

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 26th January 2023



Children Services Planning Partnership SDP

Date of last meetings: 13th January 2023

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

For note, that the previous service lead for Childrens Services and Child Poverty (Claire Monaghan) has now retired and an ELT paper will be presented requesting a re-graded Children Services Planning and Performance Lead Officer.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The main focus of the SDP will be working together as a partnership along with a commissioned consultancy, called Horizons research, to map out the Whole Family Support offered within South Ayrshire. South Ayrshire’s next Children Service plan for 2023 – 2026 is also due and Kate McDonald is working on this at present.

The next children services plan will reflect much of the work done around the implementation of The Promise, the UNCRC, Child Poverty, the findings of the Department of Public Health report for Ayrshire and Arran, implementing a Whole Family Wellbeing approach along with Education, Thriving communities and Health and Social Care priorities in partnership with our commissioned partners.

In particular Horizons Research have been commissioned to do a full audit of the Family Support Services delivered across South Ayrshire and will highlight where there are gaps and opportunities and duplication of effort around family support. There will be the challenge and opportunity to think differently about how we deliver these in a more creative and needs lead way, with families and children integral in the design of how family services could be delivered moving forward.

This work will then drive how the CSPP work together in delivering Children Services and in particular family supports from here on.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last report, there has been a further two meetings of the Children Service Planning Partnership, on the 25th November 2022 and 13th January 2023.

Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Work Linked to Children’s Services

The South Ayrshire ADP have contributed 50% costs of the Children Services Planning Partnership commissioning, Horizons Research Group to map out the Family Wellbeing support currently on offer in South Ayrshire.

This reflects significant progress on multi agency partnership collaboration, working across similar agendas, in this case the **Whole Family Wellbeing**. This will also drive how we deliver support for families moving forward with a strong evidence base for this being delivered.

Whole Family Wellbeing Workshop

There was a workshop with Horizons research and the Children Service Planning Partnership on the 13th January to work together at understanding the brief of the research. This is to map out the whole family support “offer” in South Ayrshire and to enable South Ayrshire to design Family Support Services which reflect the needs of children and families in South Ayrshire and are perhaps different, “transformational” approaches from the traditional models being provided. This was well attended and there was a significant energy and positivity as to how this will support the Children Services Planning Partnership to set a strategic direction which meets the identified need.

Joint Improvement Group

As part of it’s forward plans, the SDP has considered the remit for the Joint Improvement Group. It is anticipated that the remit of the Joint Improvement Group will encompass:

- supporting a programme of self-evaluation across children’s services using an agreed self-evaluation methodology e.g. The Care Inspectorate Self-Evaluation for Improvement Framework and available data including the Local Government Benchmarking Framework;
- supporting identification of improvement areas emerging from self-evaluation activity and develop an improvement programme and overseeing progress of the improvement programme;
- undertaking performance management of the Children’s Services Plan;
- drawing on available information and data from self-evaluation, improvement and performance management to inform future priorities for children’s services;
- to consider new national policy initiatives, legislation and funding opportunities in terms of local implementation and training requirements and provide advice to the Children’s Services Strategic Delivery Partnership on local implementation; and
- to undertake appropriate preparations for inspections.

UNCRC

The SDP is considering the implementation of legislation enshrining the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into domestic law in Scotland and the implications for policy and practice in children’s services and staff training.

GIRFEC

The Scottish Government is refreshing guidance on Getting it Right for Every Child and the SDP is looking at the implications for children’s services work and for staff working in this area

The Parenting Promise, (South Ayrshire Corporate Parenting Plan)

The Children Services Planning Partnership will seek an update from the Corporate Parent Lead Officer on progress on the South Ayrshire Parenting Promise in 2023.

KEY ISSUES

- Continuing a coordinated partnership response to the challenges posed by the Ukrainian crisis;
- Continued development of implementation plans for UNCRC;
- Continued development of implementation work on The Promise and Whole Family Wellbeing;
- Preparing for self-evaluation and joint improvement work; and
- The requirement to prepare and to write a new Children Service Plan for 2023 – 2026
- To seek approval for the creation of a new Children Services Planning and Performance Lead Officer

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

The SDP supports the strategic theme of ‘Closing the Poverty Related Outcomes Gap’ and ‘Supporting Young Carers.’

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