

Scottish Children's Rights Implementation Monitoring Group

19 December 2012

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh

10:00 am – 12:00pm

Attended:

Tam Baillie (Chair) – SCCYP

Katie Brown - SCCYP

Boyd McAdam – Scottish Government

Colin Morrison – Together

Scott Wood – Scottish Government

Linda Macdonald (notes) – SCCYP

Apologies:

Juliet Harris – Together

Stefan Stoyanov - SCCYP

1. Minutes of the meeting of 19 September 2012 for approval

The minute was approved .

2. Actions from the minutes of 19 September 2012

GIRFEC Mapping. Few comments were received. A summary paper has now been drafted.

CRIA. Following discussion with the Bill Team, SW reported that the Scottish Government is not minded to develop an children and young people impact assessment at this point. *TB to discuss further with Tim Barraclough.*

UPR response. The response is now on the Scottish Government website. Work around the recommendation on supporting children of prisoners is to be taken forward by the SG. The SG parenting strategy makes specific reference to supporting the families of prisoners and the Scottish Prison Service is developing a working group. The need for more general support for families of prisoners has been flagged up to the GIRFEC team, who are developing guidance and case studies. It was noted that the Criminal Justice Bill presents an opportunity to look at the needs of cyp to be considered at the point of sentencing.

The SG is not moving forward with the recommendation on violence against children, although it was suggested that it could be helpful to look at this in the context of the Criminal Justice Bill.

Following a question about CRIA and the Criminal Justice Bill, it was suggested that future practice could be established through the CYP Bill, as a part of statutory obligations to measure outcomes.

- **Action:** SW to arrange meeting with Nico Juetten (SCCYP) and Jim Wilson (SG) to discuss the scope of the criminal justice legislation

Rights and well-being indicators. The Care Inspectorate is drafting a 'thinkpiece' discussion document on SHANARRI indicators developed by Edinburgh University.

- **Action:** BM to share the discussion document with SCRIMG, for comment

3. UNCRC 2014 reporting process – updates

Scottish/UK Government activity:

- The UK Minister for Children and Families has written to Ms Campbell about proposed reporting processes; the SG to respond shortly.
- The four jurisdictions recently met to plan next steps.
- The UK Minister will meet with the UK coalition and Unicef in January to discuss the UK timeline.
- Officials from the four nations to meet at the end of January to discuss details.
- Consultation events should take place in April/May.
- Recognition that discussion is needed across the four nations about approaches to ensure consistency .

The Welsh Children's Commissioner's office has been allocated responsibility for the joint Commissioners' report . A project plan and timelines are currently being developed.

The NGO report will be co-ordinated on a national basis, although consideration must be given in relation to jurisdictional differences (particularly Northern Ireland).

4. Key theme – Consultation with children and young people

Following a meeting between SCCYP, Together and the Scottish Government, an initial paper was drafted on engagement, followed by comments from the Scottish Government with proposals on how to phase work. The first step will be desktop research to gather information and identify gaps.

It was suggested that a model could be developed from processes, examining mechanisms and tools available from local authorities and community planning as a practice template.

It was agreed that this would be the next step after the desktop research, which will be contracted out early in the new year. The research will give focus and identify key issues, particularly with reference to the concluding observations.

It was noted that capacity-building will be required in the SG. Work will begin early in the new year on the development of a business case.

- **Action:** SW to share business case proposal, for comment

The SG will share their approach with UK partners to ensure any work is consistent and complementary.

5. Common Core

Work is being undertaken on developing guidance and training which will show how GIRFEC maps across Common Core.

It was suggested that Education Scotland could play a key role in raising awareness and understanding. The CYP Bill provides an opportunity to make progress through the duty to promote awareness. The new duty will require the development of training and guidance on how to deliver GIRFEC approaches, linking with Common Core.

Following the recent launch of the Third Sector Early Intervention Fund, concerns were raised regarding where implementation of the UNCRC, GIRFEC and Common Core sit in the criteria for the assessment process.

- **Action** : SW to feed comments back to team

7. AOCB

Children and Young People Bill analysis. The independent analysis of consultation responses has been published, with the SG response to come, though there is not yet an agreed date for publication. It was noted as a concern that cyp rights were absent in the analysis of many of the consultation questions.

Advocacy. The final report on cyp advocacy will be published shortly. The SG is working with SIAA on developing new overarching principles and standards for independent advocacy, but recognising the requirement for specific guidance for adults providing advocacy for cyp. Consultation will take place early next year.

Theme for next meeting. It was agreed that following publication of the SG CYP bill consultation analysis, the theme for discussion will be: 'where do we go from here?' - focusing on the importance of a children's rights narrative throughout the Bill.

- **Action:** SS to include as key theme agenda item at next meeting

Standing item. It was agreed that 'UNCRC 2014 reporting process' should be a standing item.

- **Action:** SS to include as standing item

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the group will take place on the 19th March from 2pm – 4pm at Victoria Quay.

- **Action:** SW to book meeting room

Summary of Actions	Responsibility
Updates	
Updates to be provided in advance of next meeting, to be circulated with agenda.	All
Criminal Justice Bill	
SW to arrange meeting with Nico Juetten (SCCYP) and Jim Wilson (SG)	SW
Well-being indicators	
BM to share discussion paper, for comment	BM/all
Consultation with Children and Young People	
SW to share business case proposal, for comment	SW/all
Common Core	
SW to feed back comments re. Third Sector Early Intervention Fund, to team.	SW
AOCB	
SS to include 'CYP Bill consultation analysis – where do we go from here? As key theme agenda item for next meeting	SS
SS to include UNCRC 2014 reporting process as agenda standing item	SS
Next meeting	
SW to book meeting room for 19 th March meeting	SW

