**Children and Families Third Sector Forum – Tuesday 7th December 2021 Action note**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

**Attending**

Helen Davis, Chair (YAP), Lesley Mount (Signpost), Monica Mochar (WellBeing Scotland ), Alex Collop (Circle), Wilma Murray (Carers of West Lothian), Lesley Brogan (WLDAS), Catriona Foley (Safe Families), Sarah Levitus (Grief Matters), Fiona Brown (WLDAS), Raymond Branton (FCDWL), Rosemary McCabe (Children 1st), Alan McCloskey (VSGWL)

**Apologies**

Daisy Drop In, Declan Harrigan (Smile counselling), Simon McGowan (Children 1st), Mark Kennedy (Circle), Fiona Brown (WLDAS), Denise Arbiter (West Lothian Council), Tracy Murdoch (Kidzeco), Stuart Barrie (Homestart), Rania Qussasi (WLFSS Action for Children), Andrew Murray (Safe Families)

1. **Minutes of previous meeting (Oct. notes attached – November mtg. cancelled)**

Helen advised that she the CLD action plan needs to be developed.

The note of the meeting was approved for accuracy.

1. **Brief Feedback from Children & Families Strategic Planning group meeting, ADP Children and YP sub group meeting, Community Safety group, Adult mental health group etc.**

Helen advised that there was a short update on CAMHS at the Children & Families Strategic planning meeting held on 15 November. Helen provided the update on the third sector to the meeting. Simon would provide the proposed Powerpoint to the January meeting.

Alex gave the Corra bid update (BP):- Brian confirmed that the proposal was submitted to Corra on 04 Nov 2021, the Drugs Services Fund is a competitive grant process. - The proposal, the only proposal submitted in WL to this fund, was a partnership between WLDAS (lead agency), YAP and Circle with formal written approval, as required in the criteria, from WLADP and Children Services managers. - Proposal budget £100,000 and posts in proposal are as follows:• WLDAS – Specialist Link Worker (0.8 fte)• YAP – Youth worker (1 fte)

• Circle – Family outreach worker (0.4 fte)

- Funding decision in Feb 2022.

It was commented that this ties in well with the prevention agenda. It was noted that arrangements are less well developed in Edinburgh and East. Anecdotal feedback highlighted effective relationships locally.

**Action:** Raymond to provide feedback to the C&F Forum

Raymond highlighted there had been positive feedback about the work of the third sector to the C&F Forum. It was useful to highlight the cultural differences between the sector and statutory services.

1. **Discussion/ Feedback – Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework**

The Children & YP (mental health and wellbeing) forum was chaired by Gillian Amos.

Raymond highlighted that the tier model is slightly different, and the framework was largely written for a medical model. Helen commented that the language was medically worded. Alex commented that the third sector support is wider, and it was suggested having a clearer definitions on mental health / illness / wellbeing as well as prevention would be beneficial.

Raymond suggested that the wording around birth to pre-school and schools aged children needed to be expanded. Fiona commented that inequalities is an additional barrier.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-mental-health-wellbeing-supports-services-framework/pages/2/>

1. **Discussion/ Feedback - Draft Commissioning Plan**

Helen explained this was an opportunity for the third sector to contribute to the draft plan.

The following points were highlighted;

* The introduction was high level a focus on policy. The devil will be in the detail
* P11 advised that there were 4 ways identified but only 3 bullet points
* P17 mixed up levels 3 and 4
* P18 references CAMHS. It was questioned whether this should be included or not
* P21 could be beefed up to capture input of young people
* Pages 34-43 should include examples

The opportunity to influence plans for 2023 can be included now. Important to be fully involved in the process and to have the be able to provide feedback.

1. **Next meeting -Tuesday 11th Jan 2022**