

ECYE9. Children's Commission – Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Support and Services

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an update on the progress of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports and Services Framework and the related improvement project with Scottish Government and Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

The Scottish Government were clear that supports and services should be codesigned with children, young people, and their families. This meant that the spending of monies may be delayed slightly as the design team was established and scoping work began.

Falkirk Children's Commission/ CPP was chosen for the improvement project due to; the CPP Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Children's Commission engagement with young people clearly showing mental health was a CPP priority, strong partnerships across the Commission and the CPP Mental Health Planning Group and the use of Improvement Science across several plans across Children's Services and the Children's Commission. Falkirk was viewed positively by Scottish Government for its partnership and use of data to inform planning.

The Framework and design of supports and services aligned with several other CPP/ Commission plans and Council/ Partner Improvement Aims:-

- Local Child Poverty Action Report;
- Local Employability Partnership;
- Falkirk Plan and existing CPP Mental Health Planning Group;
- Trauma Champion Work;
- Integrated Children's Services Plan Priorities: Family Support, Corporate Parenting (Including The Promise), Employability;
- Council of the Future: Succeed Today Excel Tomorrow – ASN
- Early Years CARE and Family Support;
- HSCP Mental Health Work;
- NHS FV Health Improvement Strategy – Mental Health and Wellbeing, and
- Enhanced Transitions Pilot – ASN.

Interim supports were being developed to ensure support for mental health and wellbeing was available while the design process took place. CAMHS reported that each time lockdown had eased, and schools had returned, an increase in referrals had been seen. Increased counselling, Family Support, and a children's mental health service were being scoped with procurement to ensure support was accessible to children, young people, and their families

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive noted:-

- (1) potential links with other improvement work: Enhanced Transitions Pilot; CAMHS Improvement Support, and NHS Neurodevelopmental Pathway, and**
- (2) the links and alignment with other council and community planning priorities.**