

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Children & Young People Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 01 September 2016	10:00	Bushes Primary School, Grampian Avenue, Paisley, PA2 8DW,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillors Henry, Bibby and McCartin (Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; F McBride, Children 1st; N Burns, Police Scotland; F MacKay and M Ferguson (both Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; J Melrose, Area Support Team; L King and N Harkness (both Scottish Children's Reporter Administration); P MacLeod, D Hawthorn, G McKinlay, J Trainer, S Bell, S Graham and S Glasgow (all Renfrewshire Council); M Gallacher, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; M Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; S Graham, West College Scotland; and M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland.

Chair

Councillor Henry

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING MEETING

PLEASE NOTE:-

- You must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start time where a meet and greet has been organised by the pupils.
- The pupils will issue you with a badge and a tour of the school has been organised.
- A short presentation will be given to the Board and thereafter the Board meeting will commence.



Minute of Meeting Children & Young People Thematic Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 26 May 2016	10:00	CMR3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Henry, Bibby and McCartin (Renfrewshire Council); L O'Brien, Barnardos; N Burns, Police Scotland; K Miller, Engage Renfrewshire; F MacKay, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership; A Lowe, Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee; J Melrose, Area Support Team; P MacLeod, D Hawthorn, J Trainer and S Glasgow (all Renfrewshire Council); Maurice Gilligan, Skills Development Scotland; J Divers, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; S Graham, West College Scotland; and M Dunn, University of the West of Scotland.

CHAIR

Councillor Henry, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

K Tobin, Dartington Social Research Unit; A Ferguson, Champion's Board; C McCreadie, Who Cares? Scotland; and Y Farquhar and C MacDonald (both Renfrewshire Council).

APOLOGIES

S Bell and G McKinlay (both Renfrewshire Council); and L King, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the Children & Young People Thematic Board held on 31 March 2016.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 ROLLING ACTION LOG

The Rolling Action Log was submitted for approval.

DECIDED: That the Rolling Action Log be approved.

3 CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS BOARD - LIFE CHANGES TRUST FUNDING AWARD

There was submitted a report by the Senior Officer (GIRFEC), Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council outlining the additional funding awarded to develop the Champions Board by the Life Changes Trust.

The report advised that the Life Changes Trust (LCT) was established by the Big Lottery Fund in April 2013 with a ten year endowment of £50 million to support transformational improvements in the quality of life, well-being, empowerment and inclusion of people affected by dementia and young people with experience of being in care. During 2015, LCT invited applications for funding to start or develop Champions Boards. Following an extensive application process, Renfrewshire was one of eight local authority areas to receive funding for the Champions Boards and awarded funding of £225,000 over the three year period from 1 April 2016/2019.

There then followed a general discussion relative to the Champions Board which included hearing the views of Partners who sat on the Board.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the funding arrangements and plan for the Life Changes Trust funding be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that progress reports would be submitted to future Board meetings.

4 ALL CHILDREN'S STUDY OF NEED

There was submitted a report by the Acting Head of Early Years and Inclusion, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to the All Children's Study of Need.

The report advised that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership was the first in Scotland to work with the Dartington Social Research Unit (DSRU) to undertake a study of need in the child population. The work commenced in 2010 and was carried out as part of the Achieving Step Change Programme. The work was referred to as our “All Children Epidemiology Survey”.

In late 2011 all children in Renfrewshire aged between 9 and 17 were invited to complete an on-line questionnaire which provided data on their well-being to inform the development of the present Renfrewshire Integrated Children’s Services Plan and the Renfrewshire Community Plan. Almost 13,000 children responded to the survey.

The report highlighted the plan to work with the DSRU to carry out a further study of child need in Renfrewshire in late 2016. The work would be the first time any partnership in Scotland had conducted a second survey. The second study would again involve children aged 9 to 17 completing an online questionnaire facilitated during their school day. The data from the second study would be used to inform the next Renfrewshire Integrated Children’s Services Plan. In addition it would attempt to explore the impact of poverty on outcomes for children.

It was noted that a short life group comprising of staff from across a range of children’s services and pupil representatives had been established to work with the DSRU to ensure that the questionnaire was developed to address Renfrewshire’s needs, develop the agreed methodology, promote participation in the study and participate in the development of the next Renfrewshire Integrated Children’s Services Plan.

