

Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey Children's Service Managers Meeting (INBSCSMG)
Monday 17th December 2007, 11 - 1pm in
Inshes Church, Inverness

Present:

Kate Birch	Area Children's Services Manager - SWS, HC (Chair)
John Bruce	Senior Education Officer - ECS, HC
Jo Veasey	Assistant General Manger, South East Highland CHP - NHS
Tricia Morrison	Public Health Practioner for Children & Families SE Highland CHP, NHS
Hilary MacPherson	Senior Reporter to Children's Panel - SCRA
Bernadette Cairns	Acting Principal Educational Psychologist - ECS, HC
Ian Cox	Chief Inspector, Burnett Road - Northern Constabulary
Margaret Kinsella	Acting Assessment Co-ordinator - ECS, HC
Marion MacKay	Clerical Assistant - ECS, HC (Minutes)

In Attendance:

Rikki Selkirk	Senior Family Liaison Officer - SWS, HC
Debbie Milton	Acting Team Leader, Badenoch & Strathspey - SWS, HC
Arthur Scott	Senior Social Worker, YAT - SWS, HC
Sue Roddick	Senior Family Liaison Officer - SWS, HC
Bill Alexander	Head of Children's Services - SWS, HC
Sandie Young	Interagency Nurse Consultant for Children & Families - NHS

	Subject	Decision	Actions
1.	Welcome and Apologies	Introductions were made & people welcomed to meeting.	
2.	Names for discussion	Confidential information - separate minute done for INBSCMG members only.	

3.	<p>Minutes from last meeting</p> <p>Matters arising</p>	<p>Approved and agreed as accurate by those at previous meeting.</p> <p>Protocol Discussions - Margaret is meeting with Murray Cochrane, George Gough and CI Ian Cox to discuss linking the SMG and the Anti-Social Behaviour Partnership. Once the meeting has been held (30/11/07) Margaret will complete the draft protocol to be ratified at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>This item to go on agenda for 17/12/07 meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Bill Alexander</p>	<p>For Highlands Children Planning - For Highlands Children 3</p> <p>FHC3 - various strategy groups now reviewing outcomes and targets re FHC2. Scottish Government spending review showed 15 key outcomes with 45 targets behind that. Agencies will need to focus on how this complements individual corporate plans.</p> <p>Local Action Fund (LAF) Update</p> <p>LAF funding allocated to 22 wards not the 8 areas as previous. Any recommendations should come through this group but this isn't happening at the moment. Margaret is meeting with Mags Duncan Stirling (CLLS, HC), Graeme Cooper (NCH) and Arthur Scot (YAT,SWS) to discuss ensuring best value and collaboration is maintained.</p> <p>Consultation of organisation of Disability Services</p> <p>The re-organisation of HC Children's services to be completed by January 2008. The SWS specialist Central Highland Team (CHT) which includes specialist nurses was established 2 years ago. CHT is under managed at the moment and additional management put in for now. If it is extended then some of the current resource would need to go to management and not service.</p>	<p>SMG invited to a seminar 18th January at Town House, Inverness.</p> <p>Mags Duncan Stirling to be invited to January ICSMG to discuss LAF.</p> <p>Marlyn Campbell to be invited to next meeting.</p>

	<p>Do we wish to keep disability service? If it is an effective model should it be extended Highland wide? A questionnaire has been sent out with information regarding a consultation day in Inverness. Members asked to note this and ensure it has a wide circulation.</p> <p>GIRFEC Update - Bill Alexander & Sandie Young Everyone must understand the GIRFEC structures by early 2008. Lead professional training was delayed but dates out now and filling quickly.</p> <p>Services threshold (Benchmarks) Meeting was set for Thursday 29/11/07 but was cancelled due to illness. Need to have benchmarks established for early 2008. Our staff need to make sense of resources, services should be available regardless of location, and SMG will need to look at funding sources and ownership of posts. Not such an immediate pressure but will need further discussion.</p> <p>Liaison Groups Bill spoke about the role of Liaison Groups. The SMG must now plan what this structure looks like, its membership and geography. There was discussion whether it should be set round ASG or SW Team's. The professionals for INBS should be clear about the structure in the next 6 - 8 weeks. Various discussions round named persons and lead professionals. The 'named person' in schools will depend on size of school and age of child. The role of the SFLO's must be explicit this should be clear by January 2008. Brief discussion re the ACSF budgets, will be appropriate to stay with the SFLO's and Assessment Co-ordinators.</p>	<p>Questionnaire will be sent to group with minutes.</p> <p>Contact Kay Ballantyne re dates and spaces.</p> <p>MK to rearrange meeting.</p> <p>A meeting set for Friday 7th December 2007, 8.30 - 9.30am in 13 Ardross Street, Inverness.</p>
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5.	AOCB	<p>Services to Schools in B&S - Margaret Kinsella A meeting has been set for 11am on Thursday 29th November 2007 to discuss this matter further.</p> <p>Confirmation of SMG Meeting dates for 2009 Dates confirmed and Operation Room, ECS Offices, 30 Harbour Road, Inverness is the venue. Jo asked for Tricia Morrison to be put on the distribution list as she will be attending the meetings from January 2008.</p> <p>Social Work Re-organisation - for information Paper distributed.</p> <p>ISS Pathway Margaret spoke to Graeme Cooper, NCH. Some names had gone to ISS that INBSCSMG had not authorised.</p>	<p>Please note the venue for all the 2008 meetings.</p> <p>Agreed the SMG will accept ISS referrals. Once agreement is reached MK/LG will e-mail papers to G Cooper and P McClelland.</p>
6.	Date, Time & Venue of next meeting	Monday 17th December 2007, 11am - 12.30pm in Alder House, Cradlehall Business Park, Inverness	