

Children’s Services Executive Group

Briefing No. 85

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Communications in 2018

Children’s Services Executive Group (CSEG) is a multi-agency partnership with responsibility for strategic planning of services for children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway. We are committed to communicating with all those who work in services for children and young people in our region. Our aim is to ensure that staff across all agencies, including Third Sector organisations, have access to the information they need. This includes information about: multi-agency learning & development opportunities; multi-agency staff engagement events; new guidance and new tools and resources.

Most of our communications are CSEG briefings like this one. These go out to staff across services for children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway including those in: Health; Social Work; Education; Police, Reporters Administration and Third Sector DG. They are also sent to Elected Members and NHS Board Members. Some briefings are targeted specifically at management and we are also developing a suite of [7 minute briefings](#). All our briefings are on our [partnership website](#) (with the exception of specific management briefings which may have a targeted, rather than public circulation).

Our website is regularly updated and the [GIRFEC resources page](#) and [Child Protection resources](#) page contain the current versions of all multi-agency guidance, processes, toolkits and templates. Our multi-agency Learning and Development Calendar with details of courses and information on how to apply, can be found on the [Learning and Development](#) page.

In 2018, we sent out the following communications:

What?	When?	Content/Purpose:	Sent to:
Briefing 71 (Management Briefing)	11/01/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise managers about the new Code of Conduct for staff taking part in multi-agency case-file readings. 	Managers in Health, Education, Social Work, Police
Briefing 72	24/01/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on how we planned to report to Scottish Government on our Children’s Services Plan. 	All multi-agency staff

Briefing 73	09/02/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the findings of multi-agency staff engagement events, and a Third Sector engagement event on children's services planning. 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 74	23/03/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to staff to attend multi-agency events to give their views on progress with our children's services plan. This was part of the process of producing the Joint Annual Report on the plan for Scottish Government. Information about changes to management roles and responsibilities in the Supporting Learners Service. 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 75	18/04/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder about multi-agency events. Information about the newly developed 'Working with Resistance' training course. Changes to the way that multi-agency training is evaluated. 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 76	04/05/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about Domestic Abuse training. Launch of Dumfries and Galloway Multi-Agency Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Pathway. Update on preparation of the Joint Annual Report on the children's services plan. 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 77	21/05/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for schools about sending emails securely. Development of multi-agency Neurodevelopmental Liaison panel (MANLP) 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 78 (Management Briefing)	11/06/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification to managers of an immediate change to the Pre-Birth Protocol for Vulnerable Pregnant Women and Babies. 	Identified managers
Briefing 79	01/08/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Multi-Agency Engagement Strategy for children and young people. Joint Annual Report on our Children's Services Plan – finalised and published on website Notification of a new Chair of the GIRFEC Leadership Group 	All multi-agency staff

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on changes to Children's Services Executive Group following review of the group. 	
Briefing 80	21/08/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the revised Pre-Birth Protocol Details of a multi-agency Pre-Birth workshop for staff. 	All multi-agency staff
7-minute briefing	21/08/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Pre-Birth Protocol for managers to share with teams. 	Identified managers in Health and Social Work
7-minute briefing	22/08/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for schools on the new GIRFEC support arrangements 	Education & Schools
Briefing 81	15/10/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about the Realigning Children's Services (RCS) programme and the RCS Wellbeing Surveys. Change of contact number for the general public to report child protection concerns. Information about current Scottish Government consultations and links to these. 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 82	08/11/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on developments in Health: Information on the Best Start Five Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care Information on the Family Nurse Partnership Update on School Nursing in Dumfries and Galloway 	All multi-agency staff
Briefing 83	09/11/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and link to the revised Child Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Practitioner Guidance 2018 	All multi-agency staff
7-minute briefing	09/11/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing for managers to use when informing staff about the Child Sexual Exploitation Multi-Agency Practitioner Guidance. 	Identified managers in Health, Social Work, Education, Police.

Briefing 84	12/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and link to revised guidance for staff on Pre-Birth Assessments • Information about appointment of Education Manager (Looked-after children) 	All multi-agency staff
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We will continue to use briefings to communicate with those who work in services for children and young people and we plan to further develop our suite of 7-minute briefings in 2019. We aim to develop the way we communicate so that this becomes more of a 2-way process between CSEG and staff. If you would like further information on anything in this briefing; or if you have any ideas/suggestions for how we could improve our communications please contact [Planning & Communications Officer](#).

Other news – new multi-agency [Learning and Development Calendar for 2019](#) is now available.

With best wishes for Christmas and New Year,

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- Gillian Brydson, Acting Director Children, Young People, Lifelong Learning (Chair)
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