The involvement of pupils and parents as partners in the process was central to the success of the second study of need in Renfrewshire. Pupil engagement would commence with a group of senior phase students participating in the design and promotion of the survey. Work would be progressed to increase the number and year range of pupils moving forward. Parent engagement would be delivered via the parent council chair meetings.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the plan to carry out a second study of child need in Renfrewshire be noted;
- (b) That the establishment of the short life group comprising of staff from across a range of children’s services and pupil representatives to work with DSRU to ensure that the questionnaire was developed to address Renfrewshire’s needs, develop the agreed methodology, promote participation in the study and participate in the development of the next Renfrewshire Integrated Children’s Services Plan be noted;
- (c) That the involvement of the parent council chairs be noted;
- (d) That it be noted that the study would be conducted in late 2016; and
- (e) That it be noted that further reports would be presented to the Board as the work progressed.

PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council which updated members on Outcome 4 of the Integrated Children's Services Improvement Plan.

The report intimated that the focus for the report was Outcome 4: 'Our children and young people have good physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing'. Key areas of progress were highlighted within the report and the progress made against each individual action was detailed within the appendix to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the actions contained within the appendix to the report be noted: and
- (b) That the key areas of progress highlighted within the report be noted.

6 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATION GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to terms of reference for the Participation Group to be established.

The report advised that the Council's Participation Strategy set out the key principles of participation and how to ensure that the right to participate was realised for all young people and extended to more children and young people across Renfrewshire through changing and adapting approaches to practice, planning and policy development.

It was intimated that in response to the recommendation of the Children's Services Inspection and to ensure a co-ordinated partnership approach to participation, the Children and Young People Thematic Board agreed that a Participation Group would be established. The Terms of Reference for the Group was attached as an appendix.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Terms of Reference for the Children and Young People Participation Group be agreed; and
- (b) That it be agreed that the group be established by Summer 2016.

7 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 - GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC) - INFORMATION SHARING PRACTITIONER GUIDANCE

There was submitted a report by the Senior Officer, (GIRFEC), Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council relative to an update on the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC), Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance.

The report advised that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 provided a

framework for information sharing between professionals to support the functions of the Named Person and the operation of the Child's Plan. The current information Sharing Practitioners Guidance was approved in 2014 with a view to further update and review as part of the full implementation of the information sharing duties from 31st August 2016. The Guidance was supported by inter-agency information sharing briefing sessions delivered by the Council information Governance team. The training had been revised as part of the GIRFEC implementation plan and future training incorporated details relating to the new duties. A copy of the revised Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance was attached as an appendix to the report.

DECIDED

- (a) That the revised Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance attached as an appendix to the report for implementation from 31st August 2016 be agreed; and
- (b) That the minor amendments to the Guidance once specific contact details on the Named Person service were available be agreed.

8 PREGNANCY & PARENTHOOD IN YOUNG PEOPLE STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy.

The Report advised that the Scottish Government had published a Pregnancy and Parenthood In Young People Strategy 2016/26. The Strategy identified actions for specific partners, including Community Planning Partnerships. It was proposed that the Children and Young People Thematic Board would be responsible for leading actions on behalf of the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that the Children & Young People Thematic Board lead the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership response to the Pregnancy and Parenthood In Young People Strategy;
- (b) That it be agreed that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Board, with an analysis of work required of the Board; and
- (c) That it be agreed that the Children & Young People Thematic Board identify an accountable person to provide leadership and co-ordination for the Pregnancy and Parenting In Young People Strategy.

9 FEEDBACK FROM GLENNIFER HIGH SCHOOL

The Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice, Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council gave a verbal update relative to feedback from the pupils of Gleniffer High School arising from the Youth Engagement Event which took place on 31 August, 2015 at Gleniffer High School.

Senior pupils had identified various issues and explored, in discussion with Board members, possible ideas and solutions to combat those concerns. Key themes included

youth voice, health and wellbeing, jobs and training, employment, access to community facilities, social isolation and impact of poverty. A summary of the issues identified was compiled and action points developed.

During the feedback from pupils it was noted that young people wanted to keep re-engaging and were happy to act as advocates on behalf of their school. However, it was noted that all schools were different and there was no consistent approach. The pupils suggested Paisley Town Hall as a more formal setting and a good location to hold further engagement events.

After further discussion it was agreed that a programme of engagement events be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that a programme of engagement events be submitted to a future meeting of the Board; and
- (b) That the verbal update be noted.

