

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

CHP FORUM – 15 DECEMBER 2010 ENGAGING WITH THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE ROLE AND REMIT OF GROUP

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 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.

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 three times a year

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
- 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