**Children and Families Third Sector Forum – Tuesday 5 October 2021**

**Action note**

1. Welcome and Apologies

**Attending**

Helen Davis, Chair (YAP), Lesley Mount (Signpost), Monica Mochar (WellBeing Scotland ), Stuart Barrie (Homestart), Rania Qussasi (WLFSS Action for Children), Alex Collop (Circle), Wilma Murray (Carers of West Lothian), Lesley Brogan (WLDAS), Catriona Foley (Safe Families), Alan McCloskey (VSGWL)

**Apologies**

Daisy Drop In, Declan Harrigan (Smile counselling), Simon McGowan (Children 1st), Rosemary McCabe (Children 1st), Lisa Drinnan (CAB), Mark Kennedy (Circle), Raymond Branton (FCDWL), Fiona Brown (WLDAS), Denise Arbiter (West Lothian Council), Tracy Murdoch (Kidzeco)

1. Minutes of previous meeting / Matters arising

The note of the previous meeting was agreed for accuracy.

**Action:** Helen still to circulate powerpoint from Lesley Brogan`s presentation from September meeting

**All other actions completed.**

1. Feedback from Children & Families Strategic Planning group meeting, ADP Children and YP sub group meeting, Community Safety group etc – brief update.

Helen said there had been a hiccup in the scheduling of dates following the last meeting and there had been late notice of a change in date for the most recent meeting which took place on 23 Sept. She advised that Andrew Miller, Inclusion Service has moved to a new post in the ESN Service.

Helen advised that progress was being made in reducing CAMS waiting lists.

WLDAS are involved in discussion re additional support. All agreed that the clinical situation is a concern.

Helen advised there was no Community Safety update.

Alex advised that the ADP sub group reported that Scottish Govt had direct involvement with Alcohol and Drug Partnership. Funding was being made available to support rehab and adult services. The Corra Foundation were administering a Children and Families fund. Applications were currently being considered.

A consultation document was being pulled together to get views from young people.

1. GIRFEC update and CLD Plan update

Helen highlighted the CLD links to the Promise work on the Champions Board. She noted the covid impacts on direct engagement of young people and Who Cares.

The CLD received a presentation on the 2025 Action plan which reported on different aspects such as building citizenship as well as health and wellbeing.

**Action:** Helen to forward details of the notes once available.

The Youth participation model, especially the lived and poverty action plan linked to the Children Services plan was moving forward.

The Child Protection plan was also moving. Information passed over via Linda in WLSEN and appropriate contacts made.

1. C & F Mental Health Partnership development – Update

There was discussion regarding funding and concerns re recruitment would be raised at the next meeting on 6 Oct. Circle were having to readvertise a post. Monica suggested using Linkedin.

**Action:** Monica to raise

1. Agency updates

Alex highlighted that he had got a promoted role as Head of Operations within Circle and would be advertising his current role. Everyone congratulated him on securing his new role.

Catriona advised she had taken up a post as Family Support Manager based in West Lothian. She was keen to meet individuals and find out more about orgs across the sector.

**Action:** Catriona to contact individuals separately

1. AOCB

Alan highlighted developments surrounding the Scottish Government`s consultation re the National Care Service (NCS) for Scotland. This could have implications for many in the third sector especially those involved in delivering services for children and families.

VSGWL had secured a short information session with the NCS team on 21 Oct specifically aimed at the third sector. Invitation details on the VSGWL website.

1. Future meeting dates:-
   1. 2nd November 1.30-3pm (cancelled)
   2. 7th December 1.30-3pm
   3. 11th January 1.30-3pm