

Minutes of Children's Strategic Partnership Board
Committee Room Education Department
Friday 18 October 2019
1030hrs – 1300hrs

Attendees
Department / Organisation
Minister for Children (Chair) Director General, CYPES Group Director, Education, CYPES Group Director, CYPES Director, Young People, Further Education, Skills and Learning, CYPES Director Customer & Local Services Justice & Home Affairs Director of Corporate Performance and Planning, SPPP Growth Housing and Environment Rep Justice & Home Affairs Rep Family Nursing and Home Care Corporate Performance and Planning, SPPP Voluntary Sector Representative Voluntary Sector Representative Children's Commissioner Family Nursing and Home Care Justice & Home Affairs Rep Chair Best Start Partnership Policy Principal Head of Communications, CYPES Interim Director of Safeguarding Board Administrator
Apologies
Director of Children's Policy, States of Jersey Group Director of Policy, SPPP Chair, Safeguarding Partnership Board Associate Managing Director - Modernisation

	Item
1	Previous Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising Previous Minutes were approved.
2	'Getting started and moving into Action' <i>Valued & Involved (Director Customer & Local Services)</i> The workstream have met 3 times and have a good breadth of representation. They used the framework of a Children's Rights Approach used in Wales and undertook an exercise to consider appropriate outcome measurements within the 5 broad headings of the

Children's Rights Approach, narrowing it down to 3 areas that can make a difference namely:

- the number of Nurseries, Schools and Colleges securing Rights Respecting status,
- the indirect incorporation of UNCRC through due regard legislation
- embedding of the Greffe's legal citizenship education programme.

Further work is required to scope this work out more.

A discussion had also taken place regarding ensuring more effectively how the voice of children, particularly younger children, are heard. The Jersey Youth Service Principal Youth Officer has been asked to do a piece of consultation work where he will speak with the different Government Departments to identify the challenges that they are facing. It was agreed that there needs to be a better, stronger participation with younger children.

Learn and Achieve (Group Director, Education, CYPES)

Looking at school inclusion approaches and the long-term effect of attendance. School policies need to be look at. Conference regarding attendance has been suggested although attendance has improved, and schools have turned around poor attendance to exceptional through hard work and dedication of staff.

There are extreme cases of poor attendance with complicated reasons - lots of frustration in group that not enough work has been done in this area to support this small group.

La Passerelle – is a service seeking to fill a gap for 11-16 children with poor attendance, usually around emotional needs, often anxiety based. 2 lead teachers being trained. Youthful Minds were very involved with the planning. Has been positively received by school. Admission will be closely monitored to ensure that it is being accessed by the right children.

Punctuality and attendance is being addressed really early. Board discussed the number of children that are being excluded. The Director of Standards and Achievement said that there are a lot of policies but how effective are they, we don't know. The Chair of Best Start Partnership said we should be looking at key messages for parents. The Director of Corporate Performance and Planning, SPPP asked how was the data going to be captured. Discussion regarding a working group.

The Director General, CYPES said that all the perspectives are played into this Board and this will enhance the proposals. The Children's Commissioner asked if she could be included in the working group.

Be Safe (Group Director, CYPES / Justice & Home Affairs)

Have designed a programme for the new Counter Bullying policy. Schools will have to input data onto system. Future will look at school's profile related. Private schools are encouraged to take this approach. Broader discussion included Mentoring Programme. Also looked at the wider picture of expanding restorative justice. Discussion regarding supporting children at the early stage of bullying and domestic abuse, need to look at the correlation and also bullying figures and absenteeism. Children know that they have got rights but the wider community need to be better educated.

3. ***Be Healthy (Policy Principal on behalf of Associate Managing Director - Modernisation)***

	<p>This is a broad cross section. Extractions have risen, need to reduce the waiting list for 1st appointment. Interim Director of Safeguarding commented that oral health is a significant indicator to neglect.</p> <p>Discussion around looked after children having access to dental care as well as the most vulnerable. The Children's Commissioner commented that SoJ Government were, in her view, in breach of the UNCRC regarding dental care. The Director General, CYPES added that health care needs to be much more accessible. Discussion about access points.</p> <p>Director General, CYPES to speak with Director General for Health. Family Nursing and Home Care to speak to the Medical Director, Primary Care.</p>
4.	<p>'Looking up and Out'</p> <p><i>Learn and Achieve - School Review Framework (Group Director, Education, CYPES)</i></p> <p>School Review Framework is a new approach to accountability in schools. The development has been collaborative consulting with Unison throughout. Publicly launching the methodology this month. Parents and families have an active role in contributing their views to each school review. They will be asked what they think of the schools. Issues such as bullying, and absenteeism is going to be covered in the review framework</p> <p><i>Be Safe - OFSTED return Inspection (Director General, CYPES)</i></p> <p>OFSTED report completed and published. A key theme is that Government needs to have a more robust commitment to Care Leavers with allocated resources to support them access a range of support to be safe.</p> <p>The Inspectors were concerned by experiences described in interviews they had with Care Leavers. There is a need for a safe transition to Adulthood and we need to get it right as an Island.</p> <p>Commitment to put children first is welcomed but paramountcy still not embedded in the organisations culture and practise.</p> <p><i>Valued & Involved – Children's Rights 'Due Regard' (Policy Principal)</i></p> <p>Policy proposals will see a phased approach to placing a duty on elected officials to have due regard to the convention when they propose and consider policy and legislative reform.</p> <p>Key to evidencing due regard will by Children's Rights impact assessments. Typically carried out by officers supporting elected members. These will be published alongside propositions.</p> <p>Trying to balance a commitment to Children's Rights and overly burdensome administration. Overall policy can be seen as an incremental step towards COM reconsidering full incorporation of the convention.</p> <p>The Children's Commissioner described her experiences in Wales where CRIA is already established. This is about culture training and human rights training, if you think about children at the beginning. We will be pushing for full and direct that gives children same rights as adults.</p>

	<p>All Outcomes – Emergence of ‘Wellbeing’ in Children’s Policy (Group Director, CYPES)</p> <p>Wellbeing is being used as a key feature of the proposed amendments to the Children’s (Jersey) Law 2002. The model of Wellbeing has been used in other jurisdictions and offers a broad and inclusive approach to assessment and intervention to support children’s outcomes.</p> <p>The policy proposals are also consistent with the work completed to date as part of the Jersey Children First Practice Model and the Right Help Right Time service planning.</p> <p>Law drafting on amending the Children’s Law is scheduled for 2020 once COM have approved in February.</p>
5	<p>Revised Communication Plan (Head of Communications, CYPES)</p> <p>Head of Communications, CYPES described the need to create one campaign, to engage islanders putting ‘Children First’. Campaign would challenge public to think about how they can put children first. Campaign will try to build trust so that children living in Jersey can see that they are being listened too. Children’s rights are also bought into this.</p> <p>Audience for the campaign is large and diverse.</p> <p>The approach is to create something visual that people can relate to. Create a platform that can connect everyone. Proposed launch is on Children’s Day 20 November. For people who don’t have access to internet there will be advertising in JEP, Parish Magazines, and business support. Materials will also be developed to support the campaign.</p> <p>Feedback from children is that they loved the foam hands, a few commented that when they spoke to their parents the parents ‘put their phones down’ so dialogue is happening.</p>
6.	<p>Board’s Development Workshop</p> <p>Slide presentation to be circulated</p> <p>Meeting closed at 1250hrs.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday Date: March 25th 09.00 - 11.30 Venue: Education Committee Room</p>