



Links with Scottish Government Reviews / Groups / Commissions / Boards / Inquiries etc. (March 2019)

Background

Since its inception in February 2017, the Independent Care Review has worked hard to establish links with other relevant Scottish Government Reviews / Groups / Commissions / Boards / Inquiries etc. with an area of interest aligned to the roots and branches of the 'care system' as told to the Care Review by infants, children and young people in care, as well as care experienced adults.

It is hoped that through making these formal links, the Care Review can ensure that all the relevant Reviews / Groups / Commissions / Boards / Inquiries are supported to develop an understanding of the issues they are exploring from a lived-experience perspective. It is also intended that the Care Review is mindful of other areas of work that will impact on infants, children and young people in care and care experienced adults. This approach will aid the development of a national, system-wide understanding of the roots and branches of the 'care system' whilst avoiding duplication of work and effort.

There are twenty links at March 2019:

review / advisory group	timescales	chair	linkage with care review
National Confidential Forum (NCF)	Established as part of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 with funding to March 2021	The NCF is in the process of appointing a new Forum Lead	There are three national pieces of work that are currently looking at what is known as the 'care system' in Scotland and engaging with people who have care experience, and the NCF is one. The Care Review secretariat team meet quarterly with the NCF team and the Forum Lead. The nature of the links is covered in the FAQ https://www.carereview.scot/faqs/#1537948726000-bdabeac7-fdf4

Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership (CHIP)	November 2010 - ongoing	Donald Henderson, Scottish Government	<p>The Care Review has heard a lot about Hearings and therefore the CHIP is linked. The Care Review is regularly invited to attend CHIP meetings</p> <p>The Care Review's Stop-go work led by Thomas Carlton, Practice Support Manager, is also considering what immediate changes will make a difference to infants, children and young people who attend hearings. And as a component of the 'care system' the role of Hearings is being considered.</p>
Homelessness Prevention and Strategy	February 2013 – on going	Councillor Harry McGuigan	<p>Through listening to what young people and adults who have left the 'care system' think, the Care Review is aware of the risks of becoming homeless and therefore is very interested in ensuring that this strategy is linked.</p> <p>Maggie Brunjes of the Glasgow Homeless Network who was on the Homelessness Prevention and Strategy Group is a member of the Care Review's Edges of Care Work Group.</p>
Children and Young People's Mental Health Task Force	June 2018 – Autumn 2020	Dame Denise Coia	<p>The Care Review has heard a lot about the mental health of children and young people in the 'care system' and the challenges of accessing appropriate support and therefore very interested in the work of the Task Force. As the Task Force conclusion date is after the Care Review, it is important this link is made and continues until the end of the programme of work.</p> <p>Adam Bennett, the Care Review's Co-Chair of Health and Wellbeing Work Group is a member of the Task Force's 'At risk' group.</p>
Youth Justice Improvement Board	October 2015 – on going	Michael Chalmers, Scottish Government	The links between the 'care system' and the 'justice system' are increasingly being understood, and the Care Review has a dedicated Work Group looking at this. Therefore the Care

			<p>Review is very keen to make sure that the views of children and young people who have experienced both are heard on the Youth Justice Improvement Board</p> <p>Chris Wright, of Dundee City Council is a member of the Care Review's Justice and Care Work Group and also a member of the Youth Justice Improvement Board.</p>
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons (Scotland) (HMCIPS) Expert Review of Mental Health and Well-Being Support for Young People in Custody	November 2018 – spring 2019	HMCIPS appointed Dr Helen Smith Consultant Forensic Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	<p>The link between the Expert Review of Mental Health and Well-Being Support for Young People in Custody and the Care Review has been made by the young people who have experienced both the 'care system' and custody. Ensuring that they are supported to have good mental health and wellbeing is of fundamental importance.</p> <p>The Chair of the Care Review has met with HMCIPS and Sue Brooks who is the Care Review's Co-Chair of the Workforce Work Group is on the Expert Review.</p>
Secure Care `Network` (working title) group	In process of being established February 2019	To be confirmed	<p>The Secure Care Network is of critical importance to the Care Review, particularly in relation to the knowledge and understanding of children and young people who have experienced secure care.</p> <p>Lisa Muirhead, Co-Chair of the Care Review's Components Work Group will be on this Network Group.</p>
Partnership for Action on Drugs in Scotland (PADS)	January 2016 – on going	Minister for Public Health and Sport and Garry Coutts, Chair of Children's Hearings Scotland	<p>Drugs and substance issues have a major part to play in the lives of children and families in care across Scotland. The Care Review has particularly heard about the impact of drugs on children and families who are on the edges of care.</p> <p>Rowan Anderson, Corra Foundation, who is a member of the CAPSM sub-group of PADS is a member of the Care Review's Edges of Care Work Group.</p>

