



The West Partnership

Minute

Health and Wellbeing Workstream Meeting
11 February 2020
Motherwell Civic Centre

Attendees: Derek Brown; North Lanarkshire Council, John Stuart; West Partnership, Lorna Aitken; Education Scotland, Leanne Kelly; South Lanarkshire Council, Anne Dalziel; East Dunbartonshire Council, Mairi Thomas; Renfrewshire Council, Patick Oberg; Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Donnie MacLeod; Glasgow City Council, Clare Creighton; East Renfrewshire Council, Denise McKinnon; West Dunbartonshire Council, Anna McKinney; North Lanarkshire Council, Alison McLelland; Inverclyde Council.

1. Minutes and matters arising


- D Brown welcomed the group to the meeting. It was noted that weather warnings had been received for later in the afternoon – the meeting to be curtailed accordingly.
- The planned presentation by Inverclyde will be held over to the next meeting as weather has prevented Alison McLelland from travelling.
- Minutes from previous meeting were accepted.

2. Health and wellbeing workstream outcome planner – Ratification of plan

- John Stuart thanked all for the feedback in regards to the outcome planner. It was noted that members are now in agreement with the intended outcomes of the plan.

John Stuart indicated that the only aspect which members had highlighted for further discussion was the detail of how increased success of establishments relating to QI 3.1 can be quantified. There had been some suggestion that a % increase in establishments achieving very good or excellent for this measure could be used as a suitable measure, especially since this would be in line with two critical indicators in the West Partnership Improvement Plan which refer to % increase in establishments achieving very good or excellent in 1.1 and 2.3.

Discussion followed about the challenges of setting targets for this without a current base line. It was noted that the Education Scotland definition of success in Inspection for each QI is good or above. It was agreed that the outcome could be indicated for the time being as a unspecified % increase in schools achieving 'good' or above in 1.3. One of the actions related to this in the plan will be to first establish a base line of schools achieving this at the moment. At a future date, this can be used to identify a suitable stretch aim for the increase in %.



John Stuart agreed to finalise the plan on this basis. He will complete a paper for the Board to request that the plan be approved as the detailed intentions of the workstream for the remainder of the 2019-2022 improvement plan phase.

Action: John Stuart to update plan accordingly and prepare a paper for the West Partnership Board.

- There was discussion about how to gauge and quantify outcomes relating to increased confidence amongst local authority officers and practitioners as a result of West Partnership activities. It was agreed that questionnaires and focus groups following West Partnership meetings would provide some qualitative data.

Derek Brown suggested that the Robert Owen Centre, University of Glasgow, be approached to support with this and to assist with identifying appropriate research methodology.

- It was further suggested that the Robert Owen Centre be asked to support the evaluation of practitioner knowledge and confidence relating to the Health and Wellbeing practitioners sharing and networking event which takes place on Wednesday 20th May.

Action: John Stuart to approach the Robert Owen Centre to request support with above.

3. Update and discussion – Scottish Government Census plans

- Derek Brown gave a brief update on the national health and wellbeing plans from the Scottish Government. He reported that the Scottish Government wrote to directors on 24th January to detail how concerns about some aspects had been addressed. The letter indicated that the time delay caused by the 'pause' of the census meant that there was no expectation that the census would be conducted nationally in session 2019-20. The letter requested that local authorities come forward as 'early-adopters' to conduct the census on a reduced scale before the summer holidays.
- Derek Brown indicated he was waiting for further legal advice before confirming North Lanarkshire's position and that he has sought clarification from the Scottish Government on a number of points.
- Lorna Aitken reported that, informally, she is aware of four local authorities (none from the West Partnership) which have come forward as 'early-adopters'. Mairi Thomas, Patrick Oberg and Leeanne Kelly indicated that their local authorities were not proposing to be 'early-adopters'. Anne Daziel indicated that East Dunbartonshire were still considering options.
- Implications for the workstream's improvement plan were discussed. It is clear that data will not be available from the census to inform our actions this session. It was agreed that the workstream's plans to hear from each local authority on current approaches to data gathering at this and future meetings, is a positive steps towards sourcing useful data from other sources.

4. Sharing of local authority wellbeing data gathering approaches

- Leeanne Kelly presented on the work that she and Paul Telfer have been doing in South Lanarkshire Council relating to PSE. They conducted an extensive audit of PSE provision in secondary schools in response to the national review. The Scottish Government's 16 recommendations were used as the basis of the audit.
- A copy of Leeanne's presentation has been placed in the Health and Wellbeing Teams area.
- Some key elements of the presentation include:
 - The importance of moderation of learning, teaching and assessment in PSE.
 - Paul Telfer has been running monthly twilight sessions with representatives of staff delivering PSE.
 - Leeanne has established a Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group and is working closely with the educational psychologist services

5. Update on interesting practice examples from local authorities and plans for networking event 20th May.

- John Stuart thanked those authorities who had provided examples of interesting practice in Health and Wellbeing to date. He indicated that authorities that has still to submit examples had be given an extension until the end of February.
- Discussion about the Health and Wellbeing networking event on the 20th May followed:
 - The view of attendees was that it was too early in the evolution of the network to get practitioners to share details of their interesting practice with other groups.
 - Lorna Aitken offered to develop some discussion approaches based on Evolving Systems Thinking training. This suggestion was well received and agreed as the best way forward.
 - John Stuart explained that he, David Gordon, Chris Bonnar and Lorna Aitken were going to meet on Thursday 13th February to plan the day in more detail.

6. Summary Interim Findings – Conditions of Change Survey – University of Glasgow.

- John Stuart referred to the Conditions of Change Survey and the overview summary which he circulated before the meeting.
- He referred to the 'questions for discussion' which feature at the bottom of the overview summary. He noted that in terms of question 1, 'identifying and sharing examples of best practice in ... pupil engagement' was a focus for the workstream and, therefore, the Health and Wellbeing Workstream was in a good position to contribute discussion of this theme.
- Derek Brown noted that the Health and Wellbeing Workstream had elements of its outcome planner which related to all the bullet points on last page of the overview summary under the heading 'potential implications for the West Partnership'. Therefore, the workstream was also able to address elements of all these themes.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC