

**Minutes of the Inverness, Nairn Badenoch & Strathspey
Area Children's Services Forum (ACSF) Business (Core) Group Meeting
Thursday 17th May 2007, 3.30 - 5pm in Alder House, Inverness**

Present: Kate Birch, Area Children's Services Manager - SWS, HC
Jo Veasey, Assistant General Manager, SE CHP - NHS
Margaret Kinsella, Integration Manager - ECS, HC

Apologies: John Bruce, Senior Education Officer - ECS, HC

1. Margaret was advised to approach Corporate Services to discuss whether an extension until Xmas to the CSW post at Cradlehall could take place.
2. Margaret was asked to find out how 'placement requests' in ECS were dealt with as this could have an impact of the role and remit of the CSMG.
3. There was discussion about the capacity & relevance of the CSMG - there is not the capacity to do 'everything' and it should be clear what the specific role of this multi agency Service Managers Group would be. The 'gate keeping role' to more scare resources would be a key element. The possibility of accessing Residential Placement Group resource to put a local plan in place was also talked through, with an eye to trying to keep YP in the area, make best use of existing resources and have best value.
4. Margaret was informed that Charles Stephen was planning sessions for Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey on the Integrated Children's Services, the role of the GIRFEC, CWSG and ACSF. She was asked whether there had been coordination with the GIRFEC team. MK reported there has not been any discussion & it was suggested there should be.
5. Margaret was asked to arrange a 1 hour meeting for the Core Group with Marj Stewart on Friday 25th at Alder House 12 noon to further discuss the role and remit of the SMG.