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD
ROLLING ACTION LOG**

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
C&YP.05.09.13(5)	Update on STV/Hunter Partnership to next meeting Stronger Communities - Save The Children's Stronger Communities Programme	Lead Officer				<u>C&YP.04.02.14(2)</u> Awaiting formal proposal from STV/Hunter Partnership. Funding issues appear to be hampering progress. <u>C&YP.03.06.14(5)</u> Briefing note submitted and noted. <u>C&YP.24.02.15(4)</u> (a) Children's Services staff in conjunction with the Stronger Communities Programme to organise a meeting of the Glenburn and Muirton programmes at a later date; and (b) Relevant data and point of contact information be passed to the Project Manager. <u>C&YP 4 February 2015</u> Project now applying for additional funding and report to be submitted to a future Board follow on outcome. <u>C&YP.31.03.16</u> Presentation given by Stronger Communities. YF to facilitate discussions with relevant CPP Board Members. <u>C&YP.26.05.16(2)</u> Meeting took place with N Mathers and now looking at further phase of project. This is an ongoing programme of work which is well progressed. NHSGGC and CHP will provide regular updates and will provide a detailed report for future meeting. <u>C&YP.24.02.15(5)</u> Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) and Healthy Children's Programme Update. <u>C&YP.04.02.16(2)</u> Figures not yet available from SG. Report delayed to future Board.
CAYP.26.011.13(6)	NHS GG&C Healthy Children's Programme And Family Partnership Programme report to be submitted to a future meeting.	CHP- D Leese/ K Phillips		Future Meeting		
CAYP.24.02.15(9)	Education Outcomes and Destinations for Looked After Children – report to be submitted on an annual basis	Lead Officer		February 2016		
CAYP.11.06.14(4)	Corporate Parenting – Part 9 of Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2015 Report to be submitted to future meeting on reporting framework	J Trainer		Future Meeting		<u>C&YP.04.02.16(6)</u> Update report will now be provided to a future meeting of the Board. <u>C&YP.26.05.16(7)</u>

KEY

Actions on track ■

Areas for concern that will impact on completion date if not fixed. ■

Action required to bring up to satisfactory level ■

Past deadline date and action required. ■

Action No.	Action	Action Owner	Status	Expected Date of Completion	Actual Date of Closure	Update & Comments
						Report submitted
CAYP. 04.02.16(3)	<u>Pre-term Babies</u> Children's Services Partnership to scope out an action plan, draft a policy position and submit a report to a future meeting of the Board.	Lead Officer/D Hawthorn				<u>C&YP.26.05.16(2)</u> Group to be established and led by RCH&SCP
C&YP.31.3.16(3)	<u>INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN - OUTCOME 4 PROGRESS REPORT</u> Report to be submitted to next meeting of the Board.	YF			26.05.16	<u>C&YP.26.05.16(5)</u> Report Submitted and Noted
C&YP.31.3.16(7)	<u>ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATION GROUP</u> (a) A Children and Young People Participation Group to be established; (b) Role and remit of the group be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.	DH			26.05.16	<u>C&YP.26.05.16(6)</u> Terms of Reference for the Children and Young People Participation Group agreed and a participation group to be established by Summer 2016.
C&YP.31.3.16(8)	<u>CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 - GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC), INFORMATION SHARING PRACTITIONER GUIDANCE</u> (a) The updated Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance to be reworded at paragraph 4.13. (b) A revised update of the Guidance will be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.	SG			Future Meeting	<u>C&YP.26.05.16(7)</u> Revised Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance for implementation from 31st August 2016 approved and minor amendments to the Guidance once specific contact details on the Named Person service available agreed.
<u>C&YP.26.05.16(8)</u>	<u>Pregnancy and Parenthood In Young People Strategy</u> (a) Full report be made to the meeting of the Children and Young People Board on Thursday 1 September 2016, with an analysis of work required of the Board. (b) Accountable person to be identified to provide leadership and co-ordination for the Pregnancy and Parenting In Young People Strategy.	Lead Officer/SG			01.09.16	



To: Children and Young People Thematic Board

On: 1st September 2016

Report by:

Dorothy Hawthorn, Children's Services, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice

Subject:

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014: Getting it Right for Every Child

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 put into statute some key aspects of the GIRFEC approach. It set out a definition of 'wellbeing' (Part 18). It formalised the role of the Named Person (Part 4) and made provision for a statutory Child's Plan (Part 5) to coordinate support for those children who may require additional help. The Act also provided a framework for information sharing between professionals to support the functions of the Named Person (within Part 4).
- 1.2 Four charities and three individual parents challenged aspects of the legislation in relation to the Named Person Scheme. The challenge focused on two main areas: the lawfulness of the named person sharing and retaining information in relation to individual children and their families and the compulsory appointment of a named person was a breach of the rights of the parents of children under article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). Article 8 relates to the right to a private and family life and the restrictions on interference in this area by public authorities.
- 1.3 The initial challenge was rejected in the Court of Session and the appellants appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court announced its judgment on 28 July 2016. The Supreme Court has held that Part 4 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is incompatible with Article 8 of the ECHR. The Supreme Court is proposing that an Order be made to allow the Scottish Government an opportunity to correct this and have given them 42 days to make written submissions on what the terms of this Order should be.
- 1.4 The Scottish Government has said that they are assessing what this means for the timescale of implementation and will continue to progress its preparations for implementation of the named person service and related provisions. However, as the Supreme Court found that the aspects of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, they cannot be brought into force in the meantime.

