

REPORT TO: SMARTER STRATEGIC GROUP ON 17 DECEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN

BY: HEAD OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To summarise progress of Moraywide actions within the plan and indicate next steps.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the SMARTER Strategic Group notes the progress in **APPENDIX 1** of this report and the intention of the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and the Acting Head of Educational Support Services to visit Locality Management Groups (LMGs) to review progress of local plans.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The meeting of the SMARTER Strategic Group on 24 September 2009 considered the level of detail required by the group in reviewing the Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP).

3.2 The plan is constructed through both Moraywide actions and actions to be progressed locally at ASG levels as locality plans. Review reports have been received for Moraywide and local plans.

3.3 **APPENDIX 1** summarises progress for the Moraywide actions and the next steps required to progress the plan.

3.4 It is suggested that the Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and the Acting Head of Educational Support Services meet with the Locality Management Groups in each ASG to review local actions directly and consider the effectiveness and focus of LMGs and their preparations for the 2010-11 ICSP.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Moray Council has statutory responsibilities to protect and promote the welfare of children and young people in need.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy and legal issues associated with this report.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

There are none directly related to this report.

(d) Consultations

The preparation of the ICSP Review has involved personnel from a wide variety of agencies.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The 2009/10 ICSP has been subject to its first review and analysis undertaken of the Moraywide plan. It is suggested that direct dialogue is undertaken with LMGs in progressing local plans and in preparation for the 2010/11 ICSP.

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Background Papers: with author

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Moraywide actions – ICSP 2009/10 – progress summary

Outcome statements

a. All parents and young children thrive.

Indicator	Work Undertaken to Date	Work Planned	Half Year Data	Notes
For those referred to the police in domestic abuse incidents increase the percentage who are only referred once	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and piloting of multiagency screening Development and first review of Local Integrated Assessment & Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirming the process for responding to concerns Modifications to the LIAP process 	Data awaited	MCOG is overseeing the development of interagency referral procedures in child protection
Increase the percentage of new mothers who are screened for perinatal mental health in the first 8 weeks post birth	No response received from the Lead Officer	-	-	Follow up with Lead Officer to obtain information and report to Co-ordinating/ Theme Group
Increase the percentage of mothers giving birth who are drug and tobacco free	Smoking cessations programmes with pregnant mothers	None stated	None available	Follow-up with the Lead Officer to obtain further information and report to Co-ordinating/ Theme Group

b. Children succeed in school.

Indicator	Work Undertaken to Date	Work Planned	Half Year Data	Notes
For young people who offend increase the proportion where this occurs only once	Youth Justice Implementation Group established	Group will focus on the diversionary elements of the Youth Justice Strategy	No of young people offending once – 2006/7 baseline = 60.8% 2009/10 Q1&Q2 = 72.9%	No additional actions required
Reduce the rate of exclusion in school	Group established to consider the restructuring of the Inclusion and Support Service	Report to be considered by Educational Services before the end of the calendar year	Figures will be available	Obtain half-year figures
Improve the average total tariff score for attainment by S4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking arrangements in place for looked-after children Education attendance at 	Training days set up on 'we can and must do better' (relates to looked-after children)	Will be available at the end of session	Further report to Co-ordinating Group/ Theme Group on the implementation of tracking

	LAC Reviews in school holidays			mechanisms linking to LAC Reviews
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c. Young people become successful adults.

Indicator	Work Undertaken to Date	Work Planned	Half Year Data	Notes
Increase the proportion of school leavers going onto a positive destination in education, training & employment	16+ strategy group established with four areas of priority:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pulling together key services demonstrating good practice early intervention links to Curriculum for Excellence 	Implementation of Action Plan. Appointment of 16+ development post	Half-year figures available in February	Obtain half-year figures
Reduce the rate of young people (under the age of 25 years) killed or seriously injured through road traffic accidents	Operation Piston underway targeting young drivers who are repeat offenders which includes antisocial driving initiatives and driving ambition courses	Continued implementation of stated initiatives including the targeting of groups of young drivers	No of young people killed or seriously injured:- 2005 = 14 2006 = 24 2007 = 14 2009/10 Q1+Q2 = 5	No additional actions required
Increase the rate of 11-18 year olds and 18-25 year olds who self report that they are:- (i) alcohol; (ii) drug; and (iii) tobacco free	SMS Young People's Drop-in and Kick Butt programme that have been piloted. Mobile Information Bus, Health Promoting Schools and Healthpoints	Continue with current initiatives	Data being sought	Obtain half-year figures

