

Management Committee

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Outcome 4 – Children and young people have the best possible start

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update members of the CPP Management Committee on the progress made in relation to Outcome 4 of the Single Outcome Agreement – *Children and young people have the best possible start.*

2.0 Recommendations

The CPP Management Committee is asked to:

- i. review performance in relation to Outcome 4 of the Single Outcome Agreement and note the progress that has been made in the delivery of this outcome over the past year,
- ii. support the review of the performance indicator set within Outcome 4 to ensure more meaningful performance indicators are used to measure performance for the year ahead; and
- iii. give consideration to the identification of a lead officer to take forward responsibility for Outcome 4.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Argyll and Bute vision commits partners across Argyll and Bute to '*Work together to achieve the best for children, young people and families.*' In order to achieve this vision the Integrated Children and Young People's Service Plan for 2013-16 sits within the '*Getting It Right For Every Child*' (GIRFEC) framework and is the main document underpinning the work of partners within Outcome 4. This ensures that the outcomes we want to achieve are linked with the relevant national Performance Framework (NPF) outcomes, which are:

- Our children have the best start in life to enable them to become:
 - Successful learners
 - Confident individuals
 - Effective contributors

- Responsible citizens; and
- We continue to improve the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.

3.2 The Integrated Children's Services plan for 2014-17 is integral to the achievement of Outcome 4 and focuses on activity undertaken by partners working together to improve outcomes for children. The plan encourages partners to use resources more efficiently and the result will be that children and families will benefit from a more streamlined and coherent approach to their needs being met.

3.3 With the position of the named lead for Outcome 4 currently vacant, this outcome will be presented in the interim by Cleland Sneddon, Argyll and Bute Council and Christina West, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integration.

4.0 **DETAIL**

4.1 **Performance Measures**

There are 20 performance measures within Outcome 4 of the Single Outcome Agreement and at the end of FQ4 of 2014/15 we are reporting the following position:

- 8 measures 'on track'
- 6 measures 'off track'; and
- 6 measures without either a target or data

Over the past year we have had a number of key successes including:

- 97% of nurseries participating in the Childsmile Core Programme which helps promote and assist children and young people to have good oral health
- 100% of schools are providing 2 hours of physical education each week within the school curriculum, ensuring that all children and young people have access to a range of sports activities at school
- We have 3 young people representing Argyll and Bute at the Scottish Youth Parliament, actively promoting good citizenship amongst our young people; and
- 517 young people from across Argyll and Bute gained accredited certificates and saltire awards; this contributes to ensuring our young people are supported to be the best they can.

The following section will provide more detail around each of the short term outcomes which contribute to the achievement of outcome 4 to ensure *our children and young people have the best possible start*.

4.2 Successes and Key Achievements

Outcome 4.1 – All children / young people should be protected from abuse, neglect and harm

Across the partnership there continues to be a very good response to initial Child Protection Referrals. There are some difficulties in accessing appropriate health staff outwith office hours however this issue is being addressed by the Child Protection Committee and will be resolved in summer 2015.

Domestic abuse continues to be a key priority. The Early and Effective Intervention Screening Group ensures a multi-agency response to all domestic abuse referrals within 24 hours. 100% of children on the Child Protection register affected by domestic abuse have an appropriate assessment and plan in place however the Child Protection national returns are published in September 2015 and so figures within the pyramid system will not reflect this until these figures are published.

Home safety continues to be a priority for Community Planning Partners, there has been a slight reduction over the last year in the number of home safety checks however this links to the introduction of the new Universal Child Assessment and the administration of this so we should see this figure improve as these processes are tightened up.

Outcome 4.2 – Children and young people should enjoy the highest standards of physical and mental health

With Kilcreggan Primary School recognised at a national level as an example of best practice in the field of PE Disability Inclusion Training we are moving in the right direction towards the achievement of this outcome, to ensure all our children and young people enjoy the highest standards of physical and mental health.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) heat target requires 90% of children and young people to be seen within 18 weeks of referral, in Argyll and Bute we have had issues with the data collection of this measure, however indications are that we are achieving 84%. We will continue to focus our efforts to improve these figures and improve the data collection in relation to this measure.

Outcome 4.3 – Children and young people should have access to positive learning environments and opportunities to develop their skills

The involvement of young people in Independence debates surrounding the Scottish Referendum in September of last year was just one example of the positive learning environments we are creating for young people across the

area. These debates helped support and encourage young people to have their voices heard and in doing so contributed to their own personal development. Young people took part in debates locally, acting as panel members which required them to express their views and respond to questions from the audience, alongside MSP's and Elected Members. This was a good opportunity for the young people involved and those that took part felt it contributed to their personal growth and development. This also contributes to outcome 4.7.

