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**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON THE 31 AUGUST 2023**

**SUBJECT: THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2023-26**

**BY: SERVICE MANAGER, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 To ask the Committee to note the strategic intent of the Children's Services Plan 2023-26, following delegation of Children and Families and Justice Social Work Services to the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) on 16 March 2023.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 It is recommended that the Clinical and Care Governance Committee notes:**

- i) the Children's Services Plan 2023-26 at Appendix 1; and**
- ii) that an Annual Progress report will be presented to Committee for noting**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 places a statutory duty on the local authority and its relevant health board to prepare a Children's Services Plan for the area of the local authority, in respect of each three-year period. It is expected that they will work collaboratively with other members of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), as well as with children, young people and their families at various stages of the plan's development and review.

3.2. Part 3 of the Act seeks to improve outcomes for all children and young people in Scotland by ensuring that local planning and delivery of services is integrated, focused on securing quality and value through preventative approaches, and dedicated to safeguarding, supporting and promoting child wellbeing. It aims to ensure that any action to meet need is taken at the earliest appropriate time and that, where appropriate, this is taken to prevent need arising.

- 3.3. The Community Planning Board devolved responsibility to produce the plan to the GIRFEC Leadership Group. They established Children's Services Plan (CSP) Development Group comprising of representatives from Education, Social Work, Health, Police, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector and Adult Services. The plan was co-produced with children, young people and families. The development process is outlined on page 10 of the plan (**Appendix 1** - Children's Services Plan 2023-2026) and meets all requirements, as set out in the statutory guidance.
- 3.4. To simplify and better coordinate the strategic planning landscape the following statutory plans have been incorporated within the CSP:-
- Child Poverty Plan
  - Corporate Parenting Plan
  - Children's Rights and Participation Plan

In addition, it was agreed to incorporate the Promise Plan and the Child Protection Improvement Plan.

- 3.5 The action plans within the CSP detail the steps which will be taken to both meet statutory duties and address the key areas of concern, as highlighted through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

#### **4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. The Children's Services Plan was officially signed off by the Community Planning Board on 17 May 2023 and submitted to Scottish Government in accordance with statutory responsibilities. The Plan is developed through a partnership approach and the Plan has had wide engagement.

#### **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan "Partners in Care 2022 – 2032"**

This report relates to the following priorities; 'Provide opportunities where young people can achieve their potential to be the best they can be' from the Corporate Plan, 'Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray' from the LOIP and the 3 themes within Partners in Care 2022-32 "Building Resilience, Partners in Care and Home First.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 section 3(1) requires every local authority and its relevant health board to jointly produce a 3 year Children's Services Plan

**(c) Financial implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation**

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

**(f) Property**

There are no property implications arising directly from this report.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

An Equalities/Socio Economic Impact Assessment is not required as the purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a copy of the approved Children's Services Plan (2023-26).

**(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts**

There are no climate change and biodiversity impacts arising directly from this report.

**(i) Directions**

A Direction is not required.

**(j) Consultations**

Tracy Stephen, Chair of GIRFEC Leadership Group prior to submission to Clinical Care Governance Group

Consultees in relation to development of this plan are detailed on P10 of Appendix 1 - Children's Services Plan 2023-26

**6. CONCLUSION**

**6.1 The content of the Children's Services Plan 2023-26 which has been approved in accordance with statutory requirements is noted.**

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Background Papers:

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