

# Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership (CHIP)

## NOTE FROM MEETING

Thursday 10 September 2015

Victoria Quay

10:00 – 3:00

### **Attendees**

#### CELCIS

Jennifer Davidson (JD)  
Joanne McMeeking (JM)  
Kate Skinner (KS)

#### CHS

Boyd McAdam (BM)  
Elliot Jackson (EJ)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector

Linda Jardine, Children 1<sup>st</sup> (LJ)

#### SCRA

Neil Hunter (NH)  
Malcolm Schaffer (MS)  
Gillian Henderson (GH)  
Kirsty McDiarmid (KD)

#### Police Scotland

Paul Main (PM)

#### Scottish Government

Robert Marshall, Deputy Director Care & Justice (RM) Chair  
Tom McNamara, Youth Justice and Children's Hearings Unit (TM)  
Thekla Garland, Children's Hearings Unit (TG)  
Catherine Dowe, Children's Hearings Unit (CD)  
Marion Gillooly, Better Life Chances Unit (MG)  
Alan Baird (AB)  
Katherine Hudson (KH)  
David Doris (DD)  
Belinda Robertson (BR)  
Liz Murdoch (LM)  
Donna Turnbull (DT)

#### Scottish Courts Service

Elizabeth Bergen (EB)

#### Education Scotland

Phil Denning (PD)

#### ADES

Maria Walker (MW)

#### SLAB

Joe Kelly (JK)

#### SWS

Mike Burns (MB)

#### ADSW

Kate Rocks (KR)

#### NHS

Sally Egan (SE)  
Kate McKay (KM)

#### Law Society

Lesley Dowdalls (LD)

#### CYCJ

Stewart Simpson (SS)

#### Crown Office

Paul Beaton (PB)

### **Apologies received from**

Marie-Louise Fox (SLAB)  
Robert Nicol (COSLA)  
Mary Hoey (Education Scotland)  
Andreana Adamson (Scottish Government)  
Angela Morgan (Includem)  
Alyson Evans (CHS)  
Claire Lightowler (CYCJ)  
Andrew Cubie (Judicial Institute)  
Mairi-Anne MacDonald (SSSC)  
Robert Gordon (SCS)  
Jan Marshall (SG)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>Action</b>
	RM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b>	
	Minutes of the previous meeting on 9 June 2015 were agreed. Outstanding matters arising were discussed during the meeting.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Working Groups – Update on Progress</b>	
3.1	<b>Generating Evidence and Promoting Improvement- EJ</b>	
3.1.1	EJ spoke about the work of the group on behalf of Alyson Evans. The final version of Practice Guidance using the new CHIP branding was presented to the group for approval and permission to publish. Permission was given after some general discussion.	RM to take guidance to Minister for decision on how to promote it. Will revert back to December meeting with this decision. Partners will be given notice when they can send it out.
3.1.2	JD reminded the group that there had been discussion at the previous meeting suggesting that logos from all partner organisations be added to the guidance.	Partners to send logos to EJ and he will take this forward.
3.1.3	SE told the group she is working to ensure there is representation from Health on each group.	SE will follow up finding a health representative for the GEIP group.
3.2	<b>Getting It Right in the Hearings System – MS</b>	
3.2.1	MS presented three papers to the group. He was happy for	Non-Disclosure

<p>3.2.2</p> <p>3.2.3</p>	<p>partner's logos to be added to the non-disclosure paper.</p> <p><b>MG</b> informed the group that the GIRFEC Statutory guidance will be issued in draft form in early November. There was discussion about the differences between the terms well-being and welfare. <b>MG</b> will ensure the Guidance clarifies what is meant by the term well-being.</p> <p>There was further discussion around the possibility of an additional meeting in January for partners to discuss the alignment of GIRFEC and Children's Hearings.</p>	<p>paper will be added to December agenda for fuller discussion – <b>CD</b></p> <p><b>DT</b> will organise a date at the end of January 2016 to hold the GIRFEC event. <b>MG and MS</b> to lead on this.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Justice Strategy</b></p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<p><b>DD</b> thanked those partners who had provided input into the Youth Justice Strategy. He outlined what he hoped the Strategy would achieve. He also spoke about the new Youth Justice Improvement Board which is modelled in CHIP and is due to meet for the first time later this month. <b>RM</b> felt it is important for CHIP to have a formal link to this new group.</p>	<p><b>DD and CL</b> will be the link between CHIP and the YJIB</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Participation Charter and Advocacy</b></p>	
<p>5.1</p>	<p><b>TM</b> and <b>DT</b> have been having conversations with colleagues on the Participation Charter. The group then discussed the way forward with this work.</p>	<p>The Tri-partite group will continue the discussions on the Charter and come back to the December CHIP who will then</p>

