

EARLY YEARS STRATEGY GROUP MEETING

09 December 2008

(Second meeting of the Group)

Key points raised at this meeting were as follows:

- Presentation by Brian Kirkcaldy on “Getting it Right in Fife”. Focus on how this relates to integrated working from a strategic level to service delivery. Key themes relate to more joined up and integrated approaches, aim to ensure seamless delivery of services, based on the principles of least intrusive intervention.
- Discussion on G.I.R.I.F., presentation confirmed the benefits of translating the key messages of this agenda to wider sector. One option is to invite Brian to Voluntary Sector Children’s Forum meeting involving managers of services in the sector, who in turn can translate this message to staff within individual services.
- Early Years Framework to be available within next few days of the meeting. It was agreed a workshop to consider key messages and how the agenda will be taken forward in Fife is scheduled for Thursday 22nd January 2009, 9.30 – 12.30.

Voluntary Sector representation at this includes Rhona Cunningham (Gingerbread), Lynn Gillies (Barnardo’s Family Matters) and Chair of Voluntary Sector Forum.

- Other key areas discussed at the meeting was need to establish a set of key priorities to be taken forward in Fife that are agreed and linked to overall Children’s Services Plan and Single Outcome Agreements. It was recognised that work within the G.I.R.I.F. group re parenting strategy would also have to be linked closely to Early Years Strategy Work.