

EVOLVING LOCAL GROUPS

1.0 Getting it Right for Children in each area

Introduce Getting it Right in (area) Groups on a 7 area basis across Fife, to map onto Community Planning structures, that will:

- combine the strategic functions of previous LCSGs and JATs
- focus on the priorities of the Children's Services Plan (CSP)
- receive reports to monitor outcomes from the CSP at area level
- be supported by sub groups/ short life working groups as necessary
- monitor and analyse intelligence relating to emergent need within the local area and take action to plan improvement

2.0 Membership of GIRFCIF (area) Groups

- membership will reflect the membership of the Fife level GIRFCIF
- representation will include members leading on any agreed sub group activity

3.0 Monitoring and reporting

- responsibility to report on performance on each of the current priorities of the Children's Services Plan will be taken by respective lead agencies (eg Police for offenders, Education for attainment, Social Work for Looked After etc)
- these reports will be provided on an agreed schedule, to articulate with a reporting schedule to the Children's Services Group and to Area Committees (see appendix 1)

3.0 Role of school liaison mechanisms (SLMs)

- current school liaison mechanisms will be reviewed on a multi agency basis, coordinated by the GIR (area) Group to ensure consistency across Fife and ensure robust, integrated planning mechanisms across services
- ensure multi-agency attendance at SLM's reflects membership of GIR group

4.0 Proposed meeting schedule

It is proposed that each GIR (area) Group schedules 6 meetings per year to enable effective communication between the groups and to prioritise the GIRFEC agenda amongst all services.

Appendix 1

Children's Services Plan Priorities: Planning a reporting schedule over the year

Priority	Reporting agency	
Reduce the % of 16-19 year olds who are not in Employment, Education or Training	CS	May and November
Increase percentage of P1 children with no obvious signs of dental disease	NHS	September (tbc)
Increase % children exclusively breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks	NHS	September (tbc)
Reduce % of 5-15 yr olds who are obese and severely obese	NHS	September (tbc)
Decrease in number of babies requiring treatment for substance misuse withdrawal	NHS	September (tbc)
Reduce pregnancy rate among under 16 year olds per 1000 (definition changed in 2008)	NHS	September (tbc)
Reduce number of persistent offenders	Constabulary	April
Increase % of referrals for offending behaviour being dealt with by multi-agency partners, rather than Police report to Reporter	Constabulary	April
Monitor number of referrals for non-offending behaviour being dealt with by multi-agency partners, rather than referral to the Reporter	Constabulary	April
Reduce accident admission rates for children 15 and under per 1,000 (unintentional injury)	NHS	September (tbc)
Develop multi-agency monitoring of child protection processes and outcomes	CP Lead	May (tbc)
Increase in percentage of looked after children cared for within Fife	SWS	April (tbc)
Reduction in purchased placements out of Fife	SWS	April (tbc)
Increase % of purchased placements that are within Fife	SWS	April (tbc)
Increase % young people ceasing to be looked after attaining at least SCQF level 3 in English and Maths	SWS	April (tbc)
Increase number of young people gaining a recognised achievement award.	Education	November
5 – 14 attainment (primary) in Reading Writing and Maths and SQA attainment	Education	November
Increase % of possible half day attendances per pupil in secondary schools	Education	November
Increase number of approved multi-agency approved flexible packages in secondary schools.	Education	November