



## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP**

Minute of virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership held on Thursday 8 April 2021 at 11.00am.

**Present:** Councillor J Duff, PKC  
Councillor J Rebbeck, PKC  
S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), PKC  
S Johnston, Head of Education and Learning, PKC  
J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) and Chief Social Work Officer, PKC  
H Robertson, Head of Services for Children, Young People and Families, Perth and Kinross Council.  
Chief Inspector G Binnie, Police Scotland  
K Pacholek, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration

**In Attendance:** R Drummon,; P Davison and L Brown (all PKC).

**Apologies:** Councillor C Shiers; B Renton (PKC); B Atkinson, Independent Chair of Child Protection Committee and Dr Knight (NHS Tayside).

S Devlin in the Chair

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

S Devlin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted and noted as above.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership of 4 December 2020 was submitted and noted as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the word "no" before the words systemic deficiencies in the third paragraph of Item 6.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(i) Community Mental Health Funding (Item 7 refers)**

J Pepper advised that the plan for community mental health funding had been submitted to Scottish Government. The start-up funding which came through in 2021 has been carried over into 2021/22.

**(ii) Impact of Lockdown on Youths in the Community (Item 8 refers)**

G Binnie and J Pepper advised of discussions which have taken place across services for young people, community safety, third sector and police colleagues in relation to the impact of the lockdown on youths in the community and instances of antisocial behaviour. The aim is to offer a series of activities, actions and opportunities for young people in the evenings, weekends and during school holidays. The activities will be targeted at the 12 to 17 year age group and will be supported in a safe and purposeful way.

An action plan is under development and funding will be built around the plan. J Pepper advised a range of partners will be required to support this work.

The Partnership noted that an update will be brought back to a future meeting once a strategy and series of actions has been developed.  
**(Action JP)**

**5. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE BUSINESS ACTIVITY REPORT SINCE 4 DECEMBER 2020**

There was submitted a report by B Atkinson, Independent Chair of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) (G/21/28) summarising the key business activities of the CPC since December 2020.

J Pepper advised that the Care Inspectorate has approached the CPC to describe the approach taken in relation to conducting initial case reviews and also in the context of the Tayside-wide research.

The Partnership agreed:

- (i) To note and endorse the update on the business activity of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee as detailed in Report G/21/28)

**6. CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP EVENT – FEEDBACK REPORT**

There was submitted a report (G/21/29) updating the Partnership on the workshop event which took place on 19 February 2021 setting the priorities and direction for the Partnership's joint work across children's services from 2021 and over the next 2 to 3 years.

Partners were advised that similar events were held in Dundee and Angus. The key messages from those 3 events will be collated and reflected in the next Joint Integrated Children's Services Plan. J Pepper added that the workshop had provided an opportunity to consider the findings of the Independent Care Review and the Promise. She suggested now is the time for the Partnership to review what is being reported in terms of performance and outcomes and use the information in the Promise report to redirect the work.

S Devlin confirmed that the Joint Integrated Children's Services Plan will be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership for comment prior to its adoption.

R Drummond confirmed that the relevant outcomes from the workshop, as they relate to child protection, will be reflected in the new Improvement Plan for the CPC which will be published in due course.

The Partnership:

- (i) Noted the information as set out in Report (G/21/29)

## **7. PROTECTING PEOPLE – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer, Perth and Kinross Council (G/21/19) providing (1) an update on the revised arrangements of the Public Protection Chief Officers Group from November 2020, and (2) advising of the establishment of the Protecting People Coordinating Group from January 2021.

J Pepper advised that the Chief Officers Group had approved new terms of reference and a Protecting People Partnership Model for public protection with the aim of building on the lessons for governance learnt during the pandemic and to strengthen collaboration across the public protection agenda to ensure that cross-cutting themes are identified and managed.

The Partnership:

- (i) Noted the revised terms of reference for the Chief Officers Group and the new Protecting People Partnership Model for Perth and Kinross as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report G/21/19)
- (ii) Noted the establishment of the Protection People Coordinating Group.
- (iii) A core group of Partners be identified to undertake a review of the Partnership's terms of reference, the composition of its membership and options for the rotation of the role of Partnership Chair.

## **8. THEMATIC APPROACH TO PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services, Perth and Kinross Council (G/21/30) outlining the thematic reporting plan for performance/outcome information focused on the first of the themes, namely Health and Child Development for consideration and scrutiny by the Partnership. P Davidson advised that due to the COVID response there were some gaps in the data as reported.

In response to a question from Councillor Duff, P Davison advised the data reported on the proportion of P1 pupils not meeting specific milestones by gender had been consistent year on year since the data was first gathered in 2016. S Devlin suggested there was a need to share information gathered timeously and in real time. This did not just relate to schools but also in relation to information on the interventions that health visitors and school nurses undertake when they see the data coming through from the 13 to 15 months and 27 to 28 months stages.

S Johnston advised that her team look for patterns in the 13 to 15 month reviews and would hope that intervention would take place at the earliest point to see those differences. It is not possible from the information reported to determine what percentage of reviews that could have taken place have taken place as this is not measured. She advised that talks have taken place with health colleagues on the number of health visitor reviews undertaken and stressed that the focus for children in Perth and Kinross should be that these are taking place in good time.

In terms of developmental milestones S Johnston reported some worrying data is coming through and that there is anecdotal evidence of real concerns from health partners of the impact on mothers who have had babies in 2020 who have not been able to socialise their children in the way they would normally do such as meeting with other mums and going to play groups. Much of the targeted support for parents has been undertaken online due to COVID and that will have a major impact on babies and young children's ability to be socialised.

The Partnership:

(i) Noted the information as set out in Appendices to Report G/21/30.

## **9. DATES OF MEETING 2021**

Members agreed to the following dates for meetings the Children, Young People and Families Partnership in 2021;

5 March 2021

18 June 2021

17 September 2021

3 December 2021

## **10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There was no other business for discussion.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Partnership noted the next meeting would be held on Friday 17 September 2021.