- 1.5 The named person duties in the Act were due to be effective from 31st August 2016. A local, interagency implementation plan was at a final stage to ensure the relevant policy, procedure, communications and training were in place for the planned commencement of the Act. This work has been suspended pending the outcome of the Scottish Government response to the Supreme Court.
- 1.6 On 26 May 2016 the Children and Young People Thematic Board consider a report on information sharing guidance to support the implementation of the Children and Young People (Scotland) ACT 2014. The Board at that time agreed to approve local guidance however as a result of the Supreme Court judgment this has been withdrawn.
- 1.7 A further update will be provided to Board once timescales from Scottish Government are clearer on their response to the Supreme Court judgment.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board note:
- a) The content of the report
 - b) The revised Information Sharing Practitioner Guidance has been withdrawn (due to be implemented from 31st August 2016)

3 Background

- 3.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 makes provision for a named person service in relation to children and young people in Scotland. Part 4 of the Act provides that named persons will exercise certain functions in relation to children and young people. These include:-
- advising, informing or supporting them or their parents
 - helping them or their parents access a service or support and
 - discussing or raising a matter about them with a service provider (e.g. health boards and Councils) or relevant authority (e.g. the NHS and Scottish Police Authority).
- 3.2 Part 4 also sets out powers and duties in relation to information sharing, including conditions where information must be shared and an additional power to share where the named person service provider considers it "necessary or expedient" for the exercise of any of the named person functions, unless this is prohibited by other legislation.
- 3.3 Four charities and three individual parents ('the appellants') collectively challenged the legality of Part 4 of the Act. They contended that the Scottish Parliament had exceeded its authority in enacting that part of the legislation for a number of reasons. The challenge focused on two main areas: the lawfulness of the named person sharing and retaining information in relation to individual children and their families and the compulsory appointment of a named person was a breach of the rights of the parents of children under article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). Article 8 relates to the right to a private and family life and the restrictions on interference in this area by public authorities.

- 3.4 The Court of Session, both at first instance and at appeal, rejected the appellants' contentions. The appellants then launched a final appeal to the Supreme Court.
- 3.5 The Supreme Court considered all of the various grounds put forward. Many of these were rejected, including the contention that the subject of the information-sharing provisions in Part 4 relates to a matter reserved to Westminster. Nonetheless, it was held that the bringing into force of the information-sharing provisions of Part 4, as currently drafted, would be incompatible with the rights afforded by Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR). The Scottish Parliament is specifically prohibited from making legislation that is incompatible with the terms of the ECHR. As a result, the Scottish Government must now amend the information sharing provisions in the Act to provide greater clarity about how Named Persons will share information about children, young people and families with public bodies. This needs to happen before Part 4 of the Act can commence.
- 3.6 Article 8 provides that everyone has the right to respect for private and family life, including home and correspondence. Although this is not an absolute right, for an interference to be justified, it must be in accordance with law, necessary to pursue a legitimate aim and proportionate. The Supreme Court considered Part 4 was in pursuit of a legitimate aim, it held that, as currently drafted, the information sharing sections of Part 4 and the Guidance prepared by the Scottish Government are not "in accordance with law," and that their operation could be disproportionate in particular cases for two reasons:-
- Firstly, as there is a risk that parents will be given the impression that they must accept advice in relation to the named person service and their failure to co-operate would be taken as evidence of harm; and
 - Secondly, that decisions on proportionate disclosure of confidential information would be made only with the help of the Guidance and the criteria in Part 4, which currently set too low a threshold for the overriding duty of confidentiality.
- 3.7 This essentially means that:-
- Greater emphasis is needed on the voluntary nature of advice, information, support and help offered by the named person; and
 - There is a need for clear guidance on how to assess proportionality when considering whether information should be shared. In particular, there is a need for guidance on (a) the circumstances in which consent should be obtained, (b) those in which such consent can be dispensed with and (c) whether, if consent is not to be obtained, the affected parties should be informed of the disclosure either before or after it has occurred. Also relevant is whether the recipient of the information is subject to sufficient safeguards to prevent abuse.

