

FALKIRK CHILDREN'S COMMISSION LEADERSHIP GROUP (1)

1. Terms of reference

- 1.1 The CCLG is responsible for ensuring that both universal and targeted services meet the needs of children and young people, including those **in need or at risk** in Falkirk. It is responsible for reporting progress to the Community Planning Leadership Board on the delivery of SOA and ICSP priorities and in improving outcomes for Children and Young People.
- 1.2 The purpose of the CCLG is to implement the agreed vision. A long-established, strategic multi-agency group, the CCLG drives, reviews, revises and monitors the Integrated Children's Services Plan, and reports directly to the Falkirk Community Planning Leadership Board.
- 1.3 The group identifies and commissions new services for children and young people, and make recommendations on service improvements to the appropriate governing bodies.
- 1.4 A primary concern for the CCLG is ensuring that our combined resources are used **efficiently and effectively** to deliver and demonstrate improved outcomes for children and young people, families and carers. This will be achieved through a variety of means, including early intervention and preventive spend at all levels and stages.

We will achieve this by:

- **Being ambitious and managing performance;** *assuring quality through regular monitoring and evaluation of activity and performance in a continuing improvement approach.*
- **Measuring progress;** *ensuring measurable indicators of progress are in place so we can assess how we are doing in relation to Falkirk's outcomes for children and young people.*
- **Individual members acting as a conduit for information and decisions made between the Commission and their own service;** *ensuring that practitioners receive appropriate information and direction regarding decisions taken by the Commission and that services and agencies can play an appropriate part in implementing these decisions.*
- **Promoting open dialogue focused on problems and their solutions;** *promoting and modelling a culture of open and robust dialogue and a solution-focused culture at all levels to identify, address and learn from issues, concerns and blockages.*
- **Holding each other to account for progress;** *holding partners, managers and practitioners to account through challenging progress and monitoring services to ensure standards are met, reporting regularly on progress to the Community Planning Partnership Leadership Board.*
- **Engaging children, their families and carers;** *ensuring that children, young people and families are involved in the design and delivery of current and future service provision and that their voices are captured.*
- **Complying with the law;** *ensuring compliance with the duties and provisions of all relevant Children's legislation*
- **Influencing policy;** *coordinating responses to national policy consultations and those arising from partner agencies.*

- **Joint commissioning;** identifying opportunities where joint commissioning would be beneficial and using appropriate methods to *ensure participation by all relevant stakeholders such as a Public Social Partnership approach.*
- **Monitoring and influencing policy and expenditure developments which impact upon children's services;** *and commenting as necessary on any implications for children and young people in Falkirk.*

1.5 The CCLG meet a minimum of four times a year to:

- Monitor progress against agreed outcomes, and report to the Community Planning Leadership Group.
- Provide a driving force within Children's Services to inform planning.
- Members will present joint reporting to all stakeholders at Wider Commission events.

1.6 Reporting:

The CCLG will report to the Community Planning Leadership Board on an annual basis.