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Executive Leadership Group

March was another busy month for us all. The main focus for the month was the review of the past year for children's services. Over 90 staff from across the partnership gathered at the Alexander Graham Bell Conference Centre to reflect on the past year. We heard positive and inspiring stories from young people, were updated by our strategic chairs on the work completed over the year and had a chance to contribute to the work planned going forward. Our first annual review will soon be available for all to read.

We are continuing to develop and finalise our:

- Organisational Development Plan
- Strategic Risk Register
- Young Carers Strategy
- Plans for the Year of Young People 2018

Finally a huge thank you as ever for all your hard work #TeamMoray.

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[Young Carers leaflet](#) - The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 comes into effect on 1 April 2018. The act details the advice, information and support which young carers are entitled to in order to support them in their caring role enabling them to maintain their health and wellbeing and have a life alongside caring. This leaflet gives more information.

[Aspirational Awards Scheme](#) – is a young people-led individual grants fund which aims to empower care experienced young people to think big about their future and to reach their full potential. The scheme provides the opportunity for young people to apply for a funding award aimed at achieving their ambitions, as well as supporting their personal development to enable them to reach as high as possible in life. Our first three rounds of funding were so successful that we are planning several more - applications for Round 4 will open on 4th April 2018. You can watch our handy [video](#) about Aspirational Awards or....click here of more info. Find out more on our website

Newly published webpage for [Mental Health & Wellbeing Children & Young People](#) is now available, containing resources and training information. The [Moray Self-harm](#) and [Suicide Multi-Agency Guidance](#) documents have been produced by the

Moray Community Planning Partnership and provide information and guidance for people working with children and young people at risk of self-harm and at risk of suicide. They provide an overview of self-harm and suicide, information on risk factors and warning signs and include advice on what you can do to help. They also give information on further training and on supports and services that are available both locally and online.

Child Protection

The Child Protection Committee, through partner members, is taking forward an ambitious improvement plan that keeps children and young people at the heart of all we do, whilst embracing the need for professional challenge, accountability and strategic governance to secure better outcomes and sustainable change through a safer family/safer community's agenda.

[Further information.](#)

Revised Age Assessment Good Practice Guidance for Social Workers - The Scottish Government has published revised age assessment good practice guidance for social workers, their managers and others involved in undertaking age assessments in Scotland. It has been revised by a multi-agency partnership and subject to review from relevant stakeholders. Additions include a specific appendix on undertaking a trauma informed approach to assessment, revised case law and the inclusion of text boxes which highlight feedback from young people as to what is and isn't helpful in the age assessment process.

The Guidance is not statutory and should not be taken as constituting, or a substitute, for legal advice.

The guidance can be accessed here <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00532940.pdf>

Other

[Quarriers Carer E-newsletter](#)

Training Calendars

[Moray Learning & Development Group](#)
[Moray Community Training Calendar](#)

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