- If the guidance is to operate as “law” for the purposes of article 8, (i.e. ensure that any interference is in “accordance with law”) the information holder should be required to do more than merely have regard to it.

3.8 The Supreme Court has indicated that is proposing an Order be made to allow the Scottish Government an opportunity to correct this and have given them 42 days to make written submissions on what the terms of this Order should be.

3.9 The Scottish Government has indicated they are assessing what the judgment means for the timescale of implementation and will continue to progress its preparations for implementation of the named person service and related provisions. However, as the Supreme Court found that the aspects of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, they cannot be brought into force in the meantime.

3.10 The Depute First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney, wrote to Named Person Service providers on 9th August 2016 stating:

“the Scottish Government is required to amend the information-sharing provisions in the 2014 Act to provide greater clarity about the basis on which information will be shared to ensure compliance with the ECHR. This needs to happen before we can commence those provisions and will require the agreement of the Scottish Parliament. Given the time required for Parliamentary and legal processes to achieve the required changes to the 2014 Act the Scottish Government will not commence any provisions within Part 4 (Provision of Named Persons) and Part 5 (Child’s Plan) of the 2014 Act on 31 August 2016. In addition, the draft statutory guidance on these Parts of the 2014 Act will be revised.

The Scottish Government is already engaging with a range of stakeholders on these issues, and will develop this engagement further in the coming weeks. I will write to you in due course to give you further information regarding the commencement of these provisions and the development of guidance.”

3.11 The named person duties in the Act were due to be effective from 31st August 2016. A local, interagency implementation plan was at a final stage to ensure the relevant policy, procedure, communications and training were in place for the planned commencement of the Act. The work has been suspended pending the outcome of the Scottish Government response to the Supreme Court. Following the Supreme Court judgment the implementation plan has been significantly amended as follows:

- Revised information sharing guidance prepared for the implementation of the Act and agreed at the last Thematic Board has been withdrawn. This Guidance was not due to be operational until 31 August 2016 and current guidance remains in place.
- Information sharing training has been revised and dates are in place to support staff in relation to current good practice, legal framework, consent and involving young people and parents.
- Training for named persons has been suspended.

- Planned ICT and business support changes to support information sharing with named person service have been suspended.

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To: Children & Young People Thematic Board

On: 1 September 2016

Report by: Director of Children's Services

**Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan - Progress Against Year 3 Targets,
Children and Young People Thematic Board**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is committed to ensuring that our resources are deployed effectively to deliver Community Plan priorities and achieve best value. An open and rigorous performance culture has been embedded across the partnership which promotes our collective responsibility for achieving our outcomes. Clear accountability and reporting is key to this approach.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on progress against the performance measures previously agreed by the CPP. There have been changes to the way pupil attainment is measured nationally, and this has resulted in data for some indicators not being available. New measures are provided to replace these.
- 1.3 Several of the indicators were taken from the first Renfrewshire epidemiology study undertaken in 2011 with support from the Dartington Social Research Unit. The second study is scheduled for October 2016 and consequently no Year 3 update is available for this report. The findings of the study will be shared with this Board when they are available.

Table 1: Summary of performance

Impact Measure Status		Total
	On target	10
	Warning	2
	Alert	3
N/a	No data available	15
Total		30

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board

- a) Notes the Year 3 performance against the targets set

- b) Agrees the revisions outlined in Section 7 of this report
- c) Agrees that a further update on performance will be provided to this Board xxxxxx

3. Background

- 3.1 The Renfrewshire Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) was developed during 2012 and 2013 and was approved by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 12 June 2013.
- 3.2 Subsequently, the Community Plan and SOA was submitted to the Scottish Government and was scrutinised through a Quality Assurance exercise. Following this, the Renfrewshire Community Plan and SOA was signed off by the Minister for Local Government and Planning in August 2013.
- 3.3 The Single Outcome Agreement clearly sets out our agreed outcomes together with the one, three and ten year targets for each impact measure. This report provides an update on the progress made by this thematic board against our year three targets.

