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**Children and Families Forum
28th February 2019 –9:30am to 11am
Mayfield Centre, Stirling**

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| **AGENDA** |  | **Action** |
| **Present** | Liza Miles – FMCSStephanie Fyvie – Volunteering MattersJacqui McCoo – Home Energy ScotlandGeorgina Whyte – CircleSusan West – Stirling CouncilFrances Cotterill – SC-Campus based SWHayley Steel – Corporate Parenting Champions BoardJohn Fowler – Champions BoardTracy Degan Champions BoardLisa Fraser-Binns – Family Life CentreRosa Huczunska – Stirling Council/ Children’s Services PartnershipRachel Johnston – SVETracey Nicholson – SVE |  |
| **Apologies**  | James Mackenzie – Stirling CouncilBill Maxwell – Cambusbarron Parish Church |  |
| **Welcome and Apologies** | Rachel welcomed everyone to the forum and explained her role at SVE. Everyone went round and said who they were and what their roles are.  |  |
| **Minutes of last meeting and approval** | There was an error on the last minutes for Circle. It was noted that they covered Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk. However, they do not cover Falkirk. Apologies for this. Minutes were approved. Matters arising – Rachel went over the Holiday Fund Club. Stirling Council put forward funding grants for £2000 for the Easter holidays. SVE administered the fund and applications forms went out start of February and closed February 27th. There is a panel meeting next week to discuss this.  |  |
| **Home Energy Scotland**  | Jacqui McCoo from Home Energy Scotland is a Community liaison officer.They offer free and impartial advice to save on energy bills. You can access help through the Scottish government grants. Home energy liaison officers go into the home and offer advice on how to save energy, work central heating systems etc. They are heavily relying on partners to refer people as calls are dwindling. They offer over phone advice and offer home appointments. For more information, please contact HES\_Partnership@est.org.uk | Rachel to circulate information leaflets.  |
| **Family Life Centre Update &Future Plans**  | Lisa Fraser-Binns from the Family Life Centre explained her role and a bit of background. Family life centre is based in Stirling city centre 2 floors above cash converters. They offer Play therapy with a play therapist that comes in twice a week. Family Life Centre works close with schools and takes referrals. Referral can come through centre or organisations.Organisations rent rooms from them. Rent out rooms for training meetings. In the very near future they will be offering a service called heart to heart. This will help people affected by separation/divorce. Family Life Centre also offers community courses for adults.The focus at the moment is young people and they are offering a 6- week befriender course. The course offers one to one support for various needs. Ages 8-18 and they are hoping to link into play therapy with this as well. Lisa spoke about Little blessings, which will be a 0-1 baby service. This will be a referral only service and will work with organisations, health visitors etc. This service will be for parents who require any form of baby items and/or equipment. Website is coming soon with the up to date information.  | Information to be circulated round forum. Telephone number to be sent |
| **Corporate Parenting** | Tracy Degan spoke about her role with the champions board. They have 3 years funding to continue the work they are doing and develop the champions board. The Champions Board are working alongside Corporate Parenting and carer, bringing people together to help change in Stirling. Tracy Introduced 2 others who are helping with Champions Board. Hayley, and John who is going to be sitting on champions board along with 7 young people. Had events where corporate parents who have been invited along – successful. There is a planned meeting beginning July with the champions board. They have a Care Day and a Care Experience Week. These are about building relationships and have fun. A lot of activities in the community going to be go on. More information can be found from the contact details below:<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/node/644>07384 536337degant@stirling.gov.uk | Leaflets and pens circulated |
| **Strategic Young People’s Group** | Rosa Huczynska – Stirling Council/ Children’s Services Partnership spoke about her role and done a presentation on Stirling Plan and children services plan. Surveys of staff; parents/carers; children and young people will be launched soon. The presentation can be found on the below link:[3rd sector forum 28 Feb 2019.pptx](3rd%20sector%20forum%2028%20Feb%202019.pptx) | Rosa to send updated title.Rachel to circulate the survey from Rosa.  |
| **Family Mediation Programme Update** | Liza Miles from Family Mediation Central Scotland – updated everyone about the family mediation programmes.A programme called Babies Pace helps parents from 0-2 years helps provide a safe and suitable place for contact. Family Mediation has had 3 more years funding for this programme.They run some workshops for parents who have little experience of babies and help them respond to the baby’s needs. There is a workshop in April and September and they are opened up to communities. Family Mediation Central Scotland offer Parenting Apart workshops on a monthly basis for children aged 0-18. They are separate workshops for 1 parent to help child work through the problems. These workshops are free of charge and alternate Between day and evening time. Liza circulated information leaflets. More information can be obtained from the contact details below:01786 472 984fm.central@btconnect.com |  |
| **Forum Updates**  | Rachel spoke about the GIRFEC project. A survey has been launched and will be circulated.  | Rachel to send out the survey to the forum  |
| **AOCB** | Susan West to email Rachel information to be sent out. Georgina Whyte spoke about her role in Circle and handed out leaflets  |  |
| **Date of Next Meeting** | Thursday 30 May 09:30 – 11:00 Mayfield Centre Stirling |  |