



All our Children Conference 23rd November 2023

Introduction from Takki giving an overview of the network and how we strengthen the network and our relationship with statutory partners.

Takki continued with an update on the WFWF and that HSCP are now acknowledging there is a role for the third sector, Takki will continue this conversation and will feed into the childrens strategic group.

Tanya and Sharon spoke about the background of All our Children, but stated that we need to get back to where we were with statutory partners and feeling valued and included. It was felt there is respect on the ground but not at management level.

Tanya spoke about the recent Child protection evaluation day. What is working what is not and what is needed. Information will be sent on once received.

Sharon gave an overview of the child protection documents and an overview of the ABC child protection section on the website - <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/child-protection>

The documents will be made available after some final amendments.

Sharon also gave an overview of child protection training for trustees and information on when this will be rolled out will be ready in the new year.

Updates

Agnes from North Argyll Young Carers

There has been a huge increase in referrals especially from schools. Teachers appear to be more aware of the young carers statement and pastoral care is now the universal care plan.

Sharon Erskine

Training needs to be prioritised. Equal protection training will take place and this is different to Child protection training.

It is being reported that there is a different environment to drug taking particularly in Dunoon. There is an increase in the use of crack cocaine and with this brings the issue that children may be at risk due to the environment that the drug is being taken.

Perinatal – There has been an evaluation of the last 3 years work in this area, Sharon will share more details in due course. There has been a new perinatal nurse and advanced nurse practitioner come into post.

There will be a learning and development sub group for the next child protection meeting, which will look at training needs analysis from the child protection forum.

Lets Grow Kids

Researching the last 3 years work and the findings are being written up which will shape the next 3 years work plan.

Many Sheridan

The latest child poverty plan is now on the ABC website.

Looking into identifying those not claiming full benefits they are entitled to.

UNCRC

The amended bill is to be heard in Parliament on the 7th December and looking at April 2024 to become law and to be fully compliant by summer 2024.

Violence against women and Girl (VAGW)

Training is going well and more training in the pipeline.

It would be good to have something about working with men also, research has been completed and will be released soon.

It is still a concern that there is no sexual assault clinic in Argyll and Bute and this is still being campaigned for.

TSI update

Takki – the Childrens strategic group is still not functioning as it should. The Childrens plan and the WFWF should have gone through this group.

CPB update

Housing report highlighted that young people leaving care needed more support to sustain a tenancy

Arlene

Was involved in a pilot at Lochgilphead high school addressing non attendance at school however this relies on multi agency collaboration.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th February – online.