

Children's Strategic Partnership Board

'TEAMS' MEETING

29th April 2021 10.00 – 12.00

Attendees
Department / Organisation
Acting Minister for Children and Education (Chair)
Minister for Health
Director General, CYPES
Group Director, Education, CYPES
Group Director for CYPES, Integrated Services & Commissioning
Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families)
Group Director of Policy
Interim Director of Analytics and Statistics
Chief Probation Officer
Head of Communications, CYPES
Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust)
Pan Island Independent Chair Safeguarding Partnership Boards
Children's Commissioner
Deputy – Scrutiny Panel Representative
Head of Early Years – Childcare and Early Years
Head of CYPES Informatics
Brighter Futures Representatives
Director of Children's Policy, Government of Jersey
Minute taker
Apologies
Interim Director of Public Health Practice
Minister for Home Affairs
Brighter Futures

	Item
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies Agreed to meeting being recorded.</p>
2	<p>Update from Outcome Forums Head of CYPES Informatics presented slides updating where we are on the measures that have been agreed for the 4 areas of the children's plan. Number of MARAC cases are decreasing, ¼ of children report bullying at or near school but does not include on-line bullying. An increase in number of secondary age females who felt less safe, but with our looked after children this number dropped, result of successful adoptions and increased residence orders. Data not available for healthy body mass index, should have later in the year. Development milestone are being met at around 80%. One measure was around dental extractions over 12 months, historic date has not been reliable, data relies on hospital dental service. The Children and Young People's survey has asked whether or not children have visited the dentist in the last 6 or 12 months, 85-90% of children visit dentist once a year and 70% in last 6 months, work needs to be done to get right data sets. Health related quality of life indicator is assessed with 10 questions, primary school children was higher than secondary which reduced in age, we are higher than UK but lower than Scandinavia. For Learn & Achieve don't have comparable data, but Jersey achieved higher an UK last year and attendance is improving. Given indicative data for the percentage of foundation stage school children and there has been an increase and that has been agreed as the obsession for the learn</p>

and achieve delivery forum. Percentage of young people aged 16 to 18 who are not in employment, education or training, slight increase from 6 to 8% in 2019.

Children feeling valued and involved, slide is from data last year, new survey will be done in Autumn. Children's Voice was in improvement with children feeling they were being heard and was strongest for secondary but decreasing with age. Last measure is children who are aware of their rights, can't separate out different score groups for 2019, big improvement across time, 37 to 39% of all secondary students and up to 51% for primary students

- **Grow Up Safely (Director and Chief Social Worker)**

Head of CYPES Informatics showed data from the SafeLives report on Jersey domestic abuse support service from their annual report for last year showing an increase in the number of victims and survivors who are supported by JDAS, over 12 month period 102 children households of cases refer to MARAC.

Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families) advised their obsession is domestic abuse. Incidents are increasing and there is a need to know how many people are subject to domestic abuse, need to develop more sophisticated proxy indicators to support the headline data, the Merrick figures are helpful but there is under reporting of domestic violence. Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families) to join as the forum chair of the safeguarding partnership board domestic abuse sub-group and with Chief Inspector will look domestic violence in a more partnership holistic way. Need to raise awareness of what domestic abuse is, like coercive control, confidential report into a domestic homicide review where coercive control was a feature, link between this and suicide. Need to look at preventative measures, early help agenda? Covid is the new adverse childhood experience. since April last year it has been beyond us as a partnership to landing the multi-agency safeguarding support team and we need support from health colleagues for the adult services mental health services and the substance misuse services into MASH, cross reference with what's happening in family homes and identify abuse.

