

**ANGUS CHILDREN'S SERVICES EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009
IN ROBERT PEAT'S OFFICE, ST MARGARET'S HOUSE, FORFAR**

Present:

Robert Peat, Director of Social Work and Health (Chair)	Angus Council
Neil Logue, Acting Director of Education	Angus Council
Alan Campbell, Chief Superintendent	Tayside Police
Susan Wilson, General Manager	Angus CHP
Alan McKeown, Head of Housing, Neighbourhood Services	Angus Council

Apologies:

Ron Ashton, Director of Neighbourhood Services	Angus Council
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**1. NOTE OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2009
MATTER ARISING**

Accepted as an accurate record.

COMPLEX CASES

Susan Wilson advised that a recent meeting considered health involvement at each stage of the five stage decision making process.

Role of the looked after nurse will be considered in a pilot using one of the school clusters. Objective is to consider redesign issues in the context of the GIRFEC recommendations.

TAYSIDE CAMHS REVIEW

Susan Wilson will circulate a copy of the review report.

Action – Susan Wilson

CHOICES FOR LIFE

Danny Webster and Fergus Storrier attended this year's event in Aberdeen to evaluate first hand the content and 'learning experience' delivered to young people.

A small number of Angus Primary Schools, some of whom were supported by ADP funding (Brechin Cluster) attended on each of the two days.

Whilst the event experience was clearly enjoyed by large numbers of young people, concerns were noted in relation to:-

- dated content e.g. use of Stacey's Choice video some 10 year's old;

- aspects of appropriateness of content e.g. why are we talking about ecstasy with P7 pupils when research indicates this is not an issue at this age/stage, should there not perhaps be a greater focus on alcohol?
- articulation with curriculum for excellence, although claimed, is questionable.

Angus discussions with the national 'Choices For Life' team regarding an Angus / Tayside event have ceased due to the enormity of costs in hosting such an event.

Finally it is worth noting that a pilot programme called UK Rock Challenge will be running this year for all Angus secondary schools. The programme, funded by Youth Justice, has been embedded within curriculum for excellence and has the support of all Angus head teachers. This dance/drama experience engages large numbers of young people, many of whom are deemed vulnerable, in selecting and addressing a number of community safety issues. Substance misuse will undoubtedly be addressed by some groups.

The national charity running UK Rock Challenge are currently in discussions with the Scottish Government to roll this programme out across all 32 local authorities in 2011. We are ahead of the game.

It has been intimated to us that this roll out may include the primary version of UK Rock which may be fused with Choices For Life.

INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

Plan has been published and distributed. A summary leaflet has been produced and Neil Logue will make a copy available to members of this group.

The Plan has been presented to elected members and also to the Community Health Partnership.

The QIPM will oversee progress with the Joint Action Groups taking responsibility for specific aspects of the Plan.

Action – Neil Logue

2. CORPORATE PARENTING

Strategy has been published and distributed. Seminar for elected members was held on 8 September 2009 and a copy of the 'Champions Checklist' will be sent to members of this group by Robert Peat.

Question was raised as to what prioritisation should be given to looked after children, by services. This is a key aspect of awareness raising/training which will be co-ordinated by Andrew Beckett.

Action – Andrew Beckett

3. REVIEW OF INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIPS

This has been completed, published and distributed.

The range of recommendations will be considered by the QIPM.

This has been a positive piece of work involving over 500 young people in a process of consultation.

4. GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC)

Danny Webster has led a delivery group and with his imminent departure this will be taken on by Susan Duff.

Good involvement from relevant agencies. Crucial will be embedding the way of working into the agendas of the Joint Action Groups. Susan Duff will circulate membership list of the delivery group.

Action – Susan Duff

5. SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY (SWIA) – LEARNING DISABILITY INSPECTION

This multi-agency inspection is progressing. File reading comprising 50 social work files was completed at the end of August 2009.

Education files will be dealt with by HMle and Health are being visited by Quality Improvement Scotland.

Fieldwork part of the inspection will take place over two days in the middle of November 2009.

Evelyn Allardyce is co-ordinating the inspection on behalf of our partnership.

6. SINGLE POOLED FUND FOR FUNDING OF YOUTH INITIATIVES

This proposal arises from a recommendation in the report on the review of the Integrated Community Schools Partnership.

Paper prepared by Danny Webster. Agreed that with the addition of information relating to the Health Improvement Fund and Joint Health

Improvement Team that this paper should be presented to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) for approval.

Robert Peat will ensure the paper is revised and will speak to David Sawers with regard to it being presented to CPP in November 2009.

Action – Robert Peat

7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Presentation was given to the above group on 11 September 2009. Danny Webster/Susan Duff gave the presentation.

Further updates will be required to provide more of a focus on performance data. The scene setting presentation was well-received.

Neil Logue will provide Alan McKeown with a copy of the presentation.

Action – Neil Logue

8. JSSU CHILDREN'S TEAM

With the imminent departure of Danny Webster from the Children's Team it was agreed that Susan Duff and Neil Logue would consider whether their staff members in the team could provide support/co-ordination of the work of the team in the short term.

In this regard it was agreed that Les Hutchinson will carry out a review of the JSSU.

Action – Susan Duff, Neil Logue & Les Hutchinson

9. AOCB

SERVICE MANAGER POST – CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Robert Peat noted that George Bowie would be moving to the service manager post for criminal justice services in social work and health.

His current post (Service Manager, Children's Services) will be advertised.

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Susan Wilson updated the group on NHS Tayside's plans for vaccination.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 10 December 2009 at 9.30am in Meeting Room B, St Margaret's House, Orchardbank, Forfar.