



Briefing Sheet 4 – Summer 2019

Introduction:

This is the fourth 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 10 June. The full minutes will be approved, then available after the next meeting on the [CHIP website](#).

June meeting – key areas of discussion

- Better Hearings work continues apace. Read on for more detail.
 - Home CSO research
 - Multi agency learning events
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March minutes approved

The minutes of the meeting on 4 March 2019 were approved. You can view them [here](#).

Better Hearings

- The draft Better Hearings progress report was presented to CHIP.
- The progress report provides a summary of activity that had been going on locally, it details a number of case studies demonstrating areas of improvement or creative working across and aligned to the 8 cluster groups from the Better Hearings Standard.
- The report highlighted areas of good practice as well as issues/challenges faced. There are a number of recommendations around governance – planning and reporting structures, accountability etc.



Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership

- CHIP acknowledged the report and the enterprising nature of the work that partners have taken on.
- CHIP is encouragement around the work at both a local and national level.
- CHIP challenged members to consider how to scale up and cross fertilise good practice and improvement and how to evaluate the impact of the work – including meaningfully work with children and young people to achieve this.
- CHIP asked that the final report be broken down/summarised for differing audiences
- CHIP agreed that it would be helpful going forward for Better Hearings plans to be integrated into Children's services plans and follow a similar reporting mechanism

Home Compulsory Supervision Order CSO Research

- CHIP will publish the home CSO research this summer
- CHIP agreed it was very impactful work – launch and seminars in the autumn

Multi agency learning events – linked to Better Hearings

- Phase 1 of multi-agency learning complete with excellent feedback from the attendees, looking to scale learning up – working on 'train the trainer' model with local practitioners.
- Discussion in the CHIP around how members ensure that training is not 'diluted' through this model and also support for the need to 'control' the materials so that when issued they were being used to facilitate training and not as the training themselves.
- It was suggested that there be an 'expectation' that multi agency groups set to deliver Better Hearings should undertake the training from the learning modules.

Other business

CHIP congratulated Elliot Jackson on his recent appointment at National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland and acknowledged the outstanding contribution to Children's Hearings by the current National Convener Boyd McAdam.

Any questions???

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