

Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 7th February 11:00 – 12:00

Note of Meeting

Attendees:

Nick Rougvie, SG, Chair (NR)	Craig Milne, SG (CM)
Liz Cuschieri, SLAB (LC)	Emma Wilson, SG (EW)
Julie Duncan, SG (JD)	Alison Todd, Angus CPC (AT)
Bryan Evans, Children 1st (BE)	Paul Mulvanny, SCRA (PM)
Alistair Hogg, SCRA (AH)	Chloe Riddell, The Promise (CR)
Elaine Adams, CELCIS (EA)	Pam Semple, SG (PS)
Elliot Jackson, CHS (EJ)	John Urquhart, COSLA (JU)
Carly Elliot-Scott, CYCJ (CE-S)	Carol Wassell, CHS (CW)
Fiona Muir, HSCP (FM)	Leah Wilkie, SG, Secretariat (LW)
Kay McKerrell, Who Cares? Scotland (KM)	Gordon Main, OHOV (GM)
Alan Mulrooney, SG (AM)	Louise Piaskowski, SG (LP)
Joanne Smith, NSPCC (JS)	Gita Sharkey, SG (GS)
Paul Beaton, SG (PB)	Nathan Stokes, SG (NS)
Neil Hunter, SCRA (NH)	

Apologies:

Tom McNamara, Scottish Government
Ian Donaldson, Scottish Government
Lisa Bennett, SCRA
Cheryl Clark, COPFS
Fiona Dyer, CYCJ
Neil Hunter, SCRA
Tamar Jamieson, Police Scotland
John McDiarmid, Police Scotland
Caren McLean, CELCIS
Hazel Robertson, SWS
Janine McCullough, Education Scotland
Susan Orr, Social Work Scotland
Kate Ramsden, Aberdeenshire Council
Lynne McNiven, NHS
Andrew Alexander, Law Society of Scotland
Helen Etchells, SCRA
Lynsey Smith, Includem
Stephen Ferguson, COPFS
Leanne Blacklaw, Police Scotland
Juliet Henderson, Police Scotland
Stephen Bermingham, CHS

Agenda Item

Action Points

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>NR welcomed CHIP partners to the group, Apologies were noted.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Points</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, and the actions from the previous meeting were reviewed.</p>	
<p>3. “Hearings for Children” – Scottish Government Response</p> <p>The last time the group met was in advance of the Scottish Government’s Hearings for Children response being published.</p> <p>EW provided an update. The Hearings Redesign Board met for the first time on the 18th January. The board is intended to provide governance for the work going forward and is focusing on the areas that can progress in the shorter term. The Government response was published in December and policy analysis was published in early January. Scottish Government worked across SG policy areas and partner organisations included Scottish Courts and others. The response was very positive. The initial sections of the government response highlight the need for sequencing with policy developments which are currently taking place. The Government response categorises in 4 ways – accept, accept with conditions, explore/consult and not accepted. There are 7 recommendations which are not accepted. In those cases, this is due to legal advice or issues that may cause further trauma, delay or complications. Government met with OHOV and are keen to continue the involvement of young people and are thinking about the most appropriate way to do that. One of the key things to take forward is a consultation on a large number of the recommendations. Will be going back and looking at the larger report that the codesign groups.</p> <p>CR happy to hear that Government are looking at the larger report and are considering all of the different aspects of suggestions that were made. There is further information on how the larger report was put together and background information that CR would be happy to share.</p> <p>EW will be in touch with different organisations as work progresses on the consultation. There are a few recommendations that require further input from Local Government and Social Work to progress.</p> <p>CR is interested to know about the recommendations that are being overseen by the Redesign Board. How will the whole picture be seen?</p> <p>EW confirmed the Redesign Board will have an overview of the redesign agenda, responsibility for the non-legislative elements, and the team will monitor the progress of all recommendations.</p>	

<p>GM good reassurance that the role of voice and participation was mentioned. Young people from OHOV are committed to reaching out to children all over Scotland.</p>	
<p>4. National Care Service Update</p> <p>PB provided an update to the group about the National Care Service is. The National Care Service Bill has gone through evidence stages in stage 1 but stage 1 has not yet concluded. The deadline for this is the 1st March and the debate should be in the last week of February which will move into stage 2. The Government have commissioned CELCIS to take forward a research project.</p> <p>KM asked who is expected to be on the National Board and what would the remit be in respect to children's services? PB confirmed it is not known yet about children's services and there are discussions taking place due to complexity.</p>	
<p>5. UNCRC Incorporation Update – <i>Gita Sharkey</i></p> <p>GS shared a presentation with the group which included an update on the UNCRC Incorporation. GS confirmed she can share the slides with the CHIP group.</p>	
<p>6. SG Updates</p> <p>The SG Updates were noted.</p>	
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>No points raised.</p>	