

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group		
Held on	20 April 2021		
Agenda Item:	8		
Title:	Corporate Parenting Plan		
Summary:			
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the progress of developing the new Corporate Parenting Plan covering the period 2021 to 2030.</p>			
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Route to meeting:			
<p>Progress reports have been presented to the Integration Joint Board in October 2020, Leadership Panel in October 2020 and January 2021.</p>			
Directions:		Implications:	
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Corporate Parenting Plan

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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2. RECOMMENDATION

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3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 South Ayrshire first developed a Corporate Parenting Strategy in 2009 which was refreshed for 2013-15. Then, from 2015, corporate parenting was considered in a Strategy for Looked After Children that linked to South Ayrshire's Integrated Children's Services Plan.

3.2 The current [Corporate Parenting Plan 2018-21](#) was approved by the Integration Joint Board at its meeting on 12th December 2018 and contains an Implementation Plan designed to take forward the Plan's actions as defined through its Strategic Objectives.

3.3 Corporate parenting is given the utmost importance in South Ayrshire. A focus on corporate parenting and supporting care experienced young people is given strategic priority across our key plans and strategies, for example:

- A strategic priority of the [Children's Services Plan 2020-2023](#) is to 'Love and Support our Care Experienced Young People and Young Carers';
- The [Council Plan 2018-2022](#) also identifies working 'closely with partners to support looked after children and young people and young carers to reach their potential' as a priority; and
- South Ayrshire's [Local Outcomes Improvement Plan](#) identifies 'improving outcomes for care experienced children and care leavers' as a key priority of the Community Planning Partnership.

3.4 Corporate Parenting represents the principles and duties on which improvements can be made for children in care. The term refers to an organisation's performance in taking actions necessary to uphold the rights and secure the wellbeing of a child in care or care leaver, and through which physical, emotional, spiritual, social and educational development is promoted, from infancy through to adulthood. It is a role which should complement and support the actions of

parents, families and carers, working with key adults to deliver positive change for vulnerable children.

4. REPORT

4.1 South Ayrshire HSCP has made good progress on delivering the current Corporate Parenting Plan (reported to the Performance and Audit Committee). With the publication of the [Independent Care Review](#) findings and the incorporation of the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (UNCRC) into domestic law, it is a particularly relevant time to refresh the Corporate Parenting Plan with both [‘The Promise’](#) and the UNCRC underpinning the new Plan. This follows the publication of the IJB Strategic Plan, allowing for alignment to the HSCP’s overall strategic objectives.

4.2 A meeting of the Corporate Parenting Executive Group was held on 13 August 2020 to review the progress of the Implementation Plan and to confirm arrangements for the writing of the new Corporate Parenting Plan which covers the period 2021 – 2030. The new Plan will be approved and published by September 2021.

4.3 In terms of oversight of the development of the new plan, this will be provided by the Corporate Parenting Executive Group. The Group will:

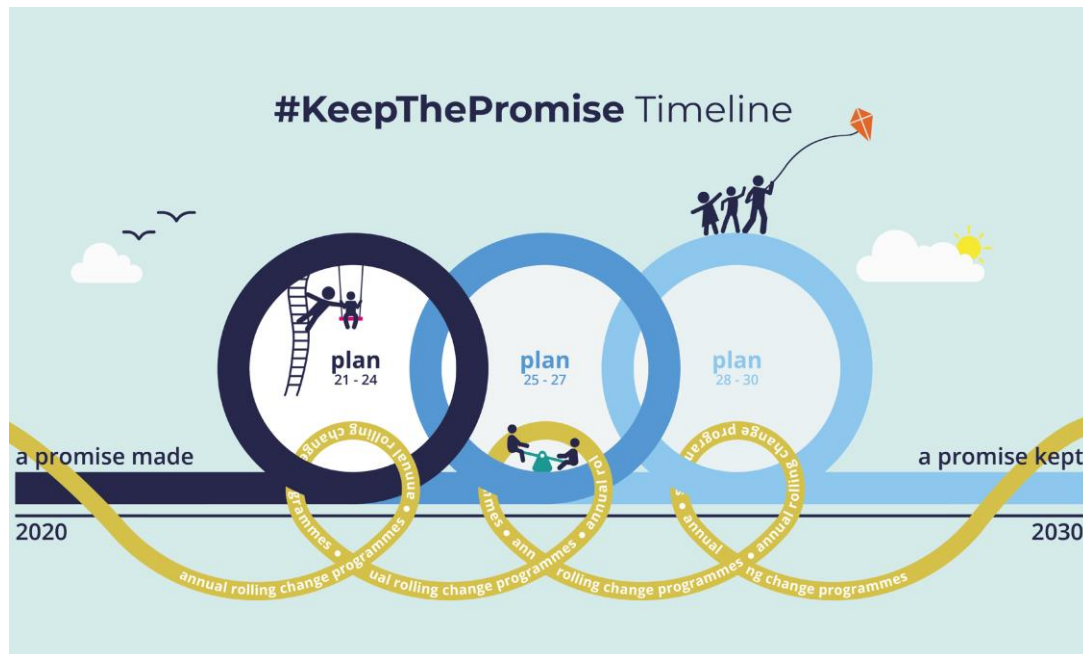
- steer the direction of the Corporate Parenting Plan;
- express its views on the drafts of the Plan;
- comment and review the implementation of the actions outlined in the Plan; and
- identify new needs during the lifespan of the Plan.

