

An t-Eilean Sgitheanach & Loch Aillse Sgìreil Sheirbheis na Cloinne

SKYE & LOCHALSH AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICE FORUM

Core

Tuesday 24th April, 2007

1.30 pm – 4 pm

Elgin Hostel, Portree

PRESENT:

Eileen Burnham	Childcare & Family Resource Officer
Alison Hudson	Assistant General Manager, MHCHP
Laurence Young	Area Education Manager
Maureen Keough	Area Children's Service Manager
Charles Stephen	Integration Manager
Andy Mackay	Community Learning and Leisure Officer
Bob Leadbetter	Area Principal Educational Psychologist

APOLOGIES: Kate Earnshaw Clinical Co-ordinator, Skye

IN ATTENDANCE: Maggie Tytler Administrative Assistant

2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD – 30 th January 2007 As read.
3.	BUDGETS – Charles Stephen Bill Alexander informed Charles that the budget is to remain as before until new managers are in post. All funding remains as 2006/07. The contingency fund has been reduced slightly to cover the increase in SFLO salary costs – salary costs may change to be mainstream funded. Charles agreed to inform schools of their funding.
4.	CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP – Eileen Burnham <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Broadford Out of School Club is almost finished. It is situated in Broadford Primary School grounds. CALA have agreed to take over management for an annual fee. Eileen and Gordon Wyness to meet with CALA for final arrangements. It is hoped the Club will be ready for opening in August.• Portree nursery are doing a feasibility study. Now looking at an out of school service.• Childcare & Family Resource Officer are to be reduced from 7.5 to 5.5. These Officers will be centrally managed by Sam Brogan (Senior Childcare & Family

	<p>Resource Officer).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCS are looking at developing Counselling – Choose Life have donated to the 17 plus age group.
5.	<p>AGENCY REPORTS</p> <p><u>Health – Alison Hudson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Visitor staffing is being resolved. Dave Morton’s post – his area will be reduced to S & L. It is hoped that he will be in a position to undertake training and development. NHS Highland is going over to childcare voucher scheme. <p><u>SW – Maureen Keough</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen pointed out that the structure of the existing SW team will remain the same. Youth Justice Worker post has been put on hold. <p><u>Education – Laurence Young</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report. <p><u>CLL – Andy Mackay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz Stevenson has now left. Health hope to recruit a Public Health Practitioner soon. Start Up - the aim was to target groups such as young mothers with post natal depression. This was an example of good Partnership working. Summer Programme –ACSF and Childcare Partnership previously supported with funding. Eileen assumed that admin and workers would still be provided by the Partnership. There will be no funding available from ACSF. Eileen to liaise with Kath for referrals from SW. Andy thanked every one for their support in the Peer review.
6.	<p>LEARNING DISABILITY – Kate Earnshaw</p> <p>Kate was unable to attend. Therefore nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Alison to forward any information to Charles.</p>
7.	<p>SFLO FEEDBACK – Maureen Keough</p> <p>Good presentation and interesting issues highlighted. Charles responded to the issues raised. There was a concern that there will be less SFLO capacity in the future.</p>
8.	<p>R, S & L ARRANGEMENTS - All</p> <p>There are to be 3 areas, instead of 8, in the new Highland Council structure. It has been estimated to take 6 months to re organise.</p> <p>Charles will be working with Gill McVicar, Maureen Keough, John Ritchie to discuss the future of the ACSF</p> <p>In preparation for GIRFEC – Charles will liaise with Margaret Kinsella to ensure the area is ready to have this in place.</p> <p>Charles welcomed any suggestions with re organisation.</p>
9.	<p>SURESTART BUDGET AND PLAN – Maureen Keough</p> <p>Maureen envisages that some support packages may need to be reduced. Flexible funding will have to be explored.</p> <p>Maureen requested data concerning families attending parenting groups to compare with the Surestart criteria (parents with children under 4 who are vulnerable, outcomes of the groups etc)</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Alison to collate data from Health Visitors.</p>

10.	AOB As this was the last scheduled meeting of the S & L ACSF, Laurence thanked everyone in the group for making it such a success. The new Area E, C & S Manager is to be John Ritchie.
11.	Date of Next Meeting undecided