

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 25 August 2022



CHILDRENS SERVICES SDP

**Date of last meeting: 22 April 2022
16 June 2022**

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

n/a

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 3rd May 2022 meeting:

n/a

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

Now that the COVID crisis has abated, a main focus for the Children Services SDP has been shaping a forward agenda for partnership work that captures where collaborative work will be most impactful and where self-evaluation work would be beneficial and what framework might get used for that. This will help inform the development of the next Children’s Services Delivery Plan.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last meeting of the Community Planning Board, there has been 2 meetings of the SDP – 22 April and 16 June and another meeting is imminent (01 September). Key areas of progress arising from these meetings include:

Workshop Outputs

A workshop with partners was held to review the emerging children’s services landscape given the scope and scale of national initiatives focused on children’s services. These include

- The Promise
- UNCRC Implementation
- GIRFEC refresh
- New Outcomes Framework for Children’s Services
- New Child Protection Guidance
- National Care Service discussion
- New Public Health Framework
- The Whole Family Approach across alcohol and drugs
- Criminal Justice Bill

The SDP has considered the workshop outputs and is now working on the terms of reference for a Joint Improvement Group to drive focus and delivery on a smaller number of key areas where partnership working is essential. There is also a focus on developing a self-evaluation framework and more meaningful performance management.

A key consideration is streamlining the national initiatives and supporting frontline staff to navigate the many strands and considering the scope for joint training. It was also recognised that improved communication would

help ensure communities and staff are aware of the breadth and depth of work going on across children's services.

Ukrainian Crisis

A partnership discussion on the support available to Ukrainians children and young people being located in South Ayrshire. This is now a standing item on the SDP agenda.

Whole Family Wellbeing Funding

The Scottish Government has made funding available for whole family wellbeing with an emphasis on additional and new, innovative activity. Consideration has been given to how to build on the work undertaken under the auspices of The Promise, the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and mental health and wellbeing work to support real progress in this area and how best to use the funding being made available by Government

The Cost-of-Living Crisis

The effect of rising prices, especially fuel and food prices, on child poverty and what partnership work can be done to support children, young people and families.

Annual Reports

Work is underway on the children's services and the child poverty annual reports

KEY ISSUES

- Continuing a coordinated partnership response to current challenges especially Ukrainian and cost of living crisis;
- Continued development of implementation plans for UNCRC;
- Continued development of implementation work on The Promise;
- Preparation work for GIRFEC refresh;
- Developing an Action Plan from the Forward Look Workshop; and
- Keeping the children's service plan under review in light of new legislation and guidance.

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.'

Report Completed by:

Officer: Claire Monaghan

Date: August 2022