

# Minute of Meeting

## Renfrewshire Area Support Team

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 11 May 2021	14:00	Remotely by MS Teams,

### PRESENT

Derek Bramma; Annemarie Currie; Edi Hanley; Jacqueline Doherty; Hannah McCulloch; Jim Melrose; Marion Robinson; Angela Stevenson and Alison Thompson.

### CHAIR

D Bramma, Area Convener, presided.

### ALSO PRESENT

P Wilson, Area Support and Improvement Partner (Children's Hearings Scotland).

### IN ATTENDANCE

J Trainer, Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice (Children's Services) and P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer (Finance and Resources).

### APOLOGIES

Councillor J Shaw; L King (SCRA); and E Anderson, C Campbell, A MacDonald and E McNaught.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## **AREA SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PARTNER**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Area Convener welcomed Panel Wilson who was attending her first Area Support Team meeting following her appointment as Area Support and Improvement Partner.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

The Area Convener indicated that there were four additional items which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Area Convener, being of the opinion that the items which were dealt with at items 5,6,7 and 8 of the agenda were competent and relevant, authorised their consideration.

### **1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2 MATTERS ARISING**

(a) Devolved Funding

The Area Convener advised that £155 had been spent on Panel Member recognition gifts from the AST's Devolved Funding budget

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

### **3 HEARINGS MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP**

### **4 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SUB-GROUP**

### **5 TEAMS CHAMPION**

A Stevenson provided a verbal update on the last Teams Champions meeting which had been held on 19 February 2021 indicating that Teams and its various channels would be streamlined with some channels being moved to alternative areas and the Teams Chat disabled on certain channels. She indicated that the changes were intended to encourage more local engagement with Teams. In addition, she indicated that there had been a suggestion that a dedicated trainee channel should be established. It was also noted that the "how to" channel would be closed and replaced by a central library.

A Stevenson was then heard in answer to questions from members on the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

### **6 PROMISE STRATEGIC VOICE SUB-GROUP**

The Area Convener provided a verbal update on the meeting of the Sub-group which had taken place on 28 April 2021.

He advised that the Group encompassed multi-agencies and outlined the priorities of the sub-group including prioritising spending more time with young people, advocacy for those with communications difficulties and young people involved in recruitment

The Area Convener was then heard in answer to question on the content of the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## 7 **BETTER HEARINGS**

The Area Convener advised that a meeting of the Better Hearings Group had been scheduled for 19 May 2021. He indicated that the Area Support and Improvement Partner would attend on behalf of the Area Support team.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 8 **COVID-19 PRACTICE**

The Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice indicated that development sessions were being undertaken in relation to communications and advocacy. He further advised that processes were being put in place where siblings were kept together in foster placements, and where this was not possible, the reasons were required to be explained.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**DECIDED:** Members noted that the next meeting of the AST was scheduled for Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 2.00 pm