

Minute of Meeting Children & Young People Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 1 September 2016	10:00	Bushes Primary School, Grampian Avenue, Paisley, PA2 8DW

PRESENT

Councillors Henry, Bibby and McCartin (Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; N Burns, Police Scotland; K Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; J Melrose, Area Support Team; P MacLeod, D Hawthorn, and S Glasgow (all Renfrewshire Council); and L King, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.

CHAIR

Councillor Henry, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Dougall, Renfrewshire Community Health & Social Care Partnership; and S Graham and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

S Graham, West College Scotland; M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland; M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Maurice Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; F MacKay and M Ferguson, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; and J Trainer, S Bell and G McKinlay (all Renfrewshire Council).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The meeting was opened by M Monaghan, Head Teacher, Bushes Primary School who welcomed everyone to the school. The Members of the Board were given a tour of the school facilities by some of the children from the school and a short presentation was shown which summarised the aims and vision of the School and how the motto “Blossom at Bushes” was put into practice.

After the presentation Councillor Henry thanked Ms Monaghan for an informative presentation and asked that the Board’s thanks be passed on to the children for a delightful tour.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the Children & Young People Thematic Board held on 26 May 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the updates be noted; and
- (b) That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 – GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

There was submitted a report by the Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice, Children’s Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Named Person Scheme contained within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The report advised that the Act provided a framework for information sharing between professionals to support the functions of the Named Person however, four charities and three individual parents challenged aspects of the legislation in relation to the Named Person Scheme.

The initial challenge was rejected in the Court of Session and the appellants appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court announced its judgment on 28 July 2016. The Supreme Court held that Part 4 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 was incompatible with Article 8 of the ECHR. The Supreme Court had proposed that an Order be made to allow the Scottish Government an opportunity to correct this and had given them 42 days to make written submissions on what the terms of this Order should be. The Scottish Government assessed what this meant for the timescale of implementation and continued to progress its preparations for implementation of the named person service and related provisions.

However, as the Supreme Court found that the aspects of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 were outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, they could not be brought into force in the meantime.

It was noted that the named person duties in the Act were due to be effective from 31st August 2016. A local, interagency implementation plan was at a final stage to ensure the relevant policy, procedure, communications and training were in place for the planned commencement of the Act. This work was suspended pending the outcome of the Scottish Government response to the Supreme Court.

At the meeting of the Children and Young People Thematic Board on 26 May 2016 a report was considered on information sharing guidance to support the implementation of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The Board at that time agreed to approve local guidance however as a result of the Supreme Court judgment this had been withdrawn. A further update would be provided to the Board once timescales from Scottish Government were clearer on their response to the Supreme Court judgment.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the content of the report be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that the revised Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance, which was due to be implemented from 31 August 2016, had been withdrawn.

**4 RENFREWSHIRE'S LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN –
PROGRESS AGAINST YEAR 3 TARGETS – CHILDREN & YOUNG
PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided detail on the three year progress for the Children & Young People Thematic Board element of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

The report provided an update on progress against the performance measures previously agreed by the CPP. It was noted that there had been changes to the way pupil attainment was measured nationally, and this had resulted in data for some indicators not being available. New measures had now been provided to replace these. Several of the indicators were taken from the first Renfrewshire epidemiology study undertaken in 2011 with support from the Dartington Social Research Unit. The second study was scheduled for October 2016 and consequently no Year 3 update was available for this report. The findings of the study will be shared with this Board when they are available.

The report also highlighted the key achievements, areas for improvement and remedial action; revisions to Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan in respect of the Children & Young People Thematic Board element; and key areas of prevention.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Year 3 performance against the targets set be noted;
- (b) That the revisions outlined within the report be agreed; and
- (c) That it be agreed that the report would be included as part of the Annual Community Planning performance report to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 21 September 2016.

5 FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP AND HEALTHY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

The Children's Services Manager, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership gave a verbal update on the Family Nurse Partnership and Healthy Children's Programme.

It was noted that all core model elements and fidelity goals within the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) were being achieved and the programme would soon be commencing the graduation pathway (handover to the Health Visiting Service), and were working towards the first clients graduating in November 2016. Discussions were ongoing at NHS board level to develop a further FNP team.

Ms Dougall updated the Board on the Healthy Children's Programme. She advised that from September onwards there would be a twice-yearly uplift of additional health visiting capacity within Renfrewshire. This would take the Health visiting workforce from 32.6 whole time equivalent (wte) to 57.8 wte, increasing by 25.2 wte by January 2019. In September there would be an increase by 4 wte Health visitors to the service.

The Board were advised that work had commenced within NHS GGC to scope out the timescale to fully implement the universal pathway to introduce the antenatal letter at 28 weeks gestation, antenatal home visit (32-34 weeks) 13-15 month assessment and pre-school assessment and Ms Dougall advised that updated information would be shared when available. With regards to the uptake of 30 month assessments in Renfrewshire at the end of July; 80% were completed by 32 months, 8% were completed after 32 months and 12% of the assessments were not completed. This was consistently higher than NHS GGC performance which was 73% completed by 32 months, 8% completed after 32 months and 19% not completed.

It was noted that all children's services within Renfrewshire were transferred onto a single child electronic record in June 2016.

DECIDED: That the verbal updated be noted.

6 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD – JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017

There was submitted a proposed timetable for meetings of the Children & Young People Thematic Board for the period January 2017 to June 2017.

DECIDED: That the timetable of meetings until June 2017 be approved.

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