

INVERNESS AREA CHILDREN'S SERVICES FORUM

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PRIORITIES

2005 - 2008

This short summary document provides an overview of Inverness Area Children's Services Forum's agreed local priorities for the immediate future.

Each of the key outcomes contained in Highland's new, integrated Children's Plan (FHC2) has been discussed and although it is recognised that progress requires to be made on all fifty 'KOs' contained within the pan-Highland plan, there needed to be clear identification of the specific priorities for the Inverness area over the next 3 years.

This report details these identified priorities and activity scheduled.

This short document will be reviewed on a regular basis, with an annual update prepared for local Inverness Area 'governance arrangements' consideration.

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FHC2 Ref	<i>OUTCOME:</i>	Local implementation	Lead Responsibilities	Performance Review
KO 1	<i>"All referrals of vulnerable young people will be assessed within a common framework." "Utilising the common assessment process, children and young people who need it will have an intervention plan, involving an integrated package of appropriate health, care and education support, and an identified lead professional."</i>	Invite Marj Stewart to IACSF. Schedule joint training at the earliest opportunity. Ensure attendance at training by key practitioners.	Kate Birch; Marj Stewart; IACSF Core Group	October 2005 March 2006 + Annually
KO 17	<i>"Reduce the proportion of 13 and 15 year olds self-reporting using alcohol in the last week." ["Reduce the proportion of 13 and 15 year olds self-reporting smoking regularly each week." "Reduce the proportion of 13 and 15 year olds self-reporting using drugs in the last month."]</i>	Future substantive item on ACSF Agenda. Invite Elaine Fetherston onto IACSF. Raise profile of alcohol education / harm reduction. Ensure alcohol is on the agenda for a forthcoming Network Seminar. Closer collaboration with Inverness Drug & Alcohol Forum.	JP Sieczkarek; John Bruce; Elaine Fetherston; Rebecca Raynes; Louise Thomas; School Nurses	March 2006 + Annually
KO 28	<i>"Decrease (total - authorised & unauthorised) non- attendance at school."</i>	Convene a short life working group (SLWG) to assess why young people reduce their attendance; and facilitate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate curricular flexibility; • Sharing of good practice; • Parental / pupil involvement. Raise profile to ensure school attendance.	Colin Macaulay; Gavin MacLean; Duncan MacDonald; Working Group	December 2005

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KO 32	<p><i>"Increase the proportion of 13-17 year olds taking part in sport, in addition to the school curriculum, more than once a week."</i></p> <p><i>"Increase the numbers taking part in sports activity by 3%, maintaining the balance of participation across the population."</i></p>	<p>'Active Schools' and 'Sports Development' Coordinators key. Ensure close linking with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promoting Schools Accreditation Process; • School Nurses to encourage activity through Health Promotion. 	<p>Douglas Wilby; Alan Clarke; Louise Thomas; Liz Watson</p>	<p>December 2005</p>
KO 35	<p><i>"Achieve a 5% increase in uptake of the High Life Scheme, including budget card and family-inclusive packages."</i></p> <p><i>"Ensure 'High Life Young - Scot Cards' are available to 100% of school pupils aged 12+."</i></p> <p><i>"Achieve year on year increase in number of 'visits' to 'High Life - Young Scot' website."</i></p>	<p>Maximise opportunities for the promotion of 'Hi-Life' and specifically reopen discussions with Management Committees and Community Centres to encourage local involvement in Hi-Life Scheme to the benefit of children & families.</p>	<p>Douglas Wilby</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
KO 36	<p><i>"Reduce the number of school exclusions."</i></p>	<p>Detailed analysis of number and length of exclusions.</p> <p>Extend remit of SLWG on Attendance (as KO 28 above) to incorporate this.</p> <p>Appropriately link IACSF to Youth Offending Forum agenda.</p> <p>Consider future lunchtime network meeting with schools specifically invited.</p>	<p>John Bruce; CWSG Non-Attendance SLWG (as above)</p>	<p>March 2006</p>

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KO 48	<p><i>"Reduce the length of time that children are looked after."</i></p> <p><i>"Reduce the number and the proportion of children who are looked after and accommodated."</i></p> <p><i>"Reduce the average number of placement moves."</i></p> <p><i>"Maintain at 25 or reduce further, the number of Looked After Children in 'out of area placements'."</i></p>	<p>Review and analyse available data and feed back to ACSF and to Case-Working Sub Group as appropriate.</p>	<p>Kate Birch; Irene Bloomfield</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
KO 49	<p><i>"Increase in benefits uptake - clothing grant, school meals and Education Maintenance Allowances."</i></p>	<p>Build into future Children's Services Workers' training.</p> <p>Possible network event.</p> <p>Link to Review of CSW role.</p>	<p>Colin Macaulay; SFLOs;</p>	<p>March 2006</p>

FHC2 Ref	INCLUDED THEME - "Children in Need" <i>OUTCOME:</i>	Local implementation	Lead Responsibilities	Performance Review
KOs 14; 38; 43; 50	Leaving Care: <i>Improving transition - including housing.</i>	Ensure implementation of transitions protocol. Continue to develop safer, affordable accommodation with appropriate support.	Murray Cochrane; Barnardo's Springboard	March 2006
KOs 28; 36; 40; 41; 50	Experiencing Social, Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties: <i>Early years family support</i>	Encourage early identification and staged intervention. Develop support e.g. for Young Families (Sure Start funded).	SureStart; SFLOs; EdPsychs; Pupil Support	March 2006
KOs 4; 26; 28; 50	With Mental Health Needs	Continue roll-out and evaluation of School Counsellor. Give consideration to expanding Primary Mental Health Worker capacity in Inverness area. Weakness - recovery services with regard to child protection. AWARE Project. ACSF - MH Working Group. Network Seminar / Event.	John Bruce; JP Sieczkarek; Louise Thomas	March 2006
KOs 7; 9; 23; 35; 40; 41; 49; 50	In Poverty	Awareness raising required. Foster a common understanding. Consider facilitating a network seminar event.	As above, KO 49	March 2006

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KOs 14; 28; 40; 41; 49; 50	Experiencing Homelessness	Regular review of data. Further develop IACSF links with Housing.	Murray Cochrane; Barnardo's Springboard	March 2006
KOs 4; 28; 45; 50	Gypsy / Travellers	Evaluation Report to be considered by IACSF.	Liz Watson; Karen MacMaster	March 2006
KOs 6; 28; 50	With Additional Health Needs	Raise professional awareness. Consider Network Seminar. Receive and consider report of local Disability Subgroup. Links to ASN legislation.	Paediatricians; Stephen Iliffe	March 2006
KOs 1;5; 6; 31; 32; 39; 42; 50	Communication and / or Developmental Disorders	Consider Disability Sub-group report as above in context of UHI Evaluation.	Marlyn Campbell; Neil Campbell; Disability WG;	March 2006

FHC2 Ref	IACSF REVIEW of Working Arrangements	Local implementation	Lead Responsibilities	Performance Review
	<i>Full Forum Meetings Core Group Meetings IACSF Network Meetings Sub-structures Working groups</i>	Review terms of reference.	Core Group	March 2006
	<i>Caseworking Subgroup</i>	Review terms of reference.	CWSG	October 2005
	<i>Liaison Groups</i>	Evaluation Report. Network event. Good Practice Guide.	Core Group	October 2005