4 Key achievements

- 4.1 The thematic board's key achievements include:

- An improvement in positive destinations after leaving school. Performance has risen steadily in recent years and Renfrewshire is now one of the best performing local authorities in Scotland. Employability programmes continue to be a focus for partners. This indicator had been highlighted as an area of improvement following the Year 1 progress report and this improvement is evident.
- The Families First project has been expanded into three more areas following the success of the Ferguslie and Linwood projects. An independent evaluation of the first two projects found that they were achieving very positive outcomes for the communities they support. £1 million of funding was allocated from the Tackling Poverty Commission. The new teams were established in Foxbar, Johnstone and Gallowhill localities in April 2016.
- One of the key recommendations from the Poverty Commission work in Renfrewshire was to improve the physical and mental health of children in low income families, in particular to develop a cohesive partnership approach to supporting youth mental health. The recommendation proposed equipping organisations to deliver support and respond to mental health distress and build young people's resilience. Council funding of £200k over two years has enabled two initiatives to be developed. A peer education service has now been agreed in all Renfrewshire secondary schools where young people are trained to work with their peers to improve health. The young people also work with the pupils in the feeder primary schools around the transition into secondary school. The second initiative is a school counselling service which has now also been implemented in all Renfrewshire secondary schools. Young people were involved in the procurement process to commission a counselling service to support pupils facing stress and anxiety. Both services are now fully implemented and will be reviewed and evaluated over the next two years.

- The Permanency and Care Excellence (PACE) programme continues to deliver improvements in permanency planning for Looked After Children. Permanent arrangements for more and more children and young people are being put in place more quickly. Children's Services will continue to work in partnership with the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS) to deliver positive change.

5 Performance against year 3 targets

The table below highlights the year three performance against our targets:

Children and Young People Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Outcome 1. Our children and young people have the best start in life – are ready to learn, supported to achieve and are ambitious throughout and beyond their school lives					
Increase in the average tariff score of the lowest attaining 20% of S4 pupils		72 (2011/12)	78	76	194
Increase the average tariff score of looked after young people	N/a	72 (2010/11)	79	Measure amended; see Section 7	
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ awards at SCQF Level 5 or better by the end of S6	N/a	57% (2011/12)	58%	Measure amended; see Section 7	
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 3+ awards at SCQF Level 6 or better by S6	N/a	37% (2011/12)	38%	Measure amended; see Section 7	
All pupils will achieve English and Mathematics qualifications at SCQF Level 3 or above by S6		94% (2011/12)	96%	96%	99%
Increase the percentage of school leavers in positive and sustained destinations		87.7% (2011/12)	90.2%	92%	93.4%
Increase the percentage of looked after young people in positive destinations		63% (2010/11)	46%	68%	66.7% (LAC at home); 66.7% (LAC away from home)
Reduce the percentage of babies with a low birth weight (<2500g)		6% (2011/12)	6.8%	5.5%	6.8%
Increase in the number of children exclusively breast fed at 6-8 weeks		20.3% (2011/12)	20.2%	21.4%	20.8%
Outcome 2. Our children and young people live in a safe and secure, stable and nurturing environment at home and in the community – where their rights are respected, they are free from poverty and neglect and supported to be resilient and to thrive					
Increase the perception score of not being bullied amongst secondary school pupils	N/a	91 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		

Children and Young People Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Increase the perception score of not being bullied amongst primary school pupils	N/a	91 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the percentage of children living in poverty	N/a	19% (2013)	13%	Measure amended; see Section 7	
Reduce the percentage of children and young people placed on the Child Protection Register affected by parental substance misuse		56% (01/08/2011 to 01/07/2012)	59%	49%	54%
Outcome 3. Our children and young people feel confident and responsible – able to participate fully in learning and in their wider community and take part in opportunities which meet their needs, interests and aspirations					
Increase the reported school perception score amongst our secondary school pupils (0–100)	N/a	64 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Increase the reported school perception score amongst our primary school pupils (0–100)	N/a	78 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the percentage of secondary pupils with poor engagement with school	N/a	19% (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the percentage of primary school pupils with poor engagement with school	N/a	8% (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the number of days lost per 1,000 secondary pupils through exclusion		168 (2011/12)	64	155	75.6
Reduce the number of days lost per 1,000 primary pupils through exclusion		13 (2011/12)	6	10	8.2
Increase in the number of children and young people participating in sporting, cultural and citizenship activities		1309 (2012/13)	1477		2877
Outcome 4. Our children and young people have good physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing					
Increase the reported physical health score of our secondary school pupils (0–100)	N/a	69 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Increase the reported physical health score of our primary school pupils (0–100)	N/a	78 (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Increase the reported physical health score of our pre-school children	N/a		Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Increase the percentage of primary schools which deliver two hours quality Physical Education per week		96%	100%	100%	100%
Increase the percentage of secondary schools which deliver two hours quality Physical Education per week		100%	100%	100%	100%