Working together

a. Increase the capacity of staff and agencies to work together at a local level

Action	Work undertaken to date	Work planned	Notes
Develop locality teams through locality management groups	Locality Management Group in each ASG with established remit	Continue with key actions	Visit by Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and Acting Head of Educational Support Services to each LMG to review work

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b. Streamline planning and decision-making

Action	Work undertaken to date	Work planned	Notes
Implement an Integrated Assessment & Planning Framework where the process can lead to 'one child, one meeting, one plan'	GIRFEC implementation plan underway including Local Integrated Assessment & Planning (LIAP). LIAP review period ended 30 November 2009	Production of review report and develop revised action plans	Review report to be considered in LMG visits referred to above. Review report to be tabled at Co-ordinating/Theme Group
Devolve responsibility for resource, planning and decision-making to a local level as far as possible	Meetings have occurred with schools to establish the most effective way of devolving resources in conjunction with the restructuring of the Inclusion and Support Service	Complete the work currently being undertaken	Outcome of these exercises to be considered by Educational Services

c. Measure & evaluate progress

Action	Work undertaken to date	Work planned	Notes
Measure impact for service	First reports received for the three high level outcome statements (9 indicators)	Follow-up actions identified in this report	Further review reports to be sought in February 2010
Monitoring effectiveness of services and intervention	Very restricted progress in developing mechanisms for self-evaluation.	Self-evaluation arrangements need to be established as a matter of priority	Action plan to be submitted to co-ordinating Group/ Theme Group next year
Ensure effective communication and engagement strategies are in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Communication Strategy considered and approved at Co-ordinating Group on 19 November 2009 (copy attached) SMARTER Theme Group website established 	Lunchtime event planned for early 2010. Annual report on 2009/10 ICSP to be prepared. Work with Community Engagement Group in broadening stakeholder involvement in preparing the 2010/11 ICSP	Prepare 2009/10 ICSP annual report for Theme Group in June 2010

Communication Strategy

Aim

The key strategic aim of the Communication Strategy will be to 'promote the activities of the SMARTER Theme Group in an inclusive manner'.

Objectives

In order to achieve this aim the Communication Strategy has the following SMART objectives:-

1. Ensure straightforward and efficient communication between the Strategy Group and Co-ordinating Group to effectively co-ordinate their work.
2. Improve the accessibility of information about SMARTER Theme Groups activities.
3. Develop stakeholder consultation in the evaluation and development of SMARTER Theme Group activities.

The objectives of the Communication Strategy will be supported by the following:-

1. The use of different channels of communication including:-
 - Conferences, seminars and workshops;
 - Maintaining a web-page; and
 - Press releases and production and circulation of other written material.
2. Regular reporting through Moray Performs.
3. Maintaining productive links with other Theme Groups and Community Planning Partnership.

Principles

The Communication Strategy will adopt the following principles. Communication to be:-

1. Purposeful and timely.
2. Open and based on reliable information.
3. In plain English and be available in other languages on request.
4. The responsibility of all members of the Strategy and Co-ordinating Groups.

Action: Ensure straightforward and efficient communication between the Strategy Group and Co-ordinating Group to effectively co-ordinate their activities.

Activity	By whom	By when	Outcome
Production and distribution of minutes	Group Chairs	Within one month of each group meeting	Good flow of information between groups

Action: Improve the accessibility of information about SMARTER Theme Groups activities.

Activity	By whom	By when	Outcome
Press releases	Agreed by Strategy Group or Associated Groups	As and when required	Raise awareness of wider public
Regular reporting – through Moray Performs	Lead Officer	Reporting cycles	Publicly accessible reporting on Local Action Plans
Website	Project Officer	Ongoing	Timely reporting of SMARTER Group activities

Action: Develop stakeholder consultation in the evaluation and development of SMARTER Theme Group activities.

Activity	By whom	By when	Outcome
Widen service user and other stakeholder involvement	Lead Officer in collaboration with the Community Engagement Group	As and when required	More inclusive development of SMARTER activities and their evaluation