

Our People (Children and Young People)

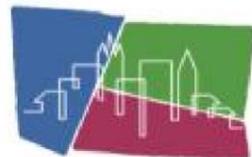
Thursday 22 April 2021

10am



LOIP Refresh

Prosperous Children & Young People Online Stakeholder Session



Community Planning
Aberdeen

Outcomes from this session

- Understanding of where we are with the development process for the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- Presentation of our suggested priorities and how these have been informed by data and insights
- Opportunity for feedback and discussion
- Review of next steps

LOIP/Locality Plans Refresh Stages

GATHER	ASSESS	CONSULT	APPROVE
November 20	January 21	March 21	May 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeen Outcomes Framework • Draft update to Aberdeen Population Needs Assessment (PNA) Summary • Further data/ insights/research/ evidence of Covid-19 impact from Improvement Service, Partners, Communities • Reframing PNA around the Global Sustainable Development Goals to identify gaps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick off sessions with OIGs: • Locality Empowerment Groups • Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships • CPA Management Group - update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic consultation sessions for stakeholder held by OIG Chairs/ Locality Leads: Partners Community representatives Responsible business community • Public consultation exercise using Citizen's space simulator • CPA Management Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final consultation phase: Local Partners Communities • National Partners: Community Justice Scotland Public Health Scotland Education Scotland • Feedback to public on results of consultation and draft LOIP • Director of Public Health assessment of balance of prevention
December 20	February 21	April 21	June/ July 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further develop PNA summary in collaboration with data and subject matter experts from OIGs • Locality level summaries to be developed • Review LOIP improvement projects – progress and relevance • Review Socio-Economic Rescue Plan – progress and relevance • Complete initial assessment of impact on LOIP: context, stretch outcomes, improvement project aims, format 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with OIGs/ LEGs/ PNPs • LOIP/ Locality Plan Design • Launch public consultation exercise using Citizen's space simulator • CPA Board - update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence drafting of LOIP and Locality Plans • Clarity of which projects should be prioritised for testing in which localities/neighbourhoods • CPA Board session with the Improvement Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final draft LOIP/ Locality Plans to CPA Management Group • CPA Board Meeting 7 July 21

Our Prosperous Children & Young People Priorities



90% of Children Reaching their Developmental Milestones



90% of Children & Young People will report that their experiences of mental health have been listened to.



As corporate parents agencies will target resource to ensure 95% of care experienced children & young people will have the same levels of attainment in education, health & emotional wellbeing, & positive destinations as their peers



95% of Children Living in Our Priority Neighbourhoods Sustaining a Positive Destination



Being a Child Friendly City



30% Fewer Under 18s Charged With an Offence

Improving Developmental Milestones

Current LOIP: Focus on children reaching their developmental milestones

Proposal: Continue to focus on children reaching their developmental milestones

Rationale: Providing early intervention and support to families in the first few years of their child's life will ensure that those children meet their developmental milestones and in turn achieve positive outcomes:

- National data indicates that COVID-19 is likely to impact on the developmental milestones of 2-4 year olds due to the various impacts of lockdown restrictions.
- Local data indicates there has been increased presentation of families re mental health, social isolation, children's development
- As well as Increased presentation of families with complex needs requiring support for longer
- In the period 2016/17 to 2018/19 (3-year aggregate) the rate for maternal drug use was 17.1 (crude rate per 1,000 maternities) which is higher than the rate for Scotland of 15.4.

Improving Mental Wellbeing

Current LOIP: Focus on children and young people reporting that they feel mentally well

Proposal: Continue to focus on increasing mental wellbeing through timely access to support and improving children and young peoples knowledge & understanding of their own mental wellbeing

Rationale: Children and Young Peoples mental wellbeing has been identified as a priority area for improvement at both a national and local level, particularly in the context of the COVID pandemic.

