



Briefing Sheet 2 – Autumn 2018

Introduction:

This is the second of our quarterly briefing sheets to help members communicate and disseminate key messages from the CHIP with their colleagues.

Members are asked to please distribute this briefing sheet via email or via their staff intranets. It is also available on the CHIP website.

This briefing sheet gives a flavour of discussions/actions at the CHIP meeting on 13 September. The full minutes will be approved, then available after the December meeting on the CHIP website.

September meeting – highlights

- CHIP will engage with the Minister for Children and Young People, Maree Todd, MSP with a view to her attending the next CHIP in December 2018.
- CHIP agreed to a future “Complexity & Home Supervision” event hosted by SCRA on 2/11/18. This event will look at what lessons for policy and practice, change and improvement we need to take from these key pieces of evidence and progress these on a partnership basis
- Learning and Development programme continues to work on the development of new materials (presently the “Role of the solicitor” is being produced) - it is the intention to deliver to all participants within a Hearing (see section on roles & responsibilities on the CHIP website).
- Our Hearings Our Voice is now actively recruiting young people to become directly involved in, influence and improve the work of the Hearing system in Scotland. CHIP members were encouraged to promote Our Hearings Our Voice, including the recent promotional material for member recruitment.

June minutes approved

The minutes of the meeting on 12 June 2018 were approved. You can view them [here](#).



Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership

CHIP sub groups – an update

Better Hearings sub group

This group is the successor to the CHS/SCRA and Social Work Scotland Tripartite group which had done a great deal to ensure effective delivery of the 2011 Childrens Hearings legislation. The Better Hearings group is charged with overseeing the delivery of Better Hearings programme across Scotland and heard about the high levels of energy and commitment already in evidence amongst partners across the country. Most areas are focussing on key priorities such as:

- Improving the quality of reports to the Childrens Hearing including how children young people and their families can have their views much more visible.
- Ensuring supportive Pre-Hearing visits are offered to each young person before their Hearing in order to reduce anxiety and improve confidence and understanding.
- Improving written reasons of panel members so that they are more understandable and accessible.

[Group membership – you can see who is on the group here. If you have suggestions about who else could make a positive contribution we would be very happy to hear from you](#)

[Minutes from 27 August 2018 – you can see what our first meeting focussed on here](#)

Our work plan is being developed now and will be widely posted when in draft form.)

If you have any questions about the Better Hearings sub group, please contact Neil Hunter - neil.hunter@scra.gsi.gov.uk

Policy and Action Scanning sub group –

[Terms of Reference](#)

[Agreed workplan](#)

[Sub Group membership](#)

(Minutes will be available shortly)

If you have any questions about the Policy Action and Scanning sub group, please contact Malcolm Schaffer – Malcolm.schaffer@scra.gsi.gov.uk



Our Hearings, Our Voice

Jacqui Dunbar, Development Worker for Our Hearings, Our Voice, gave a detailed update to the CHIP. She advised that the drive to recruit the first group of Our Hearings, Our Voice (OHOV) Board Members got underway on 3 September.

The campaign to recruit 12 Board Members for the new board for the Children's Hearings System will run until 1 October 2018.

The Board, which will report to the CHIP, will meet for the first time later this year.

Information about the campaign is available on the OHOV mini website which currently sits on the CHIP website. You can find out more [here](#).

Jacqui will continue to provide updates to the CHIP as OHOV develops.

Any questions???

If you have any questions about the work of the CHIP, please contact your organisation's representative or alternatively contact [Peter Imrie](#) at the Scottish Government.

What we need from you

Please promote the work of CHIP within your own teams, workplaces and your organisations, send links to your external partners to improve the exciting reform and improvement agenda happening in Children's Hearings across Scotland – and last but not least, please think about you can contribute to this important and meaningful work.

