



Child Protection Improvement Programme
External Advisory Group Meeting Note
Victoria Quay Conference Room 1, 14:00 10/11/16

Attendees:

Organisation	Name
Scottish Government	Donald Henderson (Chair)
Action for Children	Paul Carberry
Barnardos	Kirsten Hogg
Care Inspectorate	Helen Happer
CELCIS	Claire Burns
Children in Scotland	Simon Massey
COSLA	Kathy Cameron
COSLA	Lauren Bruce
COSLA	Councillor Stephanie Primrose
CP Lead Officers Group	Sean Byrne
COPFS	Paul Miele
Education Scotland	Mary Hoey
NSPCC	Joanna Barrett
Police Scotland	ACC Hawkins
Scottish Association of Social Workers	Sarah McMillan
SCRA	Lesley Sewart
Stirling Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection	Brigid Daniel
Who Cares? Scotland	Duncan Dunlop
Inverclyde HSCP	Alison Gordon
Scottish Women's Aid	Kay Steven
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	George Fernie
Stirling University	Jane Scott
Lanarkshire NHS	Wendy Mitchell
Scottish Government	Judith Ainsley
Scottish Government	Helen Cameron
Scottish Government	Philippa Brosnan
Scottish Government	Katherine Hudson
Scottish Government	Deborah Gallagher
Scottish Government	Sandra Aitken
Scottish Government	Katrina McDonald
Scottish Government	Rachael Wilson
Scottish Government	Jack Murray
Scottish Government	Belinda McEwan



The second meeting of the Child Protection Improvement Programme's External Advisory Group (EAG) was held at the Scottish Government offices at Victoria Quay in Leith on Tuesday 30th August. The agenda and other papers from the meeting can be found on our [website](#). A brief rundown of the presentations is included below.

Donald Henderson (EAG Chair and Deputy Director, Care and Protection, Scottish Government) opened the meeting by welcoming the group and recognising members' continuing contributions on the Child Protection Improvement Programme as we progress towards reporting to Ministers in December. There was a recognition that there is lots of work ahead but confirmed we are on track to deliver the first part of the Child Protection Improvement Programme.

CELCIS Update on Neglect

Claire Burns (CELCIS) updated the group on the partnership work they are carrying out on neglect and the selection criteria used to identify the areas with which to collaborate on this initiative. Jane Scott (Stirling University) spoke to the group providing information on the first steps of a collaborative project between CCWP and CELCIS - Tackling Child Neglect in Scotland. This included information on the data and literature review as well as work on the collation of existing toolkits in use around the area of neglect.

Slides from these presentations can be found [here](#).

Review of Section 12

Philippa Brosnan (Child Protection Team Leader, Scottish Government) led a session on Reviewing Section 12 of the 1937 Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 1937. Philippa gave the context of the existing legislation, issues around this and how it compares with other administrations.

Slides from the presentation can be found [here](#).

Table discussions followed on the merits and potential issues associated with reviewing the legislation. A write up of these discussions, highlighting some of the main points raised, is available [here](#).

Information Sharing and the Named Person

Bob Fraser (GIRFEC Health Advisor) led a short session on Information Sharing in the Named Person provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) act 2014. This provided an initial introduction to the engagement process and discussion on how the issues the Supreme Court raised around information sharing can be addressed.



Child Internet Safety

Rachael Wilson (Child Protection team, Scottish Government) spoke to the group on the topic of Child Internet Safety. Setting out the context of SNP's manifesto commitment below, Rachael outlined the action the Scottish Government was taking towards this and asked the group for views on the internet safety [draft logic model](#).

We will refresh our internet safety action plan, linking it to our strategy on digital participation, so that appropriate frameworks of training, support and information are in place for professionals and families, including children and young people

The slides from this presentation are available [here](#).

Table discussions on the draft logic model followed, a summary of the views expressed is available [here](#).

System Review Group

Katherine Hudson provided a short update on the Child Protection System Review. The group has now met 3 times and has considered Child Protection committees, the Child Protection Register and case conferences, and Initial and Significant Case Reviews. The discussions have been informed by evidence papers prepared by Dr Louise Hill at CELCIS who is supporting the review. Members of the group had been asked to consult with their organisations and wider networks about the review's work and there has been an excellent response from stakeholders including CPCs, lead officers, social workers, the third sector, the Royal College of Paediatrics, children's reporters and more. Katherine set out the next steps for the review. The review group is meeting for two days on 21 & 22 November to consider the evidence and responses they have received and their previous discussions and develop recommendations. The group will then meet on 16th December to finalise their report and the report will go to Ministers before Christmas.

Child Protection Improvement Programme Equality Impact Assessment

Philippa Brosnan introduced the Child Protection Improvement Programme's draft [Equality Impact assessment](#) and invited feedback from members of the group.

Data and Evidence Update

Fiona McDiarmid (Scottish Government) gave an update on the Data and Evidence work, thanking EAG members who attended the two data and evidence workshops, this valuable contribution has provided key information which is being used to inform the review recommendations going forward.



Fiona has updated the Child Protection system map, national data landscape map and system theory of change on the back of the workshop discussions. The latest drafts of these can be seen [here](#).

Work has now commenced on pulling together findings from the workshops, meetings and wider contacts and networks to draft a data and evidence review report with recommendations to go to the Minister in December

Reporting to Ministers

Donald Henderson highlighted the next steps for the Child Protection Improvement Programme and the work being carried forward by the Child Protection Team who will submit their report to Ministers by 23 December 2016. The report will include a section on the System Review, as well as the other 8 key areas of work the Child Protection Team are taking forward.

Closing remarks and next steps

The Child Protection Improvement Programme enters Stage Two after Christmas and a further meeting of the External Advisory Group will take place in the first quarter of 2017 to continue work on taking forward recommendations. Donald thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions throughout the day.