

Orkney Early Years Collaborative Up-Date Report May 2014



Ambition of the Early Years Collaborative:
'To make Scotland the best place in the world to grow up in by improving outcomes and reducing inequalities, for all babies, children, mothers, fathers and families across Scotland to ensure that all children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed'

Orkney EYC includes anyone who has an interest in supporting children in Orkney.

It can include parents, childcare staff, teachers, health professionals, social workers, housing, police, third sector and anyone who works with or for children and the early years agenda.

The Early Years Collaborative was established nationally in 2013 and is a coalition of Community Planning Partners - including social services, health, education, police and third sector professionals - committed to ensuring that every baby, child, mother, father and family in Scotland has access to the best supports available.

It's the world's first national multi-agency quality improvement programme.

Since January 2013 there have been four national learning sessions covering things like:

- Early support for pregnancy and beyond
- Attachment and child development
- Continuity of care in transitions
- 27-30 month review
- Developing parents' skills
- Family engagement to support learning
- Addressing child poverty

Orkney has been represented at every session and those attending have come home enthused, sharing good ideas to test out with colleagues here at home.

Orkney currently has five different workstreams, each of which has a workstream lead committed to driving forward the improvement methodology.

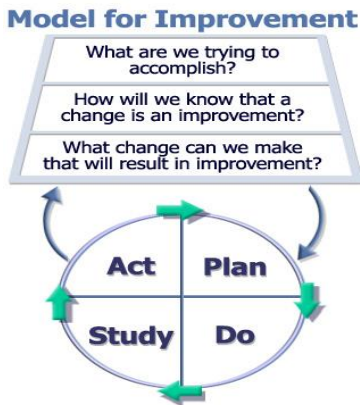
	Workstream	National Stretch Aim
1.	Conception to 1 year	To ensure that women experience positive pregnancies which result in the birth of more healthy babies as evidenced by a reduction of 15% in the rates of: Stillbirths & Infant mortality
2.	1 year to 30 months	85% of all children within each CPP have reached all of the expected developmental milestones at the time of the child's 27-30 month child health review by end-2016
3.	30 months to start of primary school	90% of all children within each CPP reach expected developmental milestones at the time the child starts primary school by end 2017
4.	Primary 1 – Primary 3	Waiting Information
5.	Leadership	Timely delivery of all three work stream "stretch aims"

Each work stream has a local lead whose role is to support and give guidance to the Orkney EYC.

The local team meets approximately monthly to update on local progress in improving services.



What has been happening in Orkney?



Ideas for improvement are being tested out using the 'Model for Improvement'; measuring small tests of change to see whether our ideas result in an improvement to local services and better outcomes for our children and families.

Examples include:

- Improving uptake of Healthy Start vouchers
- Carbon Monoxide testing and referral of pregnant women to Smoking Advice Service
- Fetal movement leaflet designed by midwives
- Still birth factsheet

We welcome your input at our local events (next on is May 12th 2014) to share your ideas for improvement.

Please contact one of the work stream leaders if you would like to become involved but can't make it

Membership of Groups

Workstream Leaders

Workstream	Name	Service
Workstream 1.	Shenagh Leiper	Health Visitor
Workstream 2.	Karyn Tait	Dental
Workstream 3.	Catherine Diamond	Education
Workstream 4.	Maureen Swannie	Orkney Health & Care
Workstream 5.	To be identified	

What next?

In June, five people from Orkney will be attending Learning Session 5 in Glasgow. This includes representatives from Speech and Language Therapy, Community Education and Primary Education.

There is to be one further learning session in Glasgow in October, so please let one of the workstream leads know if you would like to come. The programme can be seen here:

<http://www.earlyyearscollaborative.co.uk/>

Further information about the Early Years Collaborative can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/early-years/early-years-collaborative>

Have a look at Early Years Collaborative projects happening throughout Scotland – www.ih.org and then click on 'extranet'. For log in access contact Maureen (maureen.swannie@nhs.net) and she will add you as a member. It's worth a look to see what colleagues throughout Scotland are doing.

Maternity Ward strengths board highlighting achievements and progress in relation to Workstream 1

