

Children & Young People Third Sector Forum – Meeting Notes

17th August 2021

Agenda item	Detail	Decision	Action
Welcome and attendees	<p>Welcome from Elidh Brown.</p> <p><i>Elidh Brown; tsiMORAY, Sheena Main; Aberlour, Gareth Jenkins; Step by Step, Becky Poyner; Moray Wellbeing Hub, Fiona Graham; Forres Community Council, Dawn Mylchreest; Moray Council, Sheila Erskine; Action for Children, Andrea McKenna; Salvesen Mind Room Center, Debi Weir; Moray School Bank, Fiona Alderson; Networks of Wellbeing, Lindsay Nelson; Moray Council, Anne Grant; Aberlour, Shirley Feaks; Moray Council, Anne Pendery; Circles</i></p>		
Apologies	<p><i>Kelly Blackmore; Aberlour, Susan Leonard; Moray Council, Susan Reid; Moray Council, Diane Milne; Moray Women’s Aid, Aileen Peace; Avenue, Sandi Downing; Quarriers, Jim Mackie, Becky Caddell; The TCS Group, Beverley Hart; Aberlour</i></p>		
Minutes of the last meeting	<p>Previous meeting minutes approved.</p>		
Service updates	<p>Debi – Moray School Bank have delivered 349 children back to school with full kits, 30% increase on last year. Trips and days out for families through summer for 343 children, to many different places, feedback has been great.</p> <p>Sheila – busy over summer, completed IV30 families summer activity programme. Delivered food and activity packs to 50 families every week over the 7-week holiday. New mental health service has started. Most of team recruited, keen to come to team meetings etc. Delivering a range of services & support to children and families across Moray. Not a good response from Promise recruitment advert, will readvertise. Mental health service offering a traineeship opportunity for a young person to work with Action for Children. Working closely with children & young people to hear their voice around mental health & wellbeing. Planning at Winchester approved for outdoor yurt, will be available for hire soon.</p> <p>Becky – a few projects coming to an end this month. Short pilot project in Keith, going well. Speyside area success, project continuing. Wellbeing walks running to</p>		

March 2022. Will be delivering projects within schools. Project with Developing Young Workforce and MFR, delivering in three schools. Short project to help recruit young champions. Young champion in Keith making positivity jars, handing out over 100, being sold in Keith, raising money for Moray Wellbeing Hub. Digital project ongoing. Conversation stations ongoing. Neurodiversity projects ongoing. Community justice projects ongoing.

Gareth – pleased to restart structured groups indoors, ran 3 weeks in summer holidays at Moray Sports Centre. Settled in Victoria House, running more groups but smaller in size. Around 100 families currently, retained over 30 volunteers from around 40 that were in place before pandemic. Nice to move away from online groups. Secured funding to continue to August 2024.

Andrea – provides support for families with children with learning difficulties. Majority of work still being done virtually. Resources on website. Starting online parent support groups soon, keen to get advice to make parents be more interactive. Recruited more staff over lockdown. Supporting families Scotland wide.

Lindsay – main focus on mental health, three short term projects recently came to an end. New service with Action for Children. Continuation of counselling in schools for young people between the age of 10-18. Project around improvement of our services in mental health - recruiting young people to hear about their experiences. Joint project between Moray Council, Scottish Government and Health Improvement Scotland.

Fiona Alderson – not much happening with young people over summer holidays. Additional funding for counselling for children in Keith and Huntly area. Veteran's post being recruited next week, children of veterans can access counselling across NHS Grampian area. Supplemented alongside Moray Council, alternative to school-based counselling. AB54 community newsletter, news not restricted to this area. Happy to share news from group if they would like to pass on. Many autistic families struggle for support, keen to touch base with Andrea and Lindsay.

	<p>Sheena – have operated our residential services and continued to run element of short breaks throughout pandemic - catered for young people with disabilities across Moray. Great with The Promise coming onboard, aspect of looking out for each other has come forward in fruition of The Promise. Young people like having a base where they feel loved, looked after and safe and knowing they have somewhere to return to that they are leaving us, we aren't leaving them.</p> <p>Anne – summer programme went well, planned by young people. Mentors matched to mentees. Supported ex-supported young people who have come back, nice to catch up and offer that to them. Practical help with families going well, reminding parents they are doing well while juggling everything. Now looking after the whole family not just the young people, offering trips away, asking where they want to go and making that happen. Children going back to school feeling normal after having been away.</p> <p>Anne Pendery – continuing as usual, now able to have face to face meetings without appointments if required. Happy to come and do chats about advocacy and how it can help adults and children. Looking for a volunteer advocate with experience of alcohol and/or drug issues which has caused them problems. Also looking for volunteer admin and cleaner with lived experience.</p> <p>Shirley/Dawn – busy over summer, working with Lindsay and Dawn. Prior Information Notice gone out on Public Contract Scotland, market engagement for people with additional support needs. Closes Friday 20th August. What alternatives could providers give to residential services within Moray. Daily support services that could be provided in the family home, community support etc, support to parents.</p>		
<p>Strategic updates</p>	<p>Sheena – corporate parenting group. Working on a questionnaire to go out to families asking for feedback on experiences of services, how they have found health services, response times, have their needs been met, medical, mental health services etc, if not what can be done better.</p> <p>Lindsay – localities east and west – one focussed on family provisions. Other group focussed on work around financial positions, helping debt team with how</p>		

	<p>to engage more with families. Wider question about general engagement with young people.</p> <p><i>Elidh</i> – ongoing we will capture information to share between services locally, promote partnerships and collaborate and make sure voices are heard.</p>		
<p>AOCB</p>	<p><i>Sheena</i> – recruitment advert about to go out, will be on Aberlour website within the next week. Please share and send anyone suitable their way.</p> <p>Please find the link here to the National Care Service for Scotland consultation, as discussed, and excerpt from the Ministerial Foreword - 'I believe however that it is right for this consultation to look beyond simply the creation of a national service for adult social care. The ambition of this government is to go much further, and to create a comprehensive community health and social care service that supports people of all ages. This will support the provision of care that wraps around families and smooth transitions between different categories of care for everyone, taking account of individual circumstances, the communities they live in and their wishes.'</p> <p>The group is keen to have mixed meetings, virtually and face to face from next year, with a possibility of allowing people to still join virtually at face-to-face meetings.</p>		