- Lockdown has had a negative impact on the sleep, behaviour, mood, physical activity, concentration, and eating
- Local surveys have identified that Children's Mental Health and wellbeing as a key priority for pupils and parents
- Early intervention and prevention of self harming behaviours through timely and effective support for those with mental health issues.

Outcomes for Care Experienced Children and Young People

Current LOIP: Focus on care experienced children and young people having the same levels of attainment in education, emotional wellbeing, and positive destinations as their peers

Proposal: Continue to focus on outcomes for care experienced children and young people

Rationale: Of all children and young people those who are care experienced face significant barriers to achieving the same outcomes as their peers.

- Policy Context: Independent Care Review – The Promise
- Positive Destinations of Care Experienced Young People are still much lower than their non care experienced peers: – 18/19 - 76% compared to 93% Citywide
- We want to ensure looked after children and young people as far as possible remain within their family - latest ACC data reflects this is currently 40% compared national figure of 54%

Positive Destinations for Children in Priority Neighbourhoods

Current LOIP: Children living in our priority localities will sustain a positive destination upon leaving school

Proposal: Continue to focus on increasing positive destinations for children in our priority localities through a focus on improving the senior phase, improving literacy and numeracy and a focus on supporting the education of our most vulnerable young people

Rationale: To improve the positive destinations in the city we need to focus our support on those that are least likely to go on to a positive destination. These young people are likely to experience significant barriers to finding employment in post COVID Aberdeen

- In 2018/19, 93.2% of school leavers in Aberdeen had a positive destination, this is compared to 88.1% in areas of deprivation.
- COVID -19 is likely to have a significant impact on school leavers in the next few years. Groups most likely affected will include girls, ethnic minorities, those in poverty and care experienced young people.

Child Friendly City

Current LOIP: Child Friendly City which supports all children to prosper and engage actively with their communities

Proposal: To continue working towards a Child Friendly City by further developing our children's rights and participation agenda

- **Rationale:**
- The United Nations Rights of the Child Implementation Act 2021
- Aberdeen's Child Friendly Cities Programme

Fewer Young People Charged

Current LOIP: 25% fewer young people (under 18) charged with an offence

Proposal: Continue to focus on reducing number of young people offending through their needs being seen through wellbeing rather than justice and increase target to 30%.

- **Rationale:** By focussing on early intervention approaches with young people at risk of undertaking criminal activity and providing the right support to them, we aim to reduce the number of young people who go into the adult criminal justice system later in life
- In 2019/20, 714 young people were charged by Police up from 672 in 2018/19.
- In the same period, the total number of offences increased from 1,481 to 1,595, the first increase in 4 years

What do you think?

- Are these the right priorities?
- Do we have the right focus?
- Are we missing anything from your perspective?

Next Steps

- We will consider feedback from wide range of stakeholders (you, community groups, public health, partners)
- Firm up final proposals by end of April
- Consultation on the draft document during May
- Final draft LOIP available in June
- CPA Board meeting to approve refreshed LOIP 7 July 2021

Prosperous Children and Young People Stakeholder Session

– 22 April 2021 at 10am

Led by Graeme Simpson – Chair of ICSB

Are these the Right Priorities?

There was consensus that the priorities were good. Participants reflecting many of the topic areas that had been identified in the development process had been included in the proposed priorities.

Key highlights raised were:

- Positive feedback that the Improvement Aims had been reduced and refocused.
- Early intervention and partnership focus was evident throughout.
- The priorities and proposed work linked well with other partnership/organisation plans.
- Further work was being undertaken to map across the LOIP to minimise any potential duplication across the plan.

Areas for further development/clarification

- There were still some areas (such as in Children's Mental Wellbeing) that needed to identify measures.
- Suggestion that there be a focus on digital wellbeing (in terms of young people's digital presence and identity) and its link to mental health.
- How to ensure that youth and community participation and engagement is effectively articulated in the LOIP/associated projects.
- Further work required for Stretch Outcome 7: Child Friendly City.