- **Health & Wellbeing (Head of Commissioning and Service Redesign)**

Covering for Interim Director of Public Health Practice. Overview on Health & Wellbeing Outcomes Delivery Forum identified gap around primary care, in particular, children's dental care. Group agreed to focus on children and people's mental, needs identified that the CAMHS is increasing yearly. Looking at health related quality of life, CAMHS caseloads has increase significantly, Covid exacerbating this. In old ages there's been a slight dip in support needed from statutory services, but for children and young people has increased dramatically in some age. Hospital average length of stay has increased and complexity is increased, almost doubled from the 2019, was 5.8 average bed nights per young person to 10.3 in 2020. Overall 257 bed nights in 2019 going up to 527 in 2020 plus an additional 176 bed nights off island, this is the obsession the group wants to focus on. We now have a political focus on mental health and about to launch the draft emotional wellbeing and mental health strategy. Don't want to lose sight of children's dental care, not sure if it is on anyone's plans, we know that tooth decay can have a huge impact on children's life and be a sign of other health related issues. Long waiting times is currently up to four years for the hospital dental team, no good quality data to inform commissioning. Need to develop workforce so children and people have access to consistent evidence based dental care from an early age. other two areas to under the health and while being part of the children's plan the fella quite well kind of scrutinised in terms of healthy weight and the number of two year olds that are reaching their developmental master and thank you and if anyone got any questions input now is if we use the hands up and over I know we heard a lot better if you've got any questions

- **Learn and Achieve (Group Director, Education, CYPES)**

The Learn and Achieve group moved the obsession to the Early Years obsession because it blends with the work of the policy Development Board and if we get early years right, so many of the other high priorities for children and young people in the learn and achieve space are managed.

Head of Early Years – Childcare and Early Years – 2020/21 data is indicative all schools can look at children's progress in all areas of learning and is an improving picture, no 2020 data because of Covid. Wellbeing and involvement figures of 89 and 90 respectively, use a holistic view of children's assessments.

Look holistically at characteristics as well as dispositions children have to learn, positive indicators. Talked about the programmes that have been identified, the Mesh programme,

Welcome Screening Tool, and Making it Real programme, a lot of data sits in these which we can use to develop a report card. Focus on inclusion, workforce development, voice of the young child, better information for parents and gives opportunity to link with educational reform programme recommendations, for invest in early years, Policy Development Board proposals.

Pan Island Independent Chair Safeguarding Partnership Boards – Looking at outcomes, are we narrowing inequalities? Growing up safely, Domestic Abuse Bill, recommendation of Domestic Homicide Review, will be to prioritise completion of the law. Domestic abuse and children, need a sense of what daily life like for a child living in that situation, we need more focus, are the safety plans in place protecting children? Need to think about some of the root cause, research has shown there is a likelihood of non-accidental injury to children by men who domestically abuse. Root causes are around attachment difficulties, substance abuse etc need to identify service gaps, we are not good at joining up in the information, do therapeutic work to be good partners and good fathers.

Acting Minister for Children and Education – Also about learnt behaviours and helping a child learn that domestic abuse is not normal behaviour

Drafting a Domestic Abuse Law comparable to the UK provisions, anticipating an early draft back this week. Will have selection of useful response. Core is recognising coercive and controlling behaviour but to create specific offence of domestic abuse, we have a domestic abuse flag, don't have an offence of domestic abuse, also category of immediate responses. , Intention is to get that through the consultation process and justice system Also centres on aggravation provision for offences concerning children, will be treated more seriously. Timing to have something to the assembly by the end of the year with the intention of bringing in domestic abuse law within this political term.

The Acting Minister for Children and Education asked if we work with Brighter Futures and Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families) responded we did not consistently enough through the lens of domestic abuse and whether we can share information and only see it as a safeguarding issue / confidential issue – there are problems

Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust) – Regarding narrowing the gap around inequalities. We had 4 areas of focus and narrowed down to 3 and removed valued and involved as it would go across the three strands. 1 of the elements of the valued and involved was around children living in poverty, what data is being using around children living in poverty and what do we know about those children?

Director of Children's Policy, Government of Jersey – As we get more focused on how effective our programmes are and as we understand where our gap are, one of the indicators in the valued and involved stream was taken from a measure which was trying to look at relative deprivation, need to look at inequalities and closing the gap. what does this mean for some of our some of in terms of inequality in terms of closing the gap and a question that we should carry throughout the outcome forums.

