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What will we monitor?

Section 12 sets out an ambitious programme of work for the partnership to improve the way we deliver services in a “joined up” way. Our shared commitment, throughout this period, is to improve services and make progress in achieving our vision for Renfrewshire’s children. Over the next three years we will monitor and check that we are implementing the action plan. We will also update the plan every year to reflect the changing environment and ensure our activities take account of emerging trends, policy changes and views of young people and their families.

We are committed to continued consultation with children, young people, families and community representatives throughout the life of this plan. Our annual reviews will report on the results of these consultation exercises and show how this affects our future work programme.

As well as our joint work, individual agencies and services will be delivering some of the activities which contribute to our integration objectives. The action plan clearly indicates which agencies or professions are responsible for delivering specific outcomes. As a partnership we will monitor how well these

are being implemented and, where possible, assert influence to achieve improvement.

How will we report progress?

The integrated children’s services steering group and its sub groups (see appendix 1) will promote and monitor the implementation of the action plan and will take forward the service integration agenda. These groups will also monitor partners’ use of Changing Children’s Services Development Fund to ensure joint resources are targeted to best effect.

The partnership will publish annual reviews and will report these to policy boards, executive committees of individual partner agencies and through Renfrewshire’s community planning structure. On a national basis, the integrated children’s services plan and annual reviews will form part of the accountability review process for NHS Boards and the arrangements for publishing annual statements of education improvement objectives. The plans will also support the assessment of progress in achieving the various national standards which apply to children and young people’s services. The annual review of Renfrewshire’s integrated plan will provide an update on our

performance as a partnership, setting out our achievements and, if we have been unable to reach any of the targets set, explaining the reasons and revising our targets accordingly.

Examples of our joint work and how, as a partnership, we are improving opportunities for children and young people will feature in our regular publications and through our new community portal under the heading “About Renfrewshire”.

We are developing baseline information and evidence-based measures to evaluate our joint services and their impact on children’s lives. We will make use of quantitative and qualitative data about children’s services to inform service improvement and best value. We will seek independent evaluation of our activities where appropriate, and publish the outcomes in our annual reviews.

