

Learning Disability Parenting Task Group

Victoria Quay
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Attending

Clare Simpson, Parenting Across Scotland (Chair)
Andy Miller, SCLD
Fiona Borrowman, NHS Health Scotland
Ronnie Hill, Scottish Government, Getting it right for every child
David Barr, Aberlour
Alan Roberts, NHS Fife
Pauline McDonald, Scottish Government, Learning Disability
Emma Currer, Royal College of Midwives
Oonagh Brown, SCLD
Claire Stuart, Evidence and Research Manager, SCLD

Welcome and Introductions

Clare welcomed people to the group and there was a round of introductions.

Approval of notes from the last meeting

The group reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and they were agreed.

Updates on Progress

Pauline:

- Updated on the development of the next phase of the Keys to life implementation plan.

David:

- Aberlour are submitting a funding application to develop a parents' network across South Ayrshire. This network could contribute to training for professionals.
- Aberlour has looked at potentially linking with a company called Story Worlds to develop this. He also gave an update on the Aberlour campaign for better family support for parents with learning disabilities.

Ronnie:

- The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) has drafted guidance and easy read resources on inclusive communication designed to help children and parents engage in planning to meet the child's wellbeing needs. Ronnie will send the draft to Andy to be circulated with the minutes. The finalised copy will be distributed when it is published. The intended audience is organisations and practitioners working with children and families. This resource has been developed in partnership with People First.
- The Deputy First Minister has established a Getting it right for every child Practice Development Panel with Ian Welsh, Chief Executive of the ALLIANCE as the independent chair, to develop an authoritative Code of Practice on sharing information with and by the Named Person service. Panel minutes and papers will be published on the SG GIRFEC website
- Getting To Know Getting it right for every child programme run by the ALLIANCE has secured one more year's funding from the early years and childcare fund administered by CORA. This programme has developed a suite of easy read GIRFEC guides for children, young people, parents, and practitioners. Free training for practitioners, parents and young people can be arranged and all resources can be downloaded at no charge. Contact Ronnie to discuss.

People First (Scotland):

- People First (Scotland) submitted an update in writing.

Alan:

- The Barnardo's project is expanding by developing peer group support for parents to a six-month point.

Fiona :

- NHS Health Scotland Accessible Publications Strategy is being reviewed by publications colleagues.
- The Redesigned Health Information for Parents Project is progressing. A writer is now working on the new text. Designers are pre-testing design concepts with focus groups of parents. The new publications to replace Ready Steady Baby and Ready Steady Toddler will have different age ranges:
 - Ready Steady Baby will cover pregnancy, labor and birth and up to 8 weeks post birth
 - Ready Steady Toddler will cover from 8 weeks to 2.5 years (so it will have to be renamed)
- Easy read CHANGE resources have been reviewed. Comments are to be submitted for amendments by 2018/19. Awareness raising of CHANGE resources is ongoing with midwives, health visitors, and Family Nurse Practitioners.
- The accessible formula feeding resource is nearly complete. Learning from the Infant Feeding Survey is being incorporated into the resource.

Emma:

- The National Midwifery Council (UK body) are reviewing pre-registration education.
- Emma intends to produce a policy position/guidance for midwives in Scotland – she will be looking to the Task Group for guidance.

Andy:

- Social Work Scotland (SWS) and Scottish Association of Social Workers (SASW) held a seminar for 50 members on the theme of Supported Parenting. Clare, SCLD, People First and Aberlour all contributed.

Oonagh:

- Mind the Gap is a theatrical event to be held during Learning Disability Week on Tuesday the 15th May at The Scottish Youth Theatre. There will be two performances, one interactive. The event will be introduced and opened by Chris Creegan (SCLD Chief Executive) and Bruce Adamson (Children and Young People's Commissioner).

Pauline said ministers giving support to the implementation plan should be invited to attend the event

Finalising the implementation plan

The Task Group agreed and signed off the introduction to the implementation framework with the following changes agreed:

- 'Getting it right for every child' instead of 'GIRFEC'
- Rewording/ reframing of the sentence above bullet points on page 2. Check the bullet points match the points from scoping exercise.

Aside from key outcome 1 the implementation plan was agreed and signed off with the following amendments:

- Page 2: "A national evidence-based pre and post-natal care pathway should be established, which can be adapted to meet local contexts" changed to "A national evidence-based preconception and perinatal care pathway should be established, which can be adapted to meet local contexts"
- Page 2: Child protection procedures to be referred in the section regarding alignment and linked.
- Page 3: Reference child protection in the activity part of outcome 4.
- Various formatting changes

Data collection

Claire:

Outcome 1 in the Implementation Plan is about counting and recording the number of parents with learning disabilities. Claire explained why it's important to move away from the idea of a register of parents with learning disabilities. It is more important to identify the number of parents that need support because they have a learning need, and record this information.

She explained some of the difficulties of collecting this kind of information. For example, gaining consent from parents with learning disabilities to hold their information would be a challenge. Claire highlighted that the Task Group must be clear about what data they want to collect and what consent will be in place.

Following this discussion the group agreed further consideration should be given to the wording of Outcome 1, and that Andy would arrange this.

Actions

- Speak to Alice Bayles about producing good practice case studies of support for families where the parent has a learning disability (Ronnie)
- Explore the possibility of linking to and using case studies from SCLD's Esmee Fairbairn funded work (Oonagh)
- Send re-drafted inclusive communication guide to Andy to be circulated with the minutes (Ronnie)
- Produce brief for ministers once the Implementation Plan is signed off (Pauline)
- Check on progress of Child and Adolescent Policy Group (Pauline)
- Make sure Aberlour work to connect parents is linked to the discussions between the WTPN and People First regarding a national network of parents (Oonagh)
- Consult with Task Group about Outcome 1, and produce the final draft of Implementation Plan for sign off (Andy)

Future meetings

Tuesday 29 th of May.	New Register House in the Dome room.
Tuesday 28 th August.	St Andrews House, Room D
Tuesday 27 th November	St Andrews House, Room D

