



Management Board Meeting

Development and Improvement Groups (DIGs): Highlights and Issues Report

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Name of DIG	Nurture
Date of report	30 th October 2023
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1	Highlights of activity and progress since last meeting
<p>The charring and support arrangements for the Nurture Dig have now been transferred and assumed by Lesley James Head of Service for Children's health Care & Justice and Chief Social Work Officer .</p> <p>The Nurture Dig Partnership implementation group focuses on the delivery and implementation of the Statutory Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP) for West Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>This 2023-26 Plan was submitted to Scottish Government on the 27th July 23 and is attached. Appendix 1</p> <p>The draft action plan at appendix 2 is also attached and in essence is the delivery plan of our Integrated services strategic plan.</p>	

2	Outline of any issues/risks and how these are being managed
<p>Dates for partners to meet as a Nurture DIG are being set for 2024 and developments session to review the draft action plan and the Strategic plan has been scheduled for 31st January 2024</p> <p>There are no identified significant risk and implementation, and activity has been progressed throughout. An updated on the progress of the family wellbeing hubs is being delivered to the management group today.</p>	

3	Outline of the main outputs expected before next meeting
<p>Two planning session are scheduled with the chairs of the 'sub groups ' in advance of the development session and formalising of the subgroups and reporting will be concluded.</p>	

The current sub groups delivering on the ICSP are:

- Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing
- GIRFEC
- Children's Rights/ UNCRC
- Family Wellbeing.
- The Promise Group/Champions Board

4 What are your requirements of partners in the Community Planning Management Board to achieve the outcomes of the DIG?

Funding for an Integrated Children services co-ordinator and GIRFEC Lead has been identified from the HSCP to support the children's services partnership areas of work identified in the Partnership Inspection of Services for Children at Risk of Harm and is required in order to support the scale of this work.

Elaine Troup has agreed to help support the co-ordination and review of the draft plan and ICSP in the short term, including a review of Nurture DIG membership and reporting sub groups structure.

Clear measure aligned to the Integrated children's service plan will be progressed to ensure the impact of our collective activity is understood.

5 Please outline any good news story you wish to share

The family well-being hubs are open 3 days per week and services are being developed utilising this approach. The ambition is to develop a range of multi-agency services that families most need to access early help and support. A full evaluation is aligned to implementation.

Services for children on the edges of care have been strengthened with Includem being commissioned from Whole Family wellbeing funding, and having now recruited a staff team and are fully operational in supporting young people aged 12+ to remain at home.

The service is accessible 7 days, has a support line and works intensively with young people and their carers to keep children out of care. Again an evaluation of the impact of the service is in place and will be reported on a 6 monthly basis.

The promise working group has been successful in a bid and awarded 160K in October 2023 to develop a participation and engagement worker and data co-ordinator to support the promise and its implementation.