General Topic Discussion Notes

General Reflections on the Children's Section of the LOIP

The revised section was much more refined and refocused. The relocation of Stretch Outcome 8 regarding Youth Justice was appropriate and its focus on early intervention and preventative approaches. Overall pleased that the priorities remain relevant to service delivery.

Regarding Best Start in Life and Stretch Outcome 3 – a lot of thought and effort was put into what is achievable and what data we do have – refreshed approach in what matters – less but meaningful and achievable aims – small testing of change which will then hopefully be scaled up.

Regarding Children's Mental Health and Stretch Outcome 4 – biggest challenge has been to put measurement against mental wellbeing – lot of thought about the culture shift and enabling the voice of children and young people. How we provide resource and resilience to the workforce as well. Need to be better at shared oversight and shared approach.

'Feels on point in terms of early intervention and community empowerment – very supportive'.

'Good to see physical activity included really positive given the impact on mental and physical health – great to see this included – preventative aspect of both mental and physical health'.

Regarding Stretch Outcome 8 'completely agree real challenge will be the 30% decrease – work around corporate parenting ties around that. Challenging target. The fact that we had achieved the 25% reduction outlined in the previous iteration of the LOIP, speaks well of what has been achieved – increase this year but recognise it is a stretch outcome, recognise impact of work over last 5 years'.

Digital Wellbeing:

'Should we consider including an explicit reference to digital wellbeing and/or safety?' or do we feel it's adequately covered elsewhere? We can see higher level of dissatisfaction with digital support local data. This was a good idea and that they would look to include this as part of the project work relating to digital wellbeing.

This raises the question of how we support C&YP/families to develop skills around digital awareness/safety.

Cross Cutting Plans/Themes/Aims

Need to make sure there are the links between the Children's Services Board and Resilient Included and Supported Group's projects with adults properly linked to ensure the whole system/family approach – not having projects in isolation.

The CL&D Plan for all agencies – supporting young people's attainment in school – and that we need to ensure we get right actions to co-ordinate.

From a Police Scotland perspective, the proposals meet the multi-agency plans – meet police needs and that they would be involved where possible.

Education is aligning to the LOIP with the National Improvement Framework plan that we develop for Education to direct. It is essential we make the links and naturally this should happen if our data is strong.

There was further work being undertaken to map across the LOIP to minimise any potential duplication across the plan. Also, that the results of the Simulator would be shared with partners and services to help inform their work.

Participation and Engagement/Stretch Outcome Child Friendly City

'Is this ambitious enough? Does achieving UNICEF accreditation equate sufficiently to the participation and engagement expectations of the likes of 'The Promise'?'

Communities focus is in the right place but need to make sure this isn't too high up. How do we ensure these come down to community level, such as the CFC programme how do we ensure these are included – need to look at how we map against community expectations. Can we frame CFC around community projects e.g how do we make Child Friendly Communities.

Interconnections between the stretch outcomes – how we involve children runs through everything as does poverty.

Don't want this to be a tick box exercise. A lot of work on improving the data to address the mental health of children and families. Need to look at how we respond to issues raised by young people in a way that make them feel valued and heard.

The challenge is going to be how we can evidence how participatory we are going to be. What opportunities will we have to engage with young people, project to get reflections of CEYP that have been through the justice systems and how this might inform services. Participation and engagement is not something you can do quickly, needs time – need a skill set, resources.

Multi Agency Involvement in the Projects

Queries were raised regarding whether some of the projects were too single agency focussed such as those that would rely heavily on schools or health visitor such as the Improvement aims regarding early speech and language or increase literacy and numeracy.

Regarding early speech and language: The work would include health professionals, broad communications, autism outreach etc. so there will be a strong need for partners to be involved. Other agencies identified for the project currently include Aberlour, ACC Libraries and Education

Regarding Literacy and Numeracy: pathways for qualifications need to involve others – colleges, Duke of Edinburgh, third sector etc. as academic pathways are not for all. This would also involve support to provide apprenticeships. This is also reflected in the NIF plan.

Next Steps

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