Children and Young People Impact Measures	Current Status	Baseline	Year 1 Actual	Year 3 Target	Year 3 Actual
Reduce the percentage of secondary school pupils reporting poor pro-social behaviour	N/a	10% (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the percentage of primary school pupils whose parents report poor pro-social behaviour	N/a	4% (2011)	Data will be available from the second epidemiology study in early 2017		
Reduce the level of obesity in children in Primary 1		7.6% (2010/11)	9.9%	7.4%	8.9%
Increase the percentage of children in Primary 1 without decayed, extracted or filled teeth		62.1% (2011/12)	68.9%	62.1%	68.9%
Reduce the rate of pregnancies for those under 16 years of age (rate per 1,000 population)		8.9 (2008/10)	6.5	8.0	3.9%

The follow-up epidemiology study, which will build on the knowledge gained from the 2011 study, will take place in October 2016, and data should be available in early 2017. Changes in the way the Scottish Government reports on school attainment have impacted on the indicators reported to this Board, and revisions are noted in Section 7 below.

6 Areas for Improvement and Remedial Action

6.1 The numbers of looked after children leaving school in any given year is small and therefore subject to significant variance.

Remedial action: Children's services work with colleagues in Development and Housing, Skills Development Scotland, and further and higher education in an attempt to ensure that all children have an individual plan to support to positive destinations.

6.2 Reducing the number of babies with a low birth weight at full term remains behind target at 6.8%. Renfrewshire's Family Nurse Partnership has shown strong results on low birth weight, with only 2.5% of babies registered with the service having a low birth weight. Work is ongoing to assess which elements of the programme could be rolled out more widely. Supporting women to stop smoking before or during their pregnancy remains a key priority and NHS GGC offer a Smoking in Pregnancy Service. Other factors linked to low birth weight include domestic abuse, pregnancy in women aged 17 and under, and alcohol use. New information leaflets are available to highlight the risks of using alcohol in pregnancy, and Sensitive Routine Enquiries of Domestic Abuse are carried out in maternity services.

Remedial action: The HSCP plans to identify a lead officer to take forward the recommendations in the recently published 'National Strategy for Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People' to progress work on teenage parenthood.

6.3 Exclusive breastfeeding is currently at 20.8%, slightly behind the target of 21.4%. Current performance demonstrates a continuing improvement.

Remedial action: Improvement activities such as the weekly breastfeeding support groups, the Infant Feeding Support Workers and the Breastfeeding Welcome Award will continue. It is expected that the target will be met when figures are next collected in September 2016.

6.4 The percentage of children on the Child Protection Register who were affected by parental substance misuse at the point of registration has not met the target set. However, percentage figures mask the fall in numbers in recent years which were not anticipated when the measure was identified for inclusion. In 2011/12, when the baseline was established, there were 179 new registrations and 98 of those children were affected by parental substance misuse. By 2014/15, this had fallen to 142 new registrations and 76 children affected by parental substance misuse.

Remedial action: Child protection work will always be focused on the needs and wellbeing of the child above all else and so targets may be missed, but this trend is one indicator that local work to address substance misuse and its impact on children is having an effect.

6.5 The level of obesity amongst Primary 1 children is not meeting the target of 7.4% although the Renfrewshire rate has reduced from 9.6% in 2011/12 and is below the Scottish average rate of 9.8%. The HSCP has trained third sector staff and community volunteers to deliver 'Eat Better Feel Better' cookery courses in the community.

Remedial action: Active Communities (Scotland) and NHSGGC are delivering a post-natal exercise programme on a partnership basis focusing on nutritional advice and exercise for new mums. Active Communities are also delivering a programme for families with children aged 2-4 who are an unhealthy weight.

7 Revisions to Renfrewshire's Local Outcome Improvement Plan

There have been changes to the way in which pupil attainment is reported nationally. As a consequence, two of the performance measures need to be amended to reflect the new approach. These are shown below and although the measures are more challenging, the baseline data shows that Renfrewshire is performing above the national average.

Existing Measure	New Measure	Baseline (Year 3)	Revised Target (Year 10)
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ awards at SCQF Level 5 or better by the end of S6	Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ awards at SCQF Level 5 by the end of S4	40.4% (2012/13) (Scottish average is 39.3%)	47% (based on achieving 1 percentage point of improvement each year)
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 3+ awards at SCQF Level 6 or better by S6	Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 5+ awards at SCQF Level 6 or better by S6	30.8% (2014/15) (Scottish average is 29.3%)	38% (based on achieving 1 percentage point of improvement each year)

The Scottish Government no longer provides data on the average tariff scores for looked after children. Information is available on the average performance of the lowest performing 20%, the middle 60% and the top 20% for children looked after at home and for children looked after away from home. The table below shows that Renfrewshire is behind the national average in relation to the lowest performing 20% but ahead of the national average for the middle 60% and the top performing 20%.

