



# Children and Young Person's Sub-group Meeting

## Minutes

Meeting to be held on 12 September 2016  
At 9 North Guildry Street, Elgin

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**Chair: Susan MacLaren – Head of Integrated Children's Services**

**Present:**

Tracey Gervaise	Health & Wellbeing Lead (NHS)
Susan Stronach	Partnership Officer - GIRFEC (TMC)
George Flett	Service Manager – (Aberlour Child Care Trust)
Paul Johnson	Lead Officer – (MADP)

**Apologies:**

Kev McPherson	Partnership Development Officer (TMC)
Alan Johnstone	Senior Social Worker MYJ & CPT (TMC)

**Minutes:**

Louise McKenzie	Support Team Administrator
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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising**

**Alcohol Foetal Awareness Day – 9 September 2016**

Initial verbal feedback from the day is positive. 118 people attended.

Formal feedback will be written up and circulated shortly.

Susan informed the group that there were good points made from the workshops and Anne Pendery has got all the information.

**TSi Moray**

Paul advised that he has just received the Business Plan and Performance Report from TSi and has still to read them and is therefore not in a position to give comments at the moment.

**Quality Principles – Self Evaluation**

Formal feedback has not been received from the Scottish Government as yet on the Self Evaluation. However informal feedback given is that there are no surprises and Scottish Government are pleased that Moray is already taking forward areas identified for improvement.

**Inspection of Children's Services**

Susan MacLaren gave the group an update on where they are at with the Inspection of Children's Services and advised the Inspectors will be back on 3 October. Informal feedback

from the inspection is expected around 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> October and a formal report is expected by January 2017.

Paul asked if there is anything else the MADP can do to help support the process but Susan advised there wasn't.

### 3. **Feedback from Workforce Development Sub-group**

Paul gave the group feedback from the Workforce Development Sub-group meeting held on 29 August 2016.

- Kirstie Wallace is to be replaced on the Early Years Sub-group and the short life working group by David Millar, Locality Wellbeing Officer for Speyside and Milnes.
- Joyce Lorimer is the new Chair for the Workforce Development Sub-group.
- Joyce Lorimer is going to discuss having someone more senior to represent young people at the Workforce Development Sub-group. Susan suggested Susan Stronach as she has wider strategic links.
- Paul advised we need to ensure balance between children and families and adult services.
- Tracey Gervaise informed she would speak with Elaine Schiavone to see if she able to attend the sub-group.

### 4. **Briefing from Kirstie Wallace, Locality Wellbeing Officer**

Paul read out an email received from Kirstie Wallace and will circulate it to the group via email.

### 5. **Child Neglect**

Child Neglect is a priority for both Children's Services and the Scottish Government.

Drug and Alcohol can be a factor in child neglect and we need to look at how Children and Adult Services can work together to gain the best outcome for children and young people. It was suggested a conference be held next year covering Child Poverty and Maltreatment. Build this into an improvement plan after the Children's Inspection. Susan informed that Brigid Daniel, Social Work Professor, University of Stirling is currently working on a neglect survey and we could see about asking her to attend our conference next year.

It was suggested that we have a distinct focus group for child neglect with voices from Early Years Sub-group, Early Years Strategy Group, and Child Protection Team to ensure the work has a broader focus.

#### **Action**

- Susan will put as an item on the Early Year's Strategy Group to take forward.
- Put Child Neglect on Early Year's Sub-group as a standing item. (LM)

### 6. **Low Risk Drinking Guidelines**

Paul advised that he is awaiting the final work from Aberdeen City and will distribute to the group once received. He informed the document looks informative and readable.

#### **Action**

Inform TSi Moray of the new low risk drinking guidelines.

### 7. **NPS**

A copy of the NPS briefing Paul had prepared based on work done in Aberdeen and modified for Moray was given to members around the table.

The briefing contains lots of links and relevant information. A short discussion took place around how best to promote this document. It was agreed it should be a web based document

as it would be easier to keep up to date on the MADP website. It was also agreed that the link to this document could be added to the partnership hub bulletin, ICS website and the schools bulletin.

| 8. **AOCB**  
None.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**  
**Monday 28 November 2016, 9.30am in 9 North Guildry Street, Elgin**