

## Early Years Strategy Group

Notes taken at the Early Years Strategy Group held on  
29 September 2009 at Auchterderran Centre.

**Present:** Carrie Lindsay, Area Education Officer, Education Service (Chair)  
Mairi Ferris, Early Years Co-ordinator, Community Services  
Duncan Simpson, Service Manager, Community Services  
Eric Anderson, Fife Constabulary  
Mandy Mayo, Scottish Preschool Play Association  
Lynn Gillies Voluntary Sector Children's Forum  
Theresa Stevenson, Social Work  
Maxine Moy, NHS  
Elly Alexander, Educational Psychology Service  
Janis Walker, Pre-school Educational Home Visiting Service

**Attending:** Anne Gibson, Chief Dietician, NHS Fife

**Apologies:** Joyce Greig, Integrated Community Schools Manager  
Rhona Cunningham, Gingerbread  
Val Hatch, NHS  
Jane Crawford - Scottish Childminding Association

<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b>	<b><u>Action Points</u></b>
	Anne Gibson was welcomed to the meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Mairi advised that an invitation had been extended to Jacqui Crush of Lauriston Nursery to attend the EYSG meetings to represent the independent nursery sector. Mairi to follow up if no response received.</p> <p>There were no other Matters Arising</p>	<b>MF</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b><u>Infant Nutrition project</u></b> – Anne Gibson</p> <p>The Infant Nutrition project/Cel 36 is funded until March 2011 with an aim of improving nutrition in women of childbearing age and children under five years. Anne is available to give nutritional input into existing services or groups, and to get ideas about where she should be focussing.</p> <p>Suggestions included: Breastfeeding in Primary Education FSF project ICS Family Support workers</p>	

		<b><u>Action Points</u></b>
	<p>Preschool Education Home Visiting Service  Childminders, playgroups, nurseries  Foster Carers  If members have groups that they would like Anne to link into, or have suggestions of where she could link, please contact Anne at:  Anne Gibson  Chief Dietitian/CEL36  Dietetic Office Ward 5  Lynebank Hospital  Dunfermline KY11 4UW  01383 623623 Extn 5850  <a href="mailto:annegibson2@nhs.net">annegibson2@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Anne was invited back to give feedback to the EYSG regarding the project's identified priorities and outcomes.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>AG/MF</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b><u>Discussion: Early Years Strategy document</u></b>  Further discussion took place regarding the Strategy document. Some work is needed to tidy up the narrative and provide further explanation – e.g. Consultation processes.  Mairi to make agreed changes to narrative and Action Plan.  Mairi will contact leads to establish outcomes for the action plans.</p>	<p><b>MF</b></p> <p><b>MF</b></p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b><u>Discussion: Children's Rights Strategy</u></b>  There was general discussion around the Fife Children's Rights Strategy currently out for consultation. Members felt that the Right to Play and the role of parents needed more emphasis in the document and the priorities. Mairi to feedback to CRS steering group.  Mairi highlighted that there was to be a Children's Rights conference at the Auchterderran centre on 20 November.</p>	<p><b>MF</b></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b><u>Next Steps</u></b>  The following items were agreed for the next EYSG meeting:  Infant Mental Health  Early Education redesign &amp; FSF project  Family Support &amp; Parenting Strategy</p> <p>Mairi to invite Marie Renaud for Infant Mental Health</p>	

<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p>Item. Carrie to invite Jane Mason for Early Education item. Mairi &amp; Elly will feedback on Family Support &amp; Parenting item.</p> <p><b><u>AOCB</u></b> There was no other business.</p> <p><b><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>10 November 2009, 2pm, Tutorial 4, Auchterderran Centre</b></p> <p><b><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>15 December 2009, 2pm, Tutorial 4, Auchterderran.</b></p> <p>2010 meeting dates to be established.</p>	<p><b><u>Action Points</u></b></p> <p><b>MF</b> <b>CL</b></p> <p><b>MF/EA</b></p>
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