	Looked after at home		Looked after away from home	
	Renfrewshire	Scotland	Renfrewshire	Scotland
Lowest performing 20%	2	4	20	25
Middle 60%	156	115	239	233
Top performing 20%	653	573	919	861

In December 2015, the CPP Board agreed that the single child poverty measure and target is removed and replaced with the wider Poverty in Renfrewshire Dashboard, which is currently being developed as part of the Tackling Poverty Strategy.

8 Prevention and early intervention

- 8.1 On 11 May 2016, the CPP Board agreed that as part of reviewing working arrangements and strategic focus throughout 2016 that we would take the opportunity to look specifically at the role of the partnership in driving consideration of policies and programmes that deliver prevention outcomes. It was proposed that the Community Planning Partnership Board provide specific oversight on activity aimed at preventing inequality and reducing the demand for services. In order to inform the Partnership Board, it was agreed that the Annual Report to the Community Planning Partnership contains comment on progress on the prevention agenda in Renfrewshire and that future work to review need and demand for services in Renfrewshire provides a specific focus on prevention in order to direct the longer term work of the community planning partners.
- 8.2 We wish to establish Renfrewshire as an area where universal services are delivered in a way which are inclusive and prevent problems and challenges arising for most children. We aim to be an authority where early intervention to prevent challenges developing is embedded resulting in swift and effective support for children at the earliest stage.
- 8.3 Preventative approaches and early intervention are firmly embedded in services for children and young people and this is evident in the examples of achievements detailed in Section 4 above. Programmes such as Peer Education equip young people with the skills and information to support positive behaviours and understand their own health needs better. The Families First projects work with families who are not in crisis and have been shown to be delivering positive outcomes for children and families.
- 8.4 Incredible Years and PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) are two examples of evidence based approaches focused on early intervention and prevention which have been implemented in Renfrewshire. The success of PATHS has meant it has been rolled out to additional schools.
- 8.5 Work with the Centre for Excellence for Looked after Children In Scotland (CELCIS) at the University of Strathclyde is delivering incremental change by focusing on reducing the time to implement permanent placements for looked after children. This leads to much greater stability at an earlier stage and consequently improved outcomes.
- 8.6 The Functional Family Therapy service is targeted at teenagers at risk of being accommodated and has had a very positive impact. The success of the service was recently recognised nationally when it won the ALARM Community Risk award for its impact on reducing the risk to young people, families and communities.
- 8.7 The Children's Services Partnership is working closely with an expert on pre-term babies and the possible developmental impact on the child. A project group is being established to explore how services can more effectively support families and education colleagues.
- 8.8 The CEDAR programme has been very successful in supporting children who have experienced domestic violence, with a focus on improving resilience, emotional intelligence and the ability to regulate emotions. It has recently been successful in attracting a further five years of funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

8.9 Towards the end of this year, a second study of the needs of children and young people across Renfrewshire will be undertaken. It is hoped that the findings will clearly demonstrate the positive impact of Renfrewshire's early intervention approaches.



To: **Children & Young People Thematic Board**

On: **1 September 2016**

Report by:
Director of Finance & Resources

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THEMATIC BOARD – JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to submit for consideration the proposed calendar of meeting dates for the Children & Young People Thematic Board for the period January 2017 to the June 2017.
- 1.2 The Board had agreed previously that it would develop a programme of visits to projects/initiatives to coincide with meetings, therefore consideration should also be given to identifying which projects/initiatives to visit and suitable venues for meetings.
- 1.3 It should be noted that although the Board meetings have been scheduled to June 2017 the Local Government Elections are due to be held on 4 May 2017 and therefore the Board meeting in June may be subject to change or cancellation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board approves the timetable of meetings to June 2017; schedules a programme of visits to projects/initiatives; and identifies suitable venues for meetings to coincide with visits.



3. Background

3.1 The timetable takes account of all standard meetings of the Children & Young People Thematic Board but does not take into account any ad-hoc meetings which might be held as and when necessary.

3.2 The proposed dates and times are as follows:

- Thursday 26 January 2017 at 2pm
- Thursday 23 March 2017 at 2pm
- Thursday 8 June 2017 at 2pm

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