

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 22ND AUGUST 2024



Children’s Services Planning Partnership (CSPP) SDP

Date of last meetings: Last CSPP 8th June 2024

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

N/A

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

N/A

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The current main areas of focus in the CSPP relates to the understanding and use of the new CSPP self-evaluation framework. This was completed and presented to the thematic group leads in late June 2024. Work now includes supporting thematic group leads to populate their outcome chain links to evidence our aims are being met or to identify areas for further scrutiny.

The CSP Coordinator has supported leads with the creation of a South Ayrshire CSPP core wellbeing data indicator set. This core wellbeing set is derived from the Scottish Governments National Performance Framework (NPF) and links to UNCRC, The Promise and GIRFEC to demonstrate key links in our work.

By concentrating on self-evaluation, the CSPP aims to ensure that all thematic groups, and the Joint Improvement Group are equipped to assess their progress effectively and make data-driven decisions to support enhancement of services for infants, children and young people.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Completion of new CSPP Self-Evaluation Framework

As noted above our CSPP Self-Evaluation Framework is now in place and sets out South Ayrshire Children’s Services Planning Partnerships approach to self-evaluation and quality assurance. It also provides a working document for all thematic group leads to upload evidence.

Recruitment of Data and Development Graduate

The role of Data and Development Graduate commenced on 1st July 2024. This role will be invaluable to supporting the on-going data work in the CSPP and will be key to reporting as we go forward. The initial priority of this role is to populate the SAC Core Wellbeing Data Set from 2020-2024 to provide benchmark data from where we can assess future work.

Family First

With the final school cluster rolling out in April 2024 – all 8 school clusters have now adopted the model. During year one of the cluster model our focus was on 3 key priorities improving attendance, reducing exclusions and

supporting transition. These areas are local and national priorities and are the key focus for all our schools. As noted below, the potential elongation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund would support the CSPP in considering how best to scale and utilise this model to further early and preventative work for whole families in South Ayrshire.

Young Carers Under 5's Work

Work is underway to support the identification and support of young carers **under** the age of 5 in South Ayrshire. Research carried out via Carers Trust Scotland and Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance informs us that no other Local Authority in Scotland is identifying or supporting young carers **under** the age of 5.

A multiagency working group was established to review and map out identification and/or support for pre-5 young carers, including Senior Manager Children's Services, Senior Manager Children's Health, Children's Services Lead Officer, Quality Improvement Manager Education, Quality Improvement Officer Early Years, Clinical Services Manager Children's Health x 2 (Health Visiting), and Young Carer Strategy Lead Officer.

A process map and initial plan have been agreed. Pre-5 young carers can now be recorded by Health Visitors on Care Partner which will be reported on monthly, and SAC EYCs can now record pre-5 young carers on SEEMiS.

The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 stipulates that we must offer a Young Carer Statement to all identified young carers. Staff at Wallacetown Early Years Centre are working together with children to create a document that is suitable for the age and stage of our pre-5 young carers (our 'Teenie Carers').

An application has been submitted for funding from the Improvement & Innovation fund for a member of staff to support this initiative. This role would include staff training (HV, SAC EYC, private EYC, HSCEP/SAC services, external organisations), awareness raising sessions with families, qualitative research into the impact of earlier identification (children, families & staff), assisting EYCs and primary schools to provide support 'in-house' for young carers (e.g., establishing peer groups), and funding for materials, events and comms.

Youth Council

Through consultation with approximately 700 young people on the future of Youth Voice, a Youth Council is being established to support young people to be part of key decisions. Local young people were part of having a say on who would be represented within the Youth Council and how they are selected. An Election took place in June 2024.

On 30th August, we will meet with the new members of the Youth Council at the Celebration Event.

For more information on the Youth Council, please see link to their presentation: [Youth Council Information](#).

Annual Reporting (CSP and WFWF)

The CSP Annual Report 23-24 and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund Report 23-24 have both been completed and will be sent for approval in September 2024.

The Promise Plan 24-30

The Promise Scotland launched their [Plan 24-30 website](#) in late June 2024.

Plan 24-30 is organised around the five foundations of The Promise: Voice, Family, Care, People, and Scaffolding. All of the conclusions of the Independent Care Review have been organised and grouped under these foundations.

Work is underway to understand what this new plan means for Promise work in South Ayrshire. Our Corporate Parenting Lead Officer is leading a Plan 24-30 workshop for all thematic group leads at the next Joint Improvement Group. The purpose of this being to support the leads to make any required iterations to their action plans based on the direction of Promise work locally.

Although The Promise is a thematic area of the CSPP, it underpins all the thematic areas and all thematic action plans are organised with clear links to our local "Calls to Action". This JIG workshop will take place in late August 2024.

GIRFEC

GIRFEC underpins everything we do to promote wellbeing for infants, children, young people and families. GIRFEC is relevant to all staff regardless of role and in South Ayrshire we are keen to ensure all practitioners understand their roles and responsibilities in GIRFEC. Evaluations from recent GIRFEC events has informed us that staff in the named person and lead professional roles would like further GIRFEC training/reflection opportunities and as such meetings commence in early August 2024 to ensure a joined up, multi-agency plan is in place to promote GIRFEC in South Ayrshire.

Since January 2024 the GIRFEC Refresh Working group have created new Team with the Family GIRFEC Guidance, GIRFEC comms including SWAY and 7MB, the CSP Coordinator delivered various GIRFEC Refresh workshops and new SAC GIRFEC awareness training is ready to roll out quarterly from September 2024. This will be delivered by the CSP Coordinator.

GIRFEC Refresh Online Workshops Summary:

- 3 Online Events in April 2024 attended by **157** members of staff representing Education, ADP, Thriving Communities, Third Sector, Housing, Adult Services, Social Work and Health.
- **All** responding attendees of the online workshops reported increased knowledge of GIRFEC refresh following the input.
- Average GIRFEC Refresh Knowledge score before online input **5.4**
- Average score after online input **8.6 (increase of 63%)**.

GIRFEC Refresh In-person Workshops Summary:

- In-person event in April 2024 attended by **83** colleagues representing Education, ADP, Thriving Communities, Third Sector, Housing, Adult Services, Social Work and Health.
- **All** attendees of the online workshops reported increased knowledge of GIRFEC refresh following the input.
- Average GIRFEC Refresh Knowledge score before **6.2**
- Average score after input **9.1 (increase of 68%)**

You can access the new GIRFEC page on the [CORE here](#) or the new [HSCP page here](#).

KEY ISSUES

- **Potential elongation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund:**
 - Ministers are currently considering the elongation of the WFWF, which currently is set to end in 2026. The proposed extension of the Programme timescales would bring opportunity to evolve, expand and expedite our Family First approach.
 - No decision has yet been made, however the CSPP are keen to continue to develop the thinking around where any additional funding streams could be usefully deployed to further support our early and preventative whole family transformational change.
 - A meeting will take place with Scottish Government in late August 2024 to discuss the potential elongation of the fund and key members of South Ayrshire CSPP will be in attendance to support in influencing decision making.
- **A review of reporting into the CSPP to include areas such as Youth Justice.**

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

The Promise from 2024 to 2030

Between April 2023 and 31st March 2024 **39 of our 42** Promise benefits were noted as **on track**.

We are now in the process of concluding phase 1 of implementing the Promise in South Ayrshire (2021-24) and reviewing South Ayrshires ten improvement areas, associated actions and measurable improvements that have been aligned to Phase One. Our learning will inform our local plan 24 to 30. We will also review our 55 calls to action to ensure that areas that were identified as important locally are included as we move forward.

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