4.4 The Corporate Parenting Executive Group agreed that a Writing Group be established. The Writing Group has been meeting on a fortnightly basis. Membership of the Writing Group includes representation from a number of key stakeholders such as the Champions Board, Social Work, Health, Education, Employability and Skills, Community Learning and Development, Housing, Police Scotland and the Third Sector.

4.5 The Writing Group is currently finalising the draft Plan. The Plan is being written directly to young people and families. Other key tasks of the Writing Group have included reviewing the current Plan, reviewing and sharing the data their service holds on corporate parenting, sharing ideas on layout, content and format and having a strong focus on how to engage with stakeholders to create a strategic document which people can identify with and feel a sense of ownership.

4.6 The Writing Group also carried out a self-evaluation exercise on the foundations of The Promise: Care, Voice, Family, People and Scaffolding. The findings from the self-evaluation highlighted actions required to implement ‘calls to action’ within The Promise as well as gaps that we need to assess which will inform the new Corporate Parenting Plan.

- 4.7 The development of the new Corporate Parenting Plan presents an opportunity to produce a co-produced strategy that has active input from our stakeholders.
- 4.8 Importantly, while basing the strategy on the needs of our local population, we will incorporate [‘The Promise’](#) and the recently published [Plan 21-24](#). The new Corporate Parenting Plan will align with the timeline of The Promise setting actions across short (2021-24), medium (2025-27) and long-term (2028-30) and will be reviewed every 3 years as set out in legislation.



Next steps

- 4.9 Following agreement by the Corporate Parenting Executive Group and the SPAG, the final draft will go out for formal consultation. Planning for the engagement exercise has begun and is being led by the expertise of the Champions Board. The methods we use to engage with people depends largely on when and how lockdown restrictions are eased but a variety of methods will be used to encourage as much participation as possible. Engaging with children and young people with experience of care, families and carers will be at the forefront of the consultation.
- 4.10 All feedback from the consultation will be analysed and considered when finalising the Corporate Parenting Plan. The final Plan will then be presented to IJB and Leadership Panel for approval.
- 4.11 It will be important to know how well the implementation of the plan is progressing. Therefore, the implementation plan will include detail on measurable performance indicators and outcomes, agreed responsibilities with timescales, a clear reporting process, a feedback loop process that ensures the HSCP learns along the way and enables it to change course when needed, and a

plan for people with care experience and other stakeholders to continue to influence the plan (engagement is not just for the strategy development phase).

4.12 Monitoring and review will be undertaken between the IJB and its sub-committees (SPAG and Performance and Audit as appropriate).

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 Supporting our care experienced young people and implementing our corporate parenting duties are vital to driving our strategic objectives and improving outcomes for the community. The IJB Strategic Plan outlines seven key objectives and the Corporate Parenting Plan aligns clearly with these.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There ultimately will be significant financial implications of the new Corporate Parenting Plan but these implications will be brought to the IJB as appropriate.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no HR implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 A full equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the strategy.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 The views of professional groups will be taken into close consideration as the strategy is developed.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 Proposals for consultation and a partnership approach are set out above and will be further developed.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There is no risk associated with agreeing this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Promise, Independent Care Review (2020)

<https://www.carereview.scot/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/The-Promise.pdf>

Plan 21-24, The Promise

<https://thepromise.scot/plan-21-24-pdf-standard.pdf>

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/human-rights/childrens-rights/>

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