young People's Mental Health Group established a project funded through the whole family wellbeing fund, to explore the introduction of a Single Point of Access for the Mental Health and Wellbeing supports. Falkirk Council provides and commissions services to support children, young people and parents/ carers. The aim of the project was to explore the best way for children, young people and their parents/ carers to access Mental Health and Wellbeing supports when and where they need it and avoid them having to share their multiple times.

Go! Youth Trust

During 2024-25, Go! Youth Trust delivered its Thrive programme, supporting young people with mental health challenges which has led to social isolation and high anxiety. 90 young women were supported through the programme in 2024/25 either through one-to-one mentoring, peer support and small group work. The young people also engaged in trips, visiting local businesses such as cafes, theatres and shops. GYT worked in partnership with New Look to hold a closed door, neurodivergent friendly shopping session where young people were given special offers and discounts as well as a shopping voucher to purchase clothes.

Through the Thrive programme 21 young people have received qualifications around Health Eating, Numeracy and First Aid Mental Health.

There has been recognition from Scottish Government that we have more capacity to effect positive change via less priorities.

Therefore, following a multi agency event it was agreed that the priorities across The Partnership for Plan 27 –29 will be:

1. Alcohol and Substance use
2. Mental Health & Wellbeing
3. Gender Based Violence

With a focus on Childhood Poverty running throughout the three priority areas.

A new Integrated Children's Service Plan will be written soon to reflect these new priorities and the working groups responsible for driving forward the work.