Director General, CYPES - Need to reflect on whether all of the measures we have in the plan are sufficient. I don't want to bring everything back to Covid although I do think the Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families) used an interesting phase about it being the latest factor in an adverse childhood experience that's a really interesting way to think about Covid, not seeing it as a separate event but seeing how its contributed further to some of the challenges and distresses to children and families. Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust) is absolutely right to remind us that there's more data that we need to keep an eye on, over time to potentially make suggestions about changes or additions to the core data set that's in the children's plan which was set in 2017/2018 . I'm suggesting that the outcome forms and the Board think about any change of the data sets in and out of the existing plan is made or give due regard to data that exists elsewhere that is relevant to the work of the outcome forums

Acting Minister for Children and Education – It's important that when looking at statistics it's highlighting a need or an improvement somewhere. Coming to these meetings having identified

from the statistics that there is an area that needs work and support and how we can do that together, want statistics to go up

Scrutiny Panel Representative – As an observer as a scrutiny, regarding inequality and the effect of Covid, what the role of this board is in addressing issues that are identified eg inequalities and dental care, not just about filings but have teeth straightened, can take years and have derogatory effect on self-image with young people.

Acting Minister for Children and Education – The Board is about trying to find solutions, dentistry and domestic abuse are two of the strongest issues I heard. Dental care is on my plan as Assistant Social Security Minister and have had meetings and discussions with Health Minister, have challenges around dentistry regulations. They are regulated through UK but different regulations in Jersey which causes problems. First step is to set out the regulations, make sure it's safe and then we can ask for the relevant data.

Scrutiny Panel Representative / Acting Minister for Children and Education -Discussion about Jersey Dental fitness scheme. It is still in place but as amount hasn't been increased for some time, families are having to pay dentist extra to cover work done.

Director of Children's Policy, Government of Jersey – Oral health especially for children has been a problem, can you suggest a name to Daniela to connect with in relation to oral health and the Minister for Health might have a view as well. Answer Scrutiny Panel Representative regarding role of this Board, the children's plan had written into it a value around inequalities and trying to reduce inequality so it is absolutely this Board's role to have oversight of that plan and to ask the difficult and these types of discussions can happen

Acting Minister for Children and Education – Policy Principal, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance, is the best person and one of my key passions to get sorted so me if you want.

Head of Commissioning and Service Redesign - Just to confirm that the group were really keen that the obsession moved to mental health but also recognised they didn't want to lose sight of children's dental care

Minister for Health - I support everything you've been saying and not sure I can add too much. Had discussions with the medical director about what we can do. Currently check about 10,000 children and not done well as it haphazard. Spoken about trying to Commission dentists in private practise which is not currently possible. Impossible to get orthodontists to come to the island, demand high salaries which we can't pay, we are aware of the challenges.

Acting Minister for Children and Education – I changed a policy withing SCB regarding a licence would only be issued to a dentist if one had left, so it never increased the number of dentists. I did get that overturned and changed, maybe with more dentists' prices will go down. We do need a regulation.

Action: Acting Minister for Children and Education to chase up and find out where we are at.

Director General, CYPES - Going back to the question about the role of the board, the purpose of a board like this is to do things in partnership, that's why we end up with a small number of obsessions, there's a much larger number of things that we either are doing or would like to do, the discussion about dental health for children illustrates this, and the Board keeps an eye on it because it's in the metrics, but the drive to change anything in that space hasn't become an obsession of the Board because there are other things that required partnerships attention, but it will get driven somewhere else not by this board. I'm sure there's work going on through the Jersey Care Model, I'm sure this bilateral work that we should do between CYPES and Health and Community Services to try and address some of these issues in relation to dentistry and children, the Board might want to know how it's going as it's in the score card. Things that Board has heard about today are genuine areas of focus that need the full collaboration of all the people on this call, need to highlight that point for Scrutiny Panel Representative as he's not a member of this board, it's designed to deliver those things that can only be delivered really well in partnership, those other areas that we look at will be getting addressed somewhere else, unless