Secondary schools across the authority continued to make good progress in implementing the New National Qualification for pupils within the Senior Phase, with the presentation of pupils for a range of National Qualifications across all levels.

In addition to this, the number of young people achieving sustained positive, post school destinations remains positive with 91% of our young people moving onto a positive destination. A very positive start has been made in taking forward the recommendations contained within Developing Scotland's Young Workforce. This includes a comprehensive review of each of the 39 recommendations, the formation of a Strategic Leadership Development Programme Group, preparation of a clear action plan, routine discussion with all secondary Head Teachers at planned meetings and focused discussions at individual school levels.

Outcome 4.4 – Children and young people are valued and supported to be the best they can

The increase in the number of young people completing personal development and confidence building courses delivered by the Third Sector partnership is a key success in the achievement of this outcome . A number of children from families affected by domestic abuse have taken part and the feedback from these participants has been excellent, with 94% stating that they 'feel better about themselves' impacting positively on their self-esteem. More crucially, participants are coming out of these courses with a firm understanding that they had no fault or contribution to the domestic abuse which took place in their family, a key factor in ensuring our children and young people feel supported and valued.

Outcome 4.5 – Children and young people feel secure and cared for

We continued to ensure 100% of children on the child protection register have a current risk assessment in place. Children and families are working with CELCIS to improve permanency planning in Argyll and Bute. The number of children with a plan has improved over the last year however a more sophisticated tracking tool has been developed to monitor performance across 2015/16.

Children and families continue to use Children 1st and WhoCares Scotland to provide advocacy for children on the Child Protection register and who are looked after. Qualitative and quantitative information from case file audits indicates that there is improved engagement with children and young people in social work processes.

Outcome 4.6 – Children have increased opportunities / participate in play, recreation and sport

The Active Schools programme continued to ensure the number of extracurricular sports opportunities made available for school pupils exceeded target for the year. Four schools from across the area were amongst the first 15 schools in Scotland to be recognised with a Gold SportScotland School Sport Award, recognising the innovation and achievement of our Active Schools team in the delivery of physical education and extra-curricular sport to pupils across Argyll and Bute.

The announcement of a further four year investment from SportsScotland of £50m into the Active Schools network across Scotland will further support our achievement of this outcome by allowing us to continue to develop opportunities for children and young people to participate in sport and physical activity before school, during lunch and after school.

Outcome 4.7 – Children and young people have their voices heard and are encouraged to play an active and responsible role in their communities

Supporting children and young people to have their voices heard, 108 young people were involved in service planning and redesign activities with Community Planning partners, this not only allowed the opportunity for young people to have their voices heard but to play an active and responsible role in the future design of services across Argyll and Bute. In addition to this, The Young People's Thematic group of Argyll and Bute's Children is reviewing involvement of young people within work of all thematic and locality groups.

Throughout the past year, the Youth Service has supported all 3 of our MSYP's to participate in a wide range of campaigns and initiatives including;

- Care, Fair, Share – better deals for young carers
- See it Change it
- One Fair Wage and Poverty; and
- One of our MSYPs presented a motion to the SYP recommending that lifejackets are compulsory for all young people taking part in watersports.

The increase in the number of young people gaining Saltire Awards is a direct reflection of the growing number of young people across Argyll and Bute who are volunteering and are being facilitated and encouraged to do so by Community Planning Partners. Across the area we have a group of young people who have been using their skills and passion for IT to upskill people in their communities. Recognising the good work that has been carried out, three young people from Argyll and Bute have been offered a learning journey to deliver digital skills roadshows across the Highland region during 2015-16, this will give those young people the opportunity to gain interpersonal and presentation skills. This is a unique opportunity which will support their development and expand their horizons thus contributing to the achievement of this outcome.

4.3 Key Issues

Quarterly review of these measures has brought to light concerns that not all performance measures monitored within the Outcome 4 scorecard are suitable. It is proposed that the Committee supports the proposal to review the indicator set to ensure all measures are appropriate to the achievement of this outcome, the data for these measures is available as required and the owners of these measures are confident in their ability to manage and monitor performance.

