

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 3 August 2023

Title of Report: Update Report on the Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Presented by: David Gibson

The board is asked to:

Note progress on the Implementation of the UNCRC

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public authorities will not be allowed to act in a way which is incompatible with the UNCRC requirements.

Children, young people, and their representatives will have the power to go to court to enforce their rights.

Courts will have powers to decide if legislation is compatible with the UNCRC requirements.

families and children and young people is essential in the collective

Local Plans and Actions:

Awareness

Brian Reid, Sharon Erskine and Rebecca Spillane (Improvement Service) to give a presentation to Senior Managers, Heads of Service, key partners and elected members. This will set out the scope of UNCRC Implementation and the changes and developments required to take place in Argyll and Bute. Heads of Service will be asked to cascade information to staff and to put people forward for training events that will be taking

Writing Child Friendly Document, Implementing Child Friendly Complaints Procedures,

Some of these will be developed in house but the Improvement Service are also developing training modules and toolkits for staff and these will be shared and presented locally. The Improvement Service is indicating tools, will be

by March 2024.

Information and Communications

A website is being set up that will be accessible to staff and others and will include information and updates as well as presentations and key documents. Heads of Service will be asked to make their staff aware of this and ask them to access it. A Communications Plan will be developed to include this and other work.

E-Learning on LEON will be addressed. A module was placed on LEON some months ago which has been of value but now requires to be updated.

Reporting

year. Whilst this report does not require to be shared with the Scottish Government, it does require to be published and will therefore require approval from the IJB.

4. RELEVANT DATA AND INDICATORS

The Council and Health Board have a joint responsibility to produce an poey

6. GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Impact –

Managers and staff in all departments will need to be able to engage and coproduce with children and young people and to demonstrate that they have taken their views and needs into consideration when developing new strategies, plans etc. This makes it very important they

Complaints procedures will require to be child friendly; the Improvement Service is piloting one currently. This and the need to ensure that new information, strategies, plans etc. are child friendly or have child friendly versions, may make such processes take longer and place additional developmental needs on certain staff.

leaders and Senior Managers.

Failure to train and inform staff and make the necessary changes to our practice, within the given timescales, may leave us unable to become compliant with the new act in 2024.

11. PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

Working with children and young people on understanding their rights has been going on for some time in Schools, youth groups, young carer and other venues. This has been accompanied with sharing information both

LEON and TURAS. There has also been a range of engagements and tegy documents such as the Children and Young

not only coproduce with young people but to develop a Communications Plan that provides information to children, young people, staff and the public as the Council works to achieve compliance with key areas.

12. CONCLUSIONS

Implementation of the UNCRC will require a number of operational changes and ensuring that staff receive the information and training to make these happen. As important are the changes necessary in how the Council engages with children and young people and considers them as decision making partners.

It will be important that key implementation areas are monitored and targets are set. Timescales are not entirely clear as the Scottish Government as yet to take the implementation process to its conclusion; however it is highly likely that this happen this year; timescales will then be set for local implementation of its various elements.

13. DIRECTIONS

Directions required to Council, NHS Board or both.	Directions to:	tick
	No Directions required	x
	Argyll & Bute Council	
	NHS Highland Health Board	
	Argyll & Bute Council and NHS Highland Health Board	

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