



Management Board Meeting

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

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Date of report	30 th January 2024
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1	<p>Highlights of activity and progress since last meeting</p> <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>Each of the subgroup chairs will present an overview of their activity and consideration of the current action plan and its alignment to our Integrated Strategic plan, and reportable measure make up the programme for the session. Oversight of Integrated children services funding form SG is required to understand who this is aligned to agreed planning priorities and actions to ensure there is shared oversight of the budget aligned to service delivery is progressing.</p> <p>Closer alignment with Child Protection Committee (CPC) is required to ensure a joined up approach across children's services strategic planning is in place. West Dunbartonshire is currently recruiting for a new independent Chair for the CPC</p>
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2	<p>Outline of any issues/risks and how these are being managed</p> <p>Dates for partners to meet as a Nurture DIG are being set for 2024 and development sessions</p>
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The movement of chair responsibilities has seen a change in the senior officer to report to Scottish government and provide the annual report and return. There is further planned discussion between Education Services and HSCP to seek solutions to this emergent gap and associated risk in reporting.

The location of a child poverty strategy requires further consideration aligned to a poverty strategy as a key priority across all implementation groupings.

3 | Outline of the main outputs expected before next meeting

Two planning sessions 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.

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
- Child Poverty

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

A commitment to prioritise the work of integrated children's services planning and to develop clear measures 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 has been successful in a bid and awarded 160K in October 2023 to develop a participation and engagement worker and data insights lead to support West Dunbartonshire to keep the Promise.

Our Promise keeper has recently reported to the national Promise team with a comprehensive Promise plan and is inputting to the Promiser National conference in February 2024 regarding the work being progressed in West Dunbartonshire.