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FOR HIGHLAND'S CHILDREN 3

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Summary

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider the outcome of the morning seminar on the proposed new integrated children's plan.

1. Background

- 1.1 Regular updates have been provided to the Joint Committee on the drafting of *For Highland's Children 3 (FHC3)*, the Integrated Children's Service Plan for Highland.
- 1.2 Following the presentation of an interim draft report to the Joint Committee on 5th June 2009, approval was given to the general structure and format and the main content.
- 1.3 The Plan will be considered at a Joint Committee seminar on the morning of this meeting of the Committee, and will be provided in advance.

2. Current situation

- 2.1 The 'final' draft of FHC3 will be presented for consideration by the Joint Committee. All proposed sections of the report have been completed reflecting advice given through consultation with partners.
- 2.2 A particular further development proposes improvements in the Key Outcome Targets. New Outcomes have been drafted for FHC3. These are designed to better reflect the desired improvements in outcomes for children and young people.
- 2.3 The original Key Outcome Targets in FHC2 were mostly indicators of improvements in service. These 'indicators' along with additional measures including evidence from self assessment and other quality assurance processes support the new proposed outcomes for FHC3.
- 2.4 Workshops in the morning Seminar will examine the proposed outcomes and make recommendations. Views from the Seminar will be reported to the Joint Committee for consideration.

- 2.5 It is proposed that the new Outcomes be approved as the permanent Key Outcomes for FHC3. If this meets with approval it is further recommended that the underlying indicators and supporting evidence is continuously reviewed and improved over the life of FHC3. This will ensure that the best possible evidence is used as it becomes available and that disproportionate emphasis on single, narrow measures is reduced.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to comment on issues arising from the seminar, and to advise on any further changes that are required to the integrated children's plan.

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