



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP

Minute of virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Partnership held on Friday 3 December 2021 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillor C Shiers, PKC
Councillor J Duff, 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.
B Atkinson, Independent Chair of Child Protection Committee (up to and including Item 6)
J Cunningham, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
L Sharkey, Chief Midwife, Women Children and Families Division, NHS Tayside

In Attendance: R Drummond; J Chiles and A Taylor (all PKC).

Apologies: Councillor J Rebbeck; and S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), PKC

J Pepper in the Chair

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J Pepper welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed to Chair in S Devlin's absence. 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 18 June 2021 was submitted and noted as a correct record subject to the following revisals:-

- (i) inclusion of a full-stop after 'approach' on line 3 in the second paragraph of Item 6(i).
- (ii) deletion of 'Education and Children's Services' and inclusion of 'Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative' in the first paragraph of Item 6(ii).

4. MATTERS ARISING

Youth Engagement Team (Item 4 refers)

H Robertson advised that the Youth Engagement Team had been very successful over the summer period and remains fully operational on Friday and Saturday evenings. She also advised that the continuation of this work is being considered until end of March 2022 if a funding solution can be found. She further advised that Scott Street will remain available to young people throughout the Christmas and new year period-

5. BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF THE PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

There was submitted a report by the Independent Chair of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (G/21/153) providing a summary of the key business activities of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) since the last update report was submitted to the Children, Young People and Families Partnership (CYPFP) on 17 September 2021.

B Atkinson referenced the change to the national guidance for learning reviews and advised that the CPC were advanced in adopting the new model across Perth and Kinross.

L Sharkey also advised the Group that there had been some new national guidance recently released covering maternity and neonatal adverse event review processes for Scotland and offered to circulate a copy of the new guidance to the Group following the meeting.

Councillor Shiers made reference to the amount of change that is currently happening within the system and across the workforce and queried the arrangements in place to make sure that everybody is up to date and up to speed on the changes coming. In response, B Atkinson confirmed this was a challenge and one of the main things that will be required to be done is to update all our guidance which will be a significant piece of work, he also confirmed that the CPC continues to be well supported by the Council's Corporate Communications Team who assist with the distribution of information via newsletters etc.

The Partnership:

- (i) Noted and endorsed the contents of Report G/21/153.

6. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2020/21

There was submitted a report by the Independent Chair of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (G/21/154) describing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, young people, and families, how performance has been maintained, and how services and agencies have successfully adapted, and also confirming that the CPC continues to focus on

learning and improvement and has prepared a programme of improvement work for 2021 and beyond.

The Standards and Quality Report is published by the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee, in compliance with Scottish Government guidance. The Standards and Quality Report for the academic year 2020-2021 provides an overview of the key activities and work of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee to protect children and young people from harm, abuse and exploitation.

B Atkinson advised the report identifies changes, challenges and improvements and through the improvement plan there is now a clear route map for the activity that will be required to be carried out through the Practice Sub-Group that leads on our self-evaluation and improvement. He further advised this would be a rolling programme of self-evaluation and improvement and not just a one-off activity, but a consistent theme and approach developed throughout the year.

The Partnership:

- (i) Noted the wide range of work carried out by Perth and Kinross Council, and partners through the Child Protection Committee, to provide high quality services to protect children and young people, in particular the high level commitment to continuous improvement through self-evaluation.
- (ii) Endorsed the contents of this report and the Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2020-2021 and the contents of the CPC Improvement Plan 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2023.

B ATKINSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

7. THEMATIC APPROACH TO PERFORMANCE REPORTING

There was submitted a report (G/21/155) by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services), concluding the sixth year of thematic reporting for performance/outcome information focused on children, young peoples and families; and (2) setting out a suite of information focused on contextual and inequalities information, for consideration and scrutiny by the Partnership

In summarising the report, J Chiles highlighted to members that Perth and Kinross has relatively low levels of deprivation in comparison to Scotland as a whole, he also advised that there was an on-going reduction nationally in teenage pregnancy rates and with specific regards to Perth and Kinross we continue to be towards the bottom end of the comparator scales.

J Pepper made reference to the Child Poverty Action Report and stated that it would be the intention that this be an agenda item brought to a future meeting of this Partnership.

R Drummond advised that PKAVS Young Carer's Hub were currently supporting 323 young carers and had 69 on a waiting list for a Young Carers Assessment as of 31 July 2021. In response, H Robertson subsequently

confirmed that this number had now been reduced to 59 on the list and contact had been with all and that individual support work will commence once staff are in place later this month and into January 2022.

J Pepper confirmed it was her intention that a comprehensive report on Young Carers would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership in March 2022 ensuring that PKAVS as a major provider for supporting young carers was involved in its preparation.

The Partnership:

(i) Noted the information as set out Report G/21/155.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

9. DATES OF MEETING 2022

Members agreed to the following dates for meetings the Children, Young People and Families Partnership in 2022;

Friday 4 March 2022 at 10.00am

Friday 17 June 2022 at 10.00am

Friday 16 September 2022 at 10.00am

Friday 2 December 2022 at 10.00am