



Citywide Children, Young People and Families Steering Group meeting

Friday 20th January 2017 9.30 to 12.30

Present: Colette Boyle (Home Start Glasgow South), Vicki Burns (YPeople), Biba-Lee Devine (Steeping Stones for Families), Eddie Kane (Barnardos), Ronnie Gourlay (NTSGIRFEC), Julie Richardson (Children 1st), Maxine Hawthorn (Aberlour), Liz Reid (Action for Children), Christine McGuire (Parent Network Scotland).

In attendance: Suzie Scott (GCVS/Everyone's Children), Lisa Wright (GCVS/Everyone's Children).

Apologies: Joanne Aitken (Govan HELP), (Pauline Cavanagh (Partners in Advocacy), Isabel Dunsmuir (DRC Generations), Greg Gallagher (Step Down), Frank Law (Young Peoples Futures), Alison Peebles (Impact Arts), Ailsa Sharkey (NTSGIRFEC), Jackie Tolland (Parent Network Scotland), Karen O'Brian (Love Milton).

1. **Note of previous meeting**

Agreed

2. **Feedback on Children's Service Inspection (Eddie)**

Eddie Kane provided the group with feedback from the Children's Service Inspection. The inspectors looked at 47 cases in total and most of the cases were between either between 'adequate' or 'good', none were 'excellent'. Main positives were: good evidence, multi-disciplinary working. They had not looked at TS recording. Working with non-engaging families - more creative TS approaches could be taken.

The scoping document described 'uncertainty' in impact of the Forum as it's very new. TS are beginning to be invited to attend the Children's Services Management Seminars. Some people mentioned we should be involved in key strategic groups and need to work out how to get on their lists – making our communication strategy key priority. **Action: Eddie will keep steering group up to date with Inspection**

3. **Feedback from GCC meetings (Eddie and Others)**

CSEG meeting – Eddie explained that Gary delivered CSP presentation and gave template asking people to go back to own organisations. The questions being asked – is the vision relevant? Are these priorities?

Need to think of ways we can get people to feel like they are engaged/part of the Plan/infrastructure. Biba mentioned the Renfrewshire Children's Service Plan which had been written for children and young people but still as a strategic document.

Listening to Children sub-group. Vicki talked about how CSP isn't something practitioners etc refer to in daily work, it's more of a concept. She is representing Forum on the Listening to Children sub-group, which is seen as a long-term framework.

Child Protection Committee – Eddie said he would send out plan and agenda from meetings. Significant Case Review – people asked how it is disseminated out and whether we could get one of the CPC to come to Forum meetings. **Action: Eddie to discuss with Child Protection Committee**

4. Report back from Terms of Reference Sub-group (Biba)

Terms of Reference sub group meeting went well and has produced a draft. Outcomes and indicators needs to be tweaked. Others can give input via e-mail. Important that the difference levels of membership involvement is clear. The Forum process must be emphasised – there is still opportunity to join and it is about inclusiveness. **Action: Biba will amend and circulate revised draft and indicators to the sub-group**

5. Report back from Communications Sub group (Julie)

Julie had a produced a draft Comms strategy following the sub group meeting. This describes the two different audiences that the Forum will have (TS and Statutory agencies) and the different ways of engaging with them. The biggest question is who keeps comms up to date. Suzie explained that Everyone's Children can create page on GCVS website and a Twitter account. The Everyone's Children newsletter is being used at present to keep people up to date, with an article about the Forum in each issue. The newsletter could also be used to ask people to opt in to a new Forum mailing list. Everyone's Children/GCVS can provide support just now, but in the longer term, the Forum might want to employ its own worker. There is potential to ask Glasgow to give financial support – if we can demonstrate if the Forum had a solid plan/evidence of what we do.

Suzie mentioned how NW Wellbeing Network had also spoke of lack of clear connectedness/mechanisms for participation between local network and the Citywide Forum. People agreed this is a priority. **Action: Sub-group to include in the Comms Strategy.**

Suzie/Lisa provided logo examples. Comms sub group will decide on logo and plan to meet before next Steering Group Meeting 24th Feb. **Action: Lisa to doodlebug to find the best date of the sub-group.**

6. Forum Launch Event/Children's Service Plan consultation - 1st February 2017 (Suzie)

Suzie circulated the draft event outline and speakers brief.

a) Workshops

Biba raised concern that the Forum have not consulted TSO's so can't speak for them in workshops. It was stressed the purpose of the presentations is simply to give some

basic information to lead into the wider discussion. Suzie mentioned that notes Lisa took at Everyone's Children event on the Blueprint for ELC give some TSO's views on ELC. **Action: Suzie will send notes to Biba.**

b) Questions

Gary's presentation has some key questions at the end and there was a debate about whether we should have discussions at tables about these, rather than a q&A session. Suzie suggested using the questions about key priorities of the strategy as a backup if there the Q&A dries up. **Action: Suzie to advise Gary of the plan.**

The event outline and speakers brief were agreed. **Action: Suzie to finalise and send out to speakers.**

7. Neglect Summit (Liz)

Suzie had sent out an e-mail to the Steering Group and had sent back 12 names to GCC, Eddie confirmed that he would also be attending. Liz said there might be more places available. Suzie asked her to confirm her how many and she would collect more names.

Action: Liz to let Suzie know how many more TS reps could attend.

8. Request for 3rd sector rep – School nursing group (Eddie)

Suzie said she had no response so far for rep about school nursing. Ronnie suggested asking people who work in counselling as they may be linked to school nursing. Vicki and Colette suggested contacting Place to Be, South Mental Health Forum, Chris Lang – Castlemilk Youth.

Action: Lisa/Suzie will contact suggested organisations.

9. Future Forum Events

Discussion on how many events the Forum could run each year. Decided 4 would be reasonable if events could take different forms. More informal ones would be easier to organise e.g. networking, speed dating, exhibitions. One would be an AGM. Maxine suggested an example of topic of domestic abuse to discuss good practice, bring in people like Women's Aid. **Action: To be discussed further at the next meeting.**

10. Action Plan 2017

Brief discussion of what has been done so far – terms of reference, comms, launch event. Decided next meeting must focus on an Action Plan. This could involve a consultation with the wider membership. **Action: To be discussed further at the next meeting.**

11. Date of Next meeting and forward calendar for 2017

The following dates were agreed:

Friday 24th Feb

Friday 24th March

Friday 21st April

Friday 19th May

Friday 23rd June

Action: Lisa to send out diary invites