	<p>the consensus brings them back up as something that can only be dealt with by this group of people.</p> <p>Acting Minister for Children and Education – Keys things I’m looking at, is 272 children who are victims of crime, was that individual children or children who are multiple times victims of crime. The BMI was disrupted because of Covid but could we have done something around more reporting through parents for the younger age, I think it’s an important statistic for this group because it goes into mental health at a later date. Like to speak to Director and Chief Social Worker (Children and Families) about domestic abuse as have experienced it first-hand. Need to start doing something, whether it is educational videos talking about recognising if you’re in domestic abuse situations, recognising mental abuse which is more common than physical</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><i>Update – Children's Legislation Transformation Programme (Director of Children’s Policy, Government of Jersey)</i></p> <p>I'm going to talk about the policy reference group which looks at some of the aspects of policy that affect children and with the delivery forums and the progression of the policy we trying to improve children's outcomes. Following up from the Care Enquiry it was clear that we had a poor legislative framework around children which was one part of the wider systemic failure for children in the island. We did a lot of work around trying to understand where some of those gaps were and a lot of those gaps were identified and incorporated into the common strategic policy and along with reports ‘percolated’ into the Children’s Legislative Programme which was published in December 2018 provides a broad area of policy development work that affects children. Objectives is to underpin and support the delivery of the children and young people’s plan, policy supports good practise, looks to establish good governance and strengthen accountability, importance of inspection and an important part of the legislative transformation programme is strengthening The Care Commission, eg their powers and range of inspection across services for children. 2 remaining objectives are about enabling joint and integrated service delivery and focus around outcomes for children and also their families. There were about 38 policy areas for consideration. At start of process we had phased the programme according to start dates for years, was disrupted by Covid. Now being as flexible as possible which has allowed us to pull work in that was originally slated for phase three into phase one pieces of work. Example of some policy area continually being scoped would be in the area of education. Have a number of policy areas that are in flight or in delivery for example children and young people’s law and a number of policy that are complete eg the Children’s Commissioners Framework also Deputy Le Hegarat proposition around corporal punishment that’s been completed. Have a number of big pieces of policy development that are important in relation to some of the endeavours that are going on in terms of turning the curve in relation to key outcomes of the children's plan for example in safeguarding we have Children’s and Young People’s Law will strengthen our arrangements in a legal context how we will work in the future. I'm interested in some of the kind of information that would assist the board in understanding the development and the context for some of the policy areas that are being progressed, would like to bring a more considered piece with timelines around the progression of the legislation. Merit in thinking about how some of the policies that are developing influence the children’s plan. As health insights gets clearer with use of data can link that with policy development work which builds a system approach. Finally going back to understanding whether we’ve made a difference within the policy world there’s a growing emphasis and understanding the impact both in terms of wellbeing and inequality and also in terms of children's rights and as one of the earlier slides showed some children's awareness of their rights have begun to increase considerably. Continue to update the Board discuss different the policies as they start to arrive. Would invite Paul a little bit more about how we hope to progress the dashboard.</p> <p>Group Director of Policy – Recovery Programme and Legislative Programme, how will product be used. Had a set of priorities which were called policy pipeline to large extent that ceased to be effective from mid last year as people busy and focussed on Covid, now been through process of recovering, putting onto a different system away from an Excel system onto the government</p>