5.0 Conclusions

In conclusion, significant progress has been made over the past year in the achievement of Outcome 4 – *Children and young people have the best possible start*. Community Planning Partners continue to work together to ensure all children within Argyll and Bute have the best possible start in life and in the achievement of this the Community Planning Partnership is asked to agree recommendations as set out in section 2 of this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Outcome 4 Scorecard – FQ4 2014/15

Appendix 1 – Performance information for Financial Quarter 4 2014/15

Information correct as at the 3rd June 2015

SOA Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start				
"Red" performance				
Element	Target	FQ4 Actual	Data Provider	Comment from system
4.1.1 100% of Child protection investigations will have inter-agency referral and tripartite discussion within 24 hours	100%	64%	Mark Lines	As with Q3 there were a small number of investigations undertaken at weekends where there was no named health contact to hold an IRTD. The Child Protection Committee has asked Health to identify a suitable out of hours contact to ensure that performance returns to target. Where no health contact was available contact was made on the first working day and investigations continued to be progressed jointly with Police Scotland.
4.1.3 Increase by 2% year on year, the number of home fire safety checks completed by the fire service (2013 = 1017)	1037	329 (1003 in total for 2014/15)	Alex Purdie	
4.2.2 The % of nurseries participating in Childsmile Core programme	99%	97%	Patricia Renfrew	None provided
4.2.10 HEAT target - faster access to mental health services / 18 weeks referral to treatment	100%	96%	Pat Tyrrell	None provided
4.5.11 100% of children, young people and their families will have access to advocacy and "voices of children"	100%	80%	May Nelson	None provided

4.6.1 100% of schools providing 2 hours physical education per week in schools curriculum	100%	98.80%	Kathryn Wilkie	Eighty three schools are providing 2 hours of PE each week and the remaining school has been working with the Physical Education Lead Officer to increase their provision of quality PE.
4.7.3 Increase by 2% the number of young people involved with the Youth Parliament	2% increase		Martin Turnbull	This is an inappropriate measure. There are only 3 seats for Argyll and Bute and it is not possible to increase this.

SOA Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start				
"Amber" performance				
Element	Target	FQ 4 Actual	Comment	Responsible Post
4.5.3 % of Looked After and Accommodated children for more than 1 year with a plan of permanence	100%		This indicator counts the number of children with a Looked After Plan for permanence within one year of being accommodated. This indicator would not appear to be offering an accurate picture of our current permanence planning. A new tool and measure has been developed for this purpose and is being implemented with a view to it being operational from FQ1 2015/2016.	Alex Taylor

SOA Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start				
"Green" performance				
Element	Target	FQ 4 Actual	Responsible Post	
4.1.10 Schools have reviewed their anti-bullying policies	100% by June 2015	87%	Wendy Brownlie	
4.3.5 Increase by 5% the number of young people gaining accredited achievement awards	72 by June 2015	338	Ann Marie Knowles	Argyll and Bute Council
4.3.6 100% of statutory timescales for coordinated support plans are met	100%	100%	Roslyn Redpath	
4.4.1 Increase by 10% the number of young people accessing media cafes and the Argyll Young Entrepreneurs website	Website live by March 2015	Complete	Glenn Heritage	
4.4.2 Increase by 10% the number of young people gaining accredited certificates and saltire awards	10% increase	517	Glenn Heritage	
4.6.2 Increase the number of extracurricular sports opportunities for schools	230	242 (Term 2 2014/15)	Christopher Caskie	
4.7.5 % of Criminal Justice Social Work clients reconviction frequency - 1 year from starting supervision	Not higher than 54%	30% 2012/13	Jon Belton	Argyll and Bute Council

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Information not required to report this period			
Element	Responsible Post	Organisation of Data Provider	Comment from system
4.3.1 75% Looked After and Accommodated Children assessed for literacy at primary stage	Roslyn Redpath	Argyll and Bute Council	Annual, FQ 2 only

SOA Outcome 4: Children and young people have the best possible start					
Information still missing					
Element	Target	FQ4 Actual	Responsible Post	Organisation of Data Provider	Comment from Community Planning team
4.1.3 100% of children who are affected by domestic abuse will have a child's plan	100%		Mark Lines	Argyll and Bute Council	No information has been provided at all into Pyramid
4.2.1 Primary immunisation uptake is 95% or above at 24 months	>95%		Patricia Renfrew	NHS Highland	
4.2.4 33.3% or above babies are exclusively breast fed at 6-8 weeks	33.3% or above		Patricia Renfrew	None provided	
4.5.5 5% reduction in households assessed as homeless	73%		Moira MacVicar	Argyll and Bute Council	There is currently ongoing discussion between the Service and those responsible for the ICSP on appropriate measures