

Lochabair Fòram Sgìreil Sheirbheis na Cloinne

LOCHABER AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM

Core

Thursday 5th October, 2006
10 am – 11.30 am

Camaghael Hostel, Fort William

PRESENT:	Rosemary Bridge	Area Education Manager (Chair)
	Charles Stephen	Integration Manager (Minutes)
	Pol McClelland	Area Children's Service Manager
	John O'Kane	Area Community Learning & Leisure Manager
	Emma Tayler	Childcare & Family Resource Officer
	Marie Milne	Midwifery Manager
APOLOGIES:	Catherine Zawalynski	Professional Adviser for Children & Families
	Theresa James	Locality General Manager

2.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD – 31st August 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Panel visited An Lar and were impressed with what is on offer.• Youth Offenders Forum – Inspector Dougie Allan wants to focus on early intervention. Charles Stephen to attend next meeting and contribute to development.• Senior Family Liaison Officer – await approval from Director of Social Work. <p><u>Action</u> Pol to check with Bill Alexander regarding SFLO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Panel – no further contact from Chairperson• Health Centre – accommodation for SW – probably adult services.• Budgets – Lochaber High School Pupil Support Base used to capacity. Improving links with Lochaber High School Pupil Support Base and An Lar. Need to ensure that children at An Lar can also attend LHS for subjects. Need to be aware of need for some specific subject provision. <p><u>Action</u> Rosemary Bridge, Pol McClelland and Joanne Glaze to meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parenting – Sub Group to meet regarding planning.
3.	<p>ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM – Charles Stephen</p> <p>Charles talked of the remit of the ACSF which is –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish the appropriate assessment, planning and resourcing

	<p>framework for children in need in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate and support the development of Liaison Arrangements around Associated School Groups. • To facilitate the identification of children whose needs are particularly complex or difficult to meet, through the establishment and effective working of Liaison Arrangements, ensuring Area Management involvement in decision making about planning and resourcing. • To consider issues of policy and practice within the Area, including in consultation with other senior officers and elected members. • To ensure the monitoring, evaluation and ongoing review of the Integration of Services for Children and Families.
4.	<p>APPENDIX 2 AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING Charles advised the group of the web based Performance Delivery and Performance Management sheets that comprise Appendix 2 of FHC2.</p>
5.	<p>CHILDREN'S CHAMPION MEETING Cllr Olwyn Macdonald was very interested and agreed to meet again on Friday 17th November at 10.30 am in North Committee Room, Lochaber House.</p>
6.	<p>LOCHABER ACSF CORE GROUP AND PRACTICE PANEL MEETING DATES – 2007 The group agreed proposed dates for 2007. <i>appendix 1</i></p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Staffing – number of vacancies in Children and Families. Senior Social Worker and three Social Workers (1 trainee). • Lochaber ACSF Development Plan – Gaelic version can now be viewed on the For Highlands Children website http://www.forhighlandschildren.org/htm/area-csfs/lochaber/area-csfs-lochaber.php • Lochaber Easy Guide – can now be viewed on the above site.
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 16th November 2006 10 am – 11.30 Camaghael Hostel, Fort William</p>

DATES FOR LOCHABER CORE/PRACTICE PANEL

2007

	<u>Core</u>	<u>PP</u>
Wednesday 17 th January	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 14 th February	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 14 th March	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
<i>Wednesday 11th April</i>	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 9 th May	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 6 th June	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
<i>Wednesday 4th July</i>	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
<i>Wednesday 1st August</i>	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 29 th August	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 26 th September	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 24 th October	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 21 st November	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 19 th December	10 - 12.30	1.30 - 4.00

Dates in red and italic are during holidays