	<p>Perform arrangements, by June we will have a full government wide picture of what is our legislative programme, will allow us to identify two things, bottlenecks and alignments. On bottlenecks we haven't identified areas of concern in say legislative drafting officer time but have identified areas of concern in policy officer time. Need to identify options for surge capacity, plot out where bottlenecks could arise. With regard to alignments, possibility to make those alignments more clear through a visual representation which we will bring to this group which will give options re time, resources or intent.</p>
	<p>Children's Cluster Group – Discussion (Children's Commissioner) Chair of Children Cluster Group, group of 3rd sector organisations, supports children and families, have an understanding what it is like for children and young people and families in Jersey. Aim of group is to give an opportunity for the organisations to come together along with relevant officers from Government, more can be achieved if organisations work together and share information and work together to achieve common goals. Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust) and Brighter Futures Representative represent the group on this Board, would like to feed information up into this Board resulting in an awareness of what is going on at grass roots. Civil Society is the word we use to bring this together and is recognised by United Nations Convention. In Summer United Nations Taskforce are coming to Jersey which is part of the monitoring mechanism. Role of Civil Society in Jersey is important in helping children's rights a reality. How is this Board going to work together with all providers within the broader sector. Charities have been impacted by Covid, loss of income and increase in workloads, we need a strong and genuine strategic partnership with Government, we want to establish a strong mechanism and immediate action to form a joint plan to support the recovery process, we all hold a lot of data that could join up with data dashboard that Gov has to show the broader picture. We need to balance our self-interests with a collective focus on families. We aren't asking for money, how can we work with Government now. A year ago was receiving 3 or 4 contacts a week now I'm receiving 15 with genuine need, Covid has made the division worse.</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust) – Q1 of last year we supported 35 children and their families, Q1 of this year we supported 98 families and children. We have been funded and have been able to meet the needs of families. Ask from us is what mechanism do we have that we can share data and work together, or will continue to work in isolation</p> <p>Brighter Futures Representative – Brighter Futures, we are over capacity, normally work with 150 families a week, today it is 184 families a week, we didn't close and remained open thru the pandemic, basic needs were not being met, they needed food and clothes. We were lucky with donations which helped but they will run out. Talking about domestic abuse, some families don't recognise the situation, difficult statistic to collate as families don't want to share information, especially if you are talking about legislation. Regarding isolation some families have had babies that have not seen another baby, parents not been in groups with other parents</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Representative (Jersey Child Care Trust) – Learn and Achieve obsession – discussed visual slide</p> <p>Children's Commissioner – 30 organisations who are involved at every level, they want to be part of the solution, have a joint action plan moving forward</p> <p>Acting Minister for Children and Education – Challenging Chief Minister on where charities sit in the ministerial portfolios is broken up, think is should on its own or be aligned. Charities need to be much stronger positioned.</p> <p>Director of Children's Policy, Government of Jersey – 1) In terms of data we wanted to keep a data development agenda which I don't think happened, but will pick up regarding data development, 2) outcome forums are a collaborate effort and 3) Devices are used to engage civil society in planning, another opportunity to harness</p> <p>Pan Island Independent Chair Safeguarding Partnership Boards – Covid and way forward and need for join up, States have commissioned a Covid health and wellbeing plan, what will we need to think about in terms of the impact this has had on the population so the SGPB held a workshop looking at what has been happening in terms of safeguarding not just children but working age adults and older people, a report of that has gone out.</p> <p>Minister for Health – We have the same issues in health with charitable bodies working in that sector and want to make sure our work is coordinated. In health we have an overarching board, representation from Brighter Futures, Family Nursing, Hospice, Alzheimer's and Mind Jersey and our board is being very useful for sharing information and colleagues struck by the contributions</p>

	<p>that charity representatives have given and would like to see more joint working between public and private sector. If we do things together governance needs to be aligned, think there is capacity for future development. Regarding Health and Wellbeing plan, that needs to be re-launched, have been working with Interim Director of Public Health Practice on it. Regarding Charities, would like to speak to the Acting Minister for Children and Education about that, topic for discussion.</p> <p>Director General, CYPES – I would be really interested in the Cluster, what small number things really would make the difference from their perspective, think a discussion needs to be had on exchange of views and alleviate the frustrations. The work that Interim Director of Public Health Policy and Strategy is leading, is a piece of work that that the government is driving make sure we understand the emerging picture of what coving has done to our communities and that will shape the government plans on the future and very strong recovery theme. Have to understand how we get the insight into the process of understanding of the public health view what the impact of Covid has been on the communities and then also of the coproduction and what will the interventions need to look like in the future. Specific piece to do with the Department that I'm responsible for but may maybe also health and community services which is what the closer relationship we need to have, which I think will be through our commissioning directorate through CYPES. Suggest there's a follow on discussion to try and nail two or three things that would make a real difference straight away to your engagement and contribution and ownership of things.</p> <p>Acting Minister for Children and Education – I don't think CLS is the right area, Health or CYPES better place for finding better solutions.</p> <p>Children's Commissioner – A further discussion would be helpful with the Group, moving into a different relationship, we want to work together with you, we need to be able to share data and other experiences and be seen as an equal partner, a standard agenda at this Board to flow information up to</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><i>Future Meeting Structure</i></p> <p>Acting Minister for Children and Education – Was a very good discussion, like to be open and honest, welcome questions from everyone, I would like something bought with statistics and then have a discussion around the issue, a problem needs a discussion that needs a resolution. Need a standard item on Agenda from Cluster Group.</p> <p>Director of Children's Policy, Government of Jersey - Some of us in the Forums have training on 13 & 14 May on Outcome Based accountability, product at the end will be in direction that you are wanting to progress it. Do we need more time?</p> <p>Acting Minister for Children and Education – Think we need a bit more time for next meeting. Anything for the Agenda, please send to Head of Policy. Thank you everyone for attending.</p>