



Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership Meeting Monday 9 September 2019

Attendees:

Lesley Sheppard (SG) Chair – LS
Tom McNamara (SG) – TM
Iain Fitheridge (SG) – IF
Catherine Dowe (SG) – CD
Craig Milne (SG) – CM
Shona Spence (SG) - SS
Jacqui Dunbar (OHOV) – JD
Bryan Evans (Children 1st) – BE
Rod Finan (Chief Social Work Officer's Office) – RF
Joanne McMeeking (CELCIS) – JM
Lisa Bennett (SCRA) – LB
Gillian Henderson (SCRA) – GH
Indiya Kurlus (SCRA) - IK
Karyn Shields on behalf of Kate Rocks (Social Work Scotland) – KS
Alistair Hogg (SCRA) – AH
Helen Etchells (SCRA) - HE
Elliot Jackson (CHS) – EJ
Boyd McAdam (CHS) – BM
Jackie McRae (CHS) – JM
Liz Cuschieri (SLAB) – LC
John Urquhart (COSLA) – JU
Janine McCullough (Education Scotland) – JMc
Lex Baillie (Police Scotland) – L/B
Steve Collins (Glasgow HSCP) – SC
Lynsey Smith (Includem) – L/S
Kirsten Hogg (Barnardo's) – KH

Apologies:

Liz Murdoch (SG) – LM
Fiona Dyer (CYCJ) – FD
Neil Hunter (SCRA) – NH
Gordon Brechin (SCRA) – GB
Michael Chalmers (SG) – MC
Kyrsten Buist (COPFS) – KB
Jane O'Donnell, CYP Chief Officer – JO
Mark Allison (The Law Society of Scotland) – MA
Matte Forde (CCPS) – MF
Elaine Adams (CHIP L&D lead) – EA
Susan Orr (SWS) – SO
Marie-Louise Fox (SLAB) – MLF
Pauline Stephen (Angus City Council) – PS

	Action:
<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and pointed out that this meeting would have a slightly different format than usual. There would be a short update about CHIP work but the main focus would be a deep thematic discussion on the Home Compulsory Supervision Order's (HCSO) Research recently completed by SCRA on behalf of CHIP and the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Apologies noted above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of 10 June 2019 and matters arising</p> <p>The Minutes from the June meeting were agreed. Most actions complete with three outstanding –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No has yet volunteered to be part of a group working across CHIP and YJIB. • TM, LB and EA to meet to discuss alignment between Better Hearings and Independent Care Review. LS said that this was more likely to be an ongoing process once the Care Review made its recommendations. • The discussion about the future structure of CHIP has now been moved to the December meeting. 	<p>Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Iain Fitheridge</p>
<p>3. Update on CHIP work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Hearings – Work is progressing well and LB sent all members a copy of the progress report prior to this meeting. • Policy Scanning – IF will be taking over a Chair of this workstream with Melissa Hunt from SCRA acting as his deputy. He will be organising a meeting soon to discuss remit and membership. • BME Workstream – Rosie Megginson from CHS chairs this group. Its aim is to help the hearings system better meet the needs of black and ethnic minority families. • CHS Recruitment Campaign – This is ongoing and running well. CHS learnt from the experience of last year and this campaign has been received much more positively. They expect a last minute rush of applications as is usual. 	<p>Members to send any comments/suggestions to LB by end of next week so they can be incorporated into the final draft.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACR – The Age of Criminal responsibility Advisory Group met for the first time on 26 August. There will be regular feedback to CHIP as their work progresses. • Advocacy – Work is progressing well. Louise Piaskowski has joined the team and will work with Pam Semple on implementation. • OHOV – The First Minister is meeting with the young people on Saturday 14 September 2019. JD has asked whether those CHIP members who have yet to send a photo and short profile could do so as soon as possible. 	<p>Members to send a photo and short profile to JD for the OHOV website.</p>
<p>4. Practice and Procedure Manual for Panel Members</p> <p>JM gave a short presentation on the new Practice and Procedure Manual CHS has designed for Panel Member training. The new resource is digital and downloadable. Feedback from testers has been very positive so far.</p>	
<p>5. Welcome to Workshop</p> <p>TM welcomed everyone to the workshop and outlined the plans for the rest of the time. He also took time to recognise the work of Dr Paul Rogon who had led on this research for two years before his tragic death earlier this year.</p>	
<p>5. Welcome to Workshop</p> <p>GH then gave a presentation outlining the research and highlighting many of the main findings. She explained that the research had been requested as a result of criticism of Home CSO's and doubts about their effectiveness. Home CSO's are unique to Scotland and are the most common type of CSO made. It was felt it was important to examine whether these criticisms were justified and to find out once and for all whether they worked. The research identified a lot of positives and found a lot of support for them among those they interviewed who are involved in the Hearings System. The conclusion is that Home CSO's have an integral place in child protection. They can also have a useful role in regulating contact and residence, and in helping young people and families get the support they need. Home CSOs can be said to support the 'minimal intervention' principle of the Hearings System, and the 'proportionality' principle and right to family life of the European Convention of Human Rights.</p>	

<p>The researchers also developed a really useful and effective wellbeing tool for measuring outcomes which could be adapted for use by Panel Members in the future.</p> <p>The members broke into four groups to discuss four specific themes arising from the research –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interventions 2. Celebrating Success 3. Care Planning 4. Contact and Residence 	
<p>6. Round up</p> <p>TM asked that each table send their outputs to CD and we will try to get them out to the whole group as soon as possible.</p> <p>TM also wanted to mention this was Boyd McAdam's last CHIP and to recognise his contribution to CHIP and the wider hearings community.</p>	<p>Tables to send a summary of their discussion points to CD</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was discussed and meeting was adjourned.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: 2 December 2019, Conference Room 1, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh</p>	