



EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE: 8 MARCH 2011

ENGAGING WITH THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To set out the arrangements for Providers Forums to support the engagement, consultation and partnership work that the Community Health Partnership's Officer Locality Group for Children and Young People (OLG), and the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee (EACPC) wish to progress.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The arrangements set out in this paper have been previously endorsed by the Officer Locality Group Children and Young People at a meeting on 25 August 2010. Terms of reference for the Communities of Interest were subsequently agreed at the OLG meeting of 16 November 2010.
- 2.2 An event took place on 10 June 2010 where Providers, were asked to vote for their preferred model of involvement. The Providers voted for their involvement to be structured around communities of interest of which three were identified.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The engagement with Providers will be structured around the 3 communities of interest that they identified. They are as follows:
- Children and Young People's support services: including Advocacy, Youth Support, Addictions, Mental Health, Employment, Disability services
 - Corporate Parenting: Fostering, External Children's Homes, Residential schools
 - Early Education, Child Care and Play services.
- 3.2 The Forums will each meet 3 times per year with one of those meetings being a joint meeting of all the three forums. This joint meeting would be hosted jointly by the Officer Locality Group Children and Young People and the EACPC.

- 3.3 The Early years Forum is chaired by Dorothy McAvoy Assistant Principal Officer (Early Education and Childcare) and the Corporate Parenting and Support Service Forums will be chaired by Lynn Macpherson, Commissioning and Review Manager. Operational support from the Social Work Children and Families service will be provided by Celia Gray, Senior Manager to the Support Service Forum and by Jim Lyon Senior Manager to the Corporate Parenting Forum.
- 3.4 The remit of all the groups is to ensure involvement in children's service planning, promotion of information sharing, contributing to consultation exercises, sharing of good practice and partnership working. The remit and proposed membership of the three Communities of Interest are attached at appendices 1, 2 and 3.
- 3.5 The minutes of all the Communities of Interest groups will be available to both the CPC and OLG and Community Forum Chairs will provide an update to the Chairs of CPC and OLG after each meeting. Permission is required from the CPC on whether the full minute of the EACPC and associated presentations can be shared with the Communities or whether a modified minute will be distributed.
- 3.6 Membership of Communities will fluctuate as relationships with providers develop and end over time, particularly where spot purchases are made. The remit will be finalised and agreed at the initial meeting of Communities. It is possible that the Corporate parenting Community will evolve into an email group due to the distances and logistics involved in people congregating for meetings.
- 3.7 The Early Education, Childcare and Play Community has met twice, and these early discussions have focused on establishing the group and developing an understanding of Children's Services planning structures and key priorities.

4. CONCLUSION

The Child Protection Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the content of this report;
- (ii) endorse the proposals detailed in section 3;
- (iii) provide guidance on minutes and presentations that can be shared with the Forum's.

Susan Taylor
Chair of East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee
4 March 2011

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Role and Remit of Group (Draft)

INTRODUCTION

This group will provide the opportunity for Providers who work in partnership with East Ayrshire Council and its partners, to come together to discuss children's service planning issues in relation to their services.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community of Interest will be to engage independent sector providers in children's service planning, to share information and reduce duplication of work between the Council, its partners and providers. The group will:

- Keep group members up to date with children's services planning processes and issues.
- Keep the Community Health Partnership Officer Locality Group: Children and Young People up to date with the development and working of the group.
- Work in partnership to share information and maintain local and national targets
- Keep up to date on topical issues and invite relevant presentations
- Inform local/national strategies
- Sharing good practice and training opportunities where relevant and practicable
- Participate in relevant consultation exercises

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group will be open to independent sector providers of children and young people's support services which are in a contractual arrangement with the Council to deliver a service within East Ayrshire or for East Ayrshire children.

Personnel from the Commissioning Team and Planning and Development Team will be permanent members of the group. Other personnel from the Council and its partners will be invited to attend as and when required.

Where members represent an organisation, a network or forum they should ensure they have their constituent members authority to speak on their behalf and will be responsible for providing feeding back.

FREQUENCY

The frequency of the meeting will be every three months

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- East Ayrshire Council will convene and chair the meetings.
- Minutes will be taken of the proceedings and members notified when these are available on the Community Planning Partnership web pages.

- The members will agree the minute, which will be provided to the CHP – Officer Locality Group: Children and Young People, Child Protection committee
- Relevant Officer Locality sub group minutes will be made available
- A member of the group will be designated to deputise in the absence of the Chairperson.

Children & Young People's Support Services Forum

Proposed Membership

CSV Volunteering Partners

East Ayrshire Advocacy Services

East Ayrshire Carers Centre

Family Mediation (West) Ayrshire

Hansel Foundation

Lisalanna- Action for Children

East Ayrshire Turning the Corner- Action for Children

Quarrier's Steps and Stages

SACRO

The Lighthouse Foundation

The Zone

Turning Point Scotland

Who Cares Scotland

Women's Aid

Barnardo's- North West Youth project, Axis Project, Families Project

Yipworld

Rape Counselling

Stepping Stones for Families

Blue Triangle

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group will be open to independent sector providers of corporate parenting services which are in a contractual arrangement with the Council to deliver a service within East Ayrshire or for East Ayrshire children.

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Corporate Parenting Services Forum

Proposed Membership

East Park School,

Corseford Residential & Respite School,

Care Visions,

Curo Salus

Barnardos,

NFA,

Foster Plus,

Moorhouse,

Daldorch,

FCA,

Harmeny,

JMT Fostering

Wings Residential school,

SWIS,

Spark of Genius,

St Phillips,

ISSC – Action for Children,

New Struan School,

Camphill,

St Mary's

Appendix 3

EARLY EDUCATION, CHILDCARE and PLAY

ROLE AND REMIT OF GROUP

INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community of Interest will be to engage independent sector providers in children's service planning including strategic issues relating to the protection of children, to share information and reduce duplication of work between the Council, its partners and providers. The group will:

- Keep group members up to date and discuss with children's services and Child Protection Committee issues
- Keep the Community Health Partnership Officer Locality Group: Children and Young People up to date with issues from a partner perspective
- Work in partnership to share information and maintain local and national targets
- Keep up to date on topical issues and invite relevant presentations
- Inform local/national strategies and policies
- Sharing good practice and training opportunities where relevant and practicable
- Participate in relevant consultation exercises

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group will be open to independent sector providers of early education, childcare, play and family support services which are in a contractual arrangement or in receipt of grant funding with the Council or its planning partners to deliver a service within East Ayrshire or for East Ayrshire children.

Personnel from Early Education and Childcare will support the group. Other personnel from the Council and its partners will be invited to attend as and when required.

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Early Education and Childcare

Membership

Dean Park Nursery

Fenwick Pre-5 Centre

Hurlford & Crookedholm Playgroup

Newmilns Nursery & Pre-5 Centre

Puddleducks Nursery

St Columba's Nursery

Woodlands Nursery

Beechwood

Burns Bairns

Yipworld

The Zone Initiative

Crosshouse Out of School Care Service

Bellfield Out of School Care

Galleon Leisure Centre*

Greenmill Out of School Service

Lainshaw Lions Out of School Care

Rascals Out of School Care Service

PEACE Childcare Ltd

Home-Start East Ayrshire

Riccarton Pre-5 Group

The Avenue Childcare Services