



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board
Held on	10 August 2022
Agenda Item	5
Title	Matters Arising
Summary	
<p>The purpose of this paper is to update IJB members on progress regarding matters arising from the discussion which took place at the meeting of 22 June 2022.</p>	
Presented by	Julie Murray, Chief Officer
Action Required	
<p>Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.</p>	

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EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

10 August 2022

Report by Chief Officer

MATTERS ARISING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide the Integration Joint Board with an update on progress regarding matters arising from the discussion that took place at the last IJB meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.

REPORT

Inspection of Children's Services

3. Verbal feedback from the Care Inspectorate was very positive and we are awaiting the final report which is due to be published week beginning 15 August 2022.

Local Child Poverty Action Report

4. The amendments discussed at the June Performance and Audit Committee along with the new national data have been incorporated into the Local Child Poverty Action Report.

5. The new national child poverty data was released on 12th July and shows levels of child poverty have remained stubbornly high across Scotland despite families benefiting from the temporary Covid-19-related increase to universal credit. Over one in five children across Scotland are still living in poverty. Campaigners say urgent action is needed at every level of government and are calling for Councillors to use local powers to maximise family incomes and reduce costs as cost of living crisis deepens. In East Renfrewshire, we have seen a slight reduction in our child poverty rate, to 12.8%¹ compared with the previous figure of 16%. We remain as one of the lowest rates in Scotland however this is still around 2,500 children and young people experiencing poverty – which is the same as the combined population of Williamwood and Woodfarm High Schools.

6. With the ongoing cost of living crisis, we know it's more important than ever to continue to tackle the drivers of poverty using all the tools and budgets at our disposal. The child poverty oversight group will continue to take action and monitor progress as identified in the report.

7. The revised report is currently with the design team who will produce a publication version which will be available by September on the Council website:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/fairer-east-ren>

¹ There is a caveat around the data due to sampling issues related to the pandemic

HSCP Workforce Plan

Amendments discussed at the June meeting have been incorporated into the plan. The plan was submitted to the Scottish Government at the end of July.

Head of Public Protection and Children's Services (Chief Social Work Officer)

8. Our June meeting was Kate Rocks' last IJB meeting where we wished her farewell. Although recruitment for the post is underway and interviews scheduled for 12th October 2022, Raymond Prior will be taking on the role as Head of Children's Services and Criminal Justice (Chief Social Work Officer) in the interim until we recruit to the post on a substantive basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. Integration Joint Board members are asked to note the contents of the report.

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