

ECYE7. New Service – Mental Health & Wellbeing (MHWB) Community and Children's Services

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to create a new Community Wellbeing Service and School Counselling Service across Falkirk. This would be fully funded by the Scottish Government.

Falkirk Council had received funding to operate a counselling service through schools for pupils aged 10 years to 18 years. Funding would also be received for a Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service which would require to operate throughout the whole year to allow vital continuity of care across schools and the local community for those aged 5 years to 24 years. Both funding streams were structured with allowances for management.

It had been proposed to combine the two tranches of Scottish Government funding to create a new joint service to allow close partnership working with other agencies in particular NHS Forth Valley. The new service would support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing within and across the identified groups, both within and outwith school as well as in the local community.

The Mental Health & Wellbeing Community and Children's Service would be overseen by a Service Manager who would develop and implement the service across the Falkirk area. Details of the job description were set out in an appendix to the report.

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive:-

- (1) approved the creation of the Community Mental Health, Wellbeing and Children's Service;**
- (2) approved the creation of a Service Manager post to lead the service;**
- (3) requested that Director of Children's Services moved to recruit as soon as possible, and**
- (4) requested that further reports were brought to future meetings which would outline the structure of the service and mode of delivery.**