



Dunfermline Digest – March 2008

The Information Sheet of the Dunfermline Local Children's Services Group - Your Local Group

1. About this digest

The main purpose of this "Dunfermline Digest" is to raise awareness of the work of the Local Children's Services Group. It is also to encourage service providers to use their representatives on the group to raise issues about local service delivery, to make the most of partnership working in our area and work towards improving outcomes for children/young people and their families. For details of your representative, see the list at the end of this newsletter.

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2. "Digest" from the Dunfermline LCSG meeting held on 11 March 2008.

Issues Discussed

- **Children's Services Planning 2008-09** – Fiona Power, Children's Services Adviser, provided an update to partners. The Scottish Government has asked that the next round of Children's Services Plans cover one year i.e. 2008/09. The Fife Plan will try to incorporate all relevant targets and strategies, with the aim of being put to Committee around May 2008.
- **Local Plan 2008/09** - Dunfermline LCSG has been asked to provide a local Plan. All relevant agencies are being asked to consider what issues/targets should be in this Plan, with fuller discussion about this at the next LCSG meeting in May.
- **Review of LCSGs** – there is to be an event (now confirmed as 20 May at Rothes Halls) to review all of Fife's LCSGs.
- **Migrant Workers Survey** – there has been a recent survey of the experiences of migrant workers, which includes reference to issues and problems faced by families and children within Fife where English is not their first language.
- **Multi-agency working** – a Fife JAT (Joint Action Team) Annual Report has been completed and will be discussed at a Fife-wide JAT Review on 28 March.
- **Primary School Liaison Groups/Mechanisms** are being rolled out across Fife, including Dunfermline, during this coming year. A meeting to take this forward in Dunfermline is to take place shortly.
- **Fife-Wide Multi-Agency Child Protection Inspection** – this will take place around October. Further information will be provided in due course.
- **Family Support** - The Beanstalk extension is to be opened soon.
- **Youth Crime** – a multi-agency meeting of relevant services is to take place on Monday 17 March to look at ways to tackle this issue.

3. Date and Time of next meeting – in week beginning 12th May, date to be confirmed, in Local Office, Walmer Drive, Dunfermline. Main agenda item – Dunfermline LCSG Plan 2008/09.

Forthcoming Meetings of Interest

1 *Dunfermline Local Child Protection Group*

Next meeting is on 16 April, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the City Chambers, Dunfermline.

Contact – Marilyn Maconachie (Marilyn.Maconachie@fife.gov.uk)

2 *Family Support and Parenting Sub Group of Dunfermline LCSG*

Next meeting – Tuesday 22 April 2008, 4.00 pm at Beanstalk Nursery

Contact – Joyce Munro (home_startdunfermline@madasafish.com)

3 *Dunfermline Youth Strategy Group*

Next meeting – 26 March 2008, 2.00 pm, Tower House

Contact – Vikki Robertson (vikki.robertson@fife.gov.uk)

4 *Abbeyview Early Years Network*

Next meeting – 15 April, 4.00 pm, Beanstalk Nursery

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