



Children, Young People and Families Citywide Forum Steering Group meeting Friday 23rd June 2017 9.30 to 12.30 – The Albany Centre

Present: Eddie Kane (Barnardo's), Melodie Crumlin (PEEK), Liz Reid (Action for Children), Greg Gallagher (Step Down), Louise Hamilton (Quarriers), Debbie Hamilton (Geezabreak), Jacqueline Spence (SCMA), Louise Hamilton (Quarriers), Maxine Hawthorn (Aberlour), , Liz Reid (Action for Children), Biba Devine (Stepping Stones for Families), Julie Dynes (NSPCC), Lee Anthony (OPFS), Gillian Leslie (Home Start Glasgow South), Carla Fyfe (A&M)

In attendance: Suzie Scott (GCVS), Lisa Wright (GCVS).

Apologies: Sharon Colvin (3D Drumchapel), Vicki Burns (Y People), Linda Pople (One Parent Families Scotland), Colette Boyle (Home Start Glasgow South), Isabel Dunsmuir (DRC Generations), Joanne Aitken (Govan HELP), Aileen McCusker (Children 1st), Michelle King (Rosemount), Paul Fletcher (A&M)

Steering group membership. Carla will replace Paul Fletcher as the A&M rep. Lee will stand in for Linda Pople as OPFS member.

Note of previous meeting - correction

a) Representation on Children's Services Groups

Eddie suggested we should acknowledge any conflicts of interest and be transparent.

Note of previous meeting - matters arising

a) Representation on Children's Services Groups

Dropbox has been created. Could everyone put relevant papers in the folder. Biba asked whether this would be open to all forum members. Suzie said that at, present, it would only be for steering group members but we could look at ways of putting a link in the Forum website at a later date. **Action: Eddie and Maxine to check with Child Protection Committee what can be shared.**

Family Support Group: Suzie had contacted Gary. The group is not up and running yet. He will advise when the first meeting will be held.

GIRFEC Service Managers Group: This group, which looks at Named Person implementation will be up and running again soon. Previous reps were Eddie, Greig Gallagher, Liz Reid and Fiona McBride and Suzie. Are other steering members interested? **Action: Follow up rep selection at the next meeting.**

Children's Services Planning group: Reps will be Suzie and Biba. Next meeting likely to be Sept.

Corporate Parenting Event – 5th Sept. Suzie had circulated the Corporate Parenting Action Plan. Possible reps Julie Dynes (NSPCC) – for early years, Greg Gallagher (Step down) – for residential care, Eddie Kane (Barnado's) – for care leavers **Action: Reps to be confirmed at next meeting when everyone has had a chance to read the Action Plan**

Eddie noted that, while certain groups may be streamlined, this hasn't happened yet.

Cost of the School Holidays (school lets) - Carla said that she and Melodie had not had time to draft a letter to the Leader of the Council and Chris Cunningham yet, but would do so in the next week. Suzie will assist and support. Steering group and GCVS to see the draft letter before it goes **Action: Carla to draft letter**

1. ELC Event

The event had gone well, with around 40 participants and 5 excellent speakers. Suzie reported that the Scottish Govt had requested that Laura Dover from Everyone's Children give her talk to the SG ELC group. A meeting has also been arranged with GCC to follow up the research. Suzie suggested that it would be useful to set up a Citywide Forum sub-group on ELC, including members of the event sub-group (Jaqueline Spence, Scottish Childminding Association, Biba Devine (Stepping Stones), Audrey Anderson (Early Years) plus some of the people who took part in the Everyone's Children research, to take the issue forward. Biba suggested that it would be useful to produce a summary of the event and action points for the Citywide Forum steering group. **Action: Suzie to circulate the presentations and attendance list to steering group members who were unable to attend. Biba and Suzie to produce a summary and action plan.**

2. Education Improvement Board

Eddie said that he had been invited to join a sub group of GCC Education Improvement Board. This group would be looking at improving partnerships and the use of the Pupil Equity Fund. There was general interest in what impact the 3 networking meetings (NW, NE and South) had had and how much of the PEF had gone to third sector organisations. Eddie thought that GCC was collecting this info and could make it available to the steering group. Suzie said that Everyone's Children would like to do a survey of third sector organisations to get views on their experience of the programme. **Action: To be discussed further at the next meeting**

3. Child Protection Committee

Maxine reported that Anne Marie Manning would be happy to attend a Steering group meeting. There is an ongoing review regarding local CP forums and she would be able to clarify TOR's for CP forums and LMR's going forward. **Action: Anne Marie to be invited to the next steering group meeting in August.**

Maxine also raised the possibility of steering group members attending to observe a CPC. This needs to be discussed with the CPC Chair as there is a large CPC membership and a number of agencies may want workers to attend. However, there was agreement, in principle, to steering group members attending on a rota basis.

Eddie, Maxine, Isobel and Michelle will meet to discuss CPC Quality Assurance.

Eddie will also circulate a paper on the role of LMRs and dates of the next meetings.

4. TSI group meeting

Eddie, Suzie and Sharon attended the National GIRFEC TSI meeting. This brought together a number of TSIs who have been involved in developing third sector Children's Services Forums. The meeting had presentations from a couple of the forums. It appeared that many of the forums have similar issues to Glasgow, including getting recognition for the role of the third sector, getting reps to attend numerous locality meetings, ensuring that reps are representing the views of the wider sector – not just their own organisations etc. They seemed to be at similar stage to Glasgow,

In the afternoon, the meeting discussed measuring outcomes, including the use of the National GIRFEC wellbeing tool and logic modelling. It was agreed that it would be useful to discuss this further and the National GIRFEC team will be arranging another meeting.

Action: Suzie to circulate follow up note from the meeting, including presentations.

5. Third Sector Forum

Greg attended the Third Sector Forum, as the Citywide Forum rep and a meeting with the Depute Leader of the new administration. The feedback from the new administration is very positive towards the third sector, with offers of better partnership working and promises to look at funding issues.

6. Links with Locality Groups (Lee discussion)

Lee raised the issue of the links between the Citywide Forum and the reps on the Children's Services Locality Groups. The Locality Group operate quite differently. In the South and NE there are a number of third sector reps and several are represented on the Citywide Forum. In the NW, the meetings are much more formal and there are only two third sector reps (Alison McIntyre, Barnardo's CHIP project and Lee – OPFS), neither of whom are on the steering group. They have to rely on feedback from steering group members.

It was agreed that there is a need to ensure that reps at Localities are linked to the Citywide Forum. There was some discussion on how this might be achieved. **Action:**

Discussion on this to continue

7. Inspection – comments to Eddie for CPC

Action: Eddie asked steering group members to read the Inspection report and give him comments for the next meeting of the CPC.

8. CSP- comments to Eddie for CSEG

Action: Eddie asked steering group members to read the Children's Service Plan and give him comments for the next CSEG meeting.

9. Child Protection and Serious Case Review Event

The event sub group will be Eddie, Maxine, Julie Dynes, Michelle King and Suzie.

Maxine reported that she had had a very positive conversation with Anne Marie from the CPC about the Forum proposed event in September re the SCR's and other CPC related matters.

Proposed speakers include Annie-Marie, Colin Anderson the CPC Chairperson and Moira McKinnon. Maxine will liaise with Anne Marie a date in late Sept (avoiding the Public Holiday).

Anne Marie has agreed on behalf of the CPC to pay for the SCR event **Action: Suzie to get a cost estimate from GCVS for a full day event at the Albany for 60 people, including a light lunch and refreshments.**

Date of next meeting – Friday 18th August at NSPCC Offices