5.2	<b>GH</b> will be carrying out research on what makes a good hearing. She will be starting focus group discussions in November and hopes to report back to the CHIP meeting in March.	decide on the way forward.
5.3	<b>TM</b> gave the group a short update on the progress of the ongoing advocacy research projects.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Report on Permanence Decisions in the Hearings System</b>	
6.1	<b>BR</b> and <b>GH</b> introduced the report SCRA had produced looking at permanence decisions. It highlighted areas of concern and some areas of improvement. <b>RM</b> felt this was such an important issue there should be a work stream set up with partners, including SCRA, CHS and SWS, to support improvement and look to the future.	<b>KH</b> will support this workstream and speak to interested partners who include NH, BM, JD and LD. EB will speak to her colleagues in SCS to nominate a representative from there too. Report back to December CHIP.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Benefits Realisation Paper</b>	
7.1	<b>RM</b> explained the paper was not finalised in time to present to CHIP.	The final version of the paper will be sent out in the next few weeks.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Working Groups –update on progress (cont)</b>	
	<b>Learning &amp; Development/Raising Awareness across the Hearings System – JM</b>	
8.1	<b>JM</b> informed partners about the progress of the L&D group. They have been looking at establishing a clear vision for the hearings system – going back to the Kilbrandon core fundamentals and trying to bring back the humanity of the system. This was a theme echoed by many of the partners during the discussions of the day.	
8.2	<b>KS</b> explained her plans for the scoping exercise looking at delivery models for the L&D programme.	<b>JM</b> will write to partners confirming that

		<b>KS</b> will be contacting them to discuss scoping exercise. <b>KS</b> will bring back her draft framework to December CHIP for final discussion.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Update on Work of Tri-Partite Group</b>	
9.1	<b>NH</b> spoke to the Minutes of the last meeting. He outlined the outcome of the separate Round Table meeting which he had chaired involving some of the partner organisations. He felt the group could be used as a mechanism for formulating a single vision/direction for the system looking to the future	Round Table Group will report back to CHIP in March 2016 after its next meeting.
<b>10.</b>	<b>SCRA's Report on Child Protection Orders</b>	
10.1	<b>GH</b> discussed the findings of her report and this led to further group discussion.	<b>GH</b> will look at the possibility of getting a breakdown of the schools children subject to CPOs and send it to <b>PD</b> .
10.2	<b>PD</b> spoke about the value of seeing a breakdown of CPO's by school or catchment area.	
10.3	<b>RM</b> emphasised the need for partners to take such reports back to their organisations and consider how they will take on board and address their findings.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>SCRA's Report into Deferred Hearings</b>	
11.1	<b>KM</b> from SCRA outlined the findings of her quality assurance paper looking at deferred hearings. <b>RM</b> felt it is important that partners take this report to their organisations and let them see it as it could lead to improvements in this area.	<b>NH</b> will consider parts of this report as part of the discussions of the Round Table Group.
<b>12.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
12.1	<b>MB</b> said the Non-Disclosure pilot in NW Glasgow is ongoing and there is not a lot to report at this time. Some slight improvements in some areas.	
12.2	<b>JD</b> explained the SLAB research was proceeding well and she would report back further in due course.	

12.3	<b>RM</b> discussed the development of a CHIP website which the group agreed should be taken forward.	<b>DT</b> will take this forward in conjunction with CHS and SCRA.
12.4	<b>CD</b> will look at dates for CHIP meetings in 2016	
12.5	There was discussion about Scotland's response to the refugee crisis. <b>PM</b> and <b>PD</b> spoke about the role Police Scotland and Education Scotland may have to play and this led to wider discussion about what the other organisations may need to consider for their organisations potential future role.	<b>CD</b> will circulate UK Government document on refugee crisis to group.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 1 December 2015 – 10.00am – 1.00pm James Watt A, Atlantic Quay, Glasgow	