

Agenda Item	8
Report No	HCW/05/20

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Health, Social Care and Wellbeing

Date: 12 February 2020

Report Title: The Development of the Integrated Children's Service Plan 2020

Report By: Executive Chief Officer – Health and Social Care

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress regarding the development of the Integrated Children's Service Plan 2020.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- i. Note and comment on progress being made in the drafting of the Integrated Children's Service Plan.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource - None
3.2 Legal - None
3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - None
3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever - None
3.5 Risk - None
3.6 Gaelic - None

4. Background

- 4.1 In February 2014 The Scottish Government passed the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill. The Bill places duties on public bodies to coordinate the planning, design and delivery of services for children and young people with a focus on improving wellbeing outcomes, and report collectively on how they are improving those outcomes.
- 4.2 For Highlands Children 4 (FHC4) is the current integrated Children's Service Plan which responded to the requirements of this legislation.
- 4.3 FHC4 is a five-year plan which is about to complete its cycle.
- 4.4 There is a statutory requirement that the Highland Partnership publish its next Integrated Children's Service Plan by April 2020.

5. Refreshed Guidance

- 5.1 In December 2019, the Scottish government published fresh draft guidance for partnerships.
- 5.2 The guidance states that responsibility for this planning rests with local authorities and health boards, as well as with a range of other local and national bodies who consult with, or who are obligated to participate, at various stages of the plan's development.
- 5.3 It states that the plans should demonstrate what local authorities and health boards are doing to ensure that services are integrated for service users (including children, young people, and families), that they make the best use of resources and are meeting their aims to safeguard, support and promote wellbeing, early intervention and prevention.

6. Progress in Developing the 2020 Plan

- 6.1 The Highland Partnership group with responsibility for progressing the development of this plan is currently the For Highlands Children Leadership group.
- 6.2 In responding to the partnership review of the current plan the following principles have been established.
 - That the plan should be developed through embedding children's rights articulated within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
 - That the participation of children and young people should be central to both the development of the plan and determining future priorities for improvement.
 - That evidence for priorities for improvement should be established through improved processes for needs assessment.
 - That performance management should continue to be central to improvement and that evidence of impact should be evidenced through improved use of data.

7. Next Steps

- 7.1 The Leadership Group will draft the next version of the Integrated Children's Service Plan by February 2020.

- 7.2 This plan will be consulted on with partner agencies.
- 7.3 This will include a workshop for elected members.
- 7.4 The final plan will be published by April 2020 and taken to the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Committee, the NHS Highland Board and the Community Planning Partnership Board for sign-off.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer – Health and Social Care

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