Scottish Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Hub	December 2016 - ongoing	Linda de Caestecker, NHS	<p>There is a growing awareness across Scotland concerning the impact of adverse childhood experiences and trauma on children`s development. The Care Review understands the need for early and effective therapeutic supports to be in place for families, having heard about this consistently during the Discovery stage of the Care Review.</p> <p>Nancy Loucks who is the Care Review`s Co-Chair of Justice and Care Work Group is a member of the ACEs Hub.</p>
Poverty and Inequality Commission (child poverty)	July 2017 – ongoing	Douglas Hamilton (with Bill Scott taking over from 1 July 2019)	<p>The Care Review is working to understand the DNA of the `care system`, one aspect of which is the impact of poverty on infants, children, young people and their families.</p> <p>Katherine Hudson, Commission secretariat lead is a member of the Independent Care Review`s Edges Work Group.</p>
Children and Young People`s Health Support Group (C&YPHSG)	2006 – ongoing	Chair being recruited	<p>The Care Review Health and Wellbeing Work Group is working to understand the conditions that result in infants, children and young people being taken in to care, what happens when they leave care and the impact on their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the C&YPHSG secretariat to the Care Review`s Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>
The Advisory Group for Additional Support for Learning	December 2009 - ongoing	Jan Savage, Enable Scotland	<p>Understanding the support needs of children and young people for learning is critical to their experience of the `care system` and their ongoing development and wellbeing.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the Advisory Group for Additional Support for Learning secretariat to the Care Review`s Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>

Community Jobs Scotland Advisory Board	October 2011 - ongoing	Greig Chisholm, Scottish Government	<p>The Care Review has heard from many young people about the need to have choice and support, if needed, in relation to work.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the Community Jobs Scotland Advisory Board secretariat to the Care Review`s Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>
GIRFEC National Implementation Support Group	February 2013 – ongoing	Calum Campbell (Chief Executive Lanarkshire Council) & Margo Williamson (SOLACE)	<p>GIRFEC is the national approach across Scotland to ensure that work with children and families is joined up and has the child at the centre of this work.</p> <p>The Care Review has heard from many children and young people about the need for them to be at the heart of everything.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the GIRFEC National Implementation Support Group secretariat to the Care Review`s Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>
Disabled Children and Young People Advisory Group	April 2015 – on going	Jim Carle, Chair	<p>The Care Review is considering the needs of all infants, children and young people in relation to care across Scotland.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the Disabled Children and Young People Advisory Group secretariat to the Care Review`s Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>
National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group	Nov 2018 – approx. June 2019 (first phase)	Rose Fitzpatrick	The Chair of the Care Review has met with the Chair of the NSPLG

			Written updates are provided by the National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group secretariat to the Care Review's Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.
Strategic Commissioning Project Board (Doran Review)	June 2013 – on going	Andy Bruce (Graeme Logan from May 2019), Scottish Government	<p>The issue of placement choice which meets infants, children and young people's needs has been a recurrent theme for the Care Review from the workforce and from children and young people themselves.</p> <p>Written updates are provided by the Strategic Commissioning Project Board to the Care Review's Scottish Government sponsor team who then make sure these are fed in.</p>
Expert Group on Sexual Offending and Young People	November 2017 - spring 2019	Catherine Dyer	The Expert Group has agreed to share its final report with the Care Review in spring 2019.
Youth Commission on Mental Health	April 2018 – spring 2019 (approx).	No Chair - project lead is Edward Fitzpatrick, Young Scot	<p>A team of young people are aiming to improve mental health services by leading a study, commissioned by the Scottish Government, drawing on their own experiences. The 22 members of the Youth Commission on Mental Health Services are reshaping the support available, in a partnership between the Scottish Government, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) and Young Scot.</p> <p>The Care Review is interested in this work due to the impact of mental health on infants, children and young people.</p>
Revision of the National Child Protection Guidance, Scotland, Steering Group	In process of being established at January 2019 by the Scottish Government Child Protection Unit	Bill Alexander (former Director of Education and Children's Services, Highland).	The Care Review has been approached to be involved.

