

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 20th APRIL 2023



Children Services Planning Partnership SDP

Date of last meetings: 17 January 2023

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

To provide a critical view on the planned restructure of the CSPG and the shaping of the membership of the CSPG. To consider the renaming of the CSPG to the Children Service Planning Partnership.

There has been a job evaluation conducted for the Children Services Planning Coordinator post, which will be advertised shortly. In the meantime, this leaves a significant gap in provision and support of Children Services Planning for South Ayrshire which is being covered by the Director of Education and the Head of Service for Children's Health Care and Justice.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The primary focus of the SDP will be working together as a partnership along with a commissioned consultancy, Horizons Research. There have been various structured interviews and a questionnaire completed by Horizons and a workshop is planned three times this year to support the reflective work and support new design of Whole Family Support. The first workshop will take place on the 31 March 2023.

South Ayrshire's next Children Service Data for 2023 - 2026 is now in draft form and out for review from key leaders. The next plan will reflect 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.

There has also been a workshop between HSCP and Education to look at the structure of CSPP and how it feeds into the CPP as well as whether the existing structure supports the reporting and delivery of performance information.

This is a critical point in the evolution of the CSPP. The relationships with key leaders and the general overall conditions for transformation and change are ripe to enable innovation, collaboration, and partnership working.

There is also a commitment to ensure that the data collated and measured informs the next three years of the new Children Services Plan.

The recruitment and starting of the Children Services Planning Coordinator to drive this work of the CSPP is an essential element of the next few months.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last report, there has been a one further South Ayrshire CSPP where there was further input on the work of Horizons Research along with input by Linda West from VASA on the third sectors (lack of) involvement and inclusion in the Whole Family Wellbeing fund and its allocation. The input from Horizons was helpful in answering many of the questions raised by the third sector.

There was also a session on the young carers and The Promise. There was also a national CSPP meeting which was of very limited help and reminded the chair that South Ayrshire has come a long way in terms of CSPP.

As explained there was also a discussion around the future structure of the CSPP, which would be;

- **The CSPP would be renamed as the CSPP** and would be made up of very senior decision makers,
- The purpose of the CSPP would be to ensure the delivery of the CS Plan for the next time period, 2023-2026 with reference to performance management data and qualitative information, the current chair of the CSPG would be the Chair of the CSPP.
- **Joint Improvement Group**, would become more akin to the current CSPG, with a larger cohort of partners who would reflect the work of subgroups. This would be chaired by the Children Services Coordinator. The JIG would also;
 - support 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;
 - support identification of improvement areas emerging from self-evaluation activity and develop an improvement programme and overseeing progress of the improvement programme;
 - undertake performance management of the Children's Services Plan;
 - draw on available information and data from self-evaluation, improvement and performance management to inform future priorities for children's services;
 - 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
 - undertake appropriate preparations for inspections.
- **CSPP sub-groups:** There would be a range of subgroups, including, GIRFEC, the Promise, UNCRC, Participation and Engagement, Young Carers, Child Poverty, Additional Support Needs, a collaborative approach with the ADP for young People effected by drugs and alcohol, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Youth Justice and community Safety, Early Years – as key examples.

KEY ISSUES

- Need for a CSPP Coordinator to be recruited
- To restructure the CSPP
- To write the new CSPP Plan
- To deliver on the WFWF, The Promise, UNCRC, ASN legislation, GIRFEC refresh.
- Preparing for self-evaluation and joint improvement work
- To redesign